

You Never Said Goodbye

Author Unknown

You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.
A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.

It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone
For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.



Never Thought This Day Would Come

Never thought this day would come
that I'd have to say goodbye
Never thought in a million years
I'd lose my favorite guy
You mean the world to me,
God knows you do
But God gave you eternal life
and no matter how much I loved you
That's something I could never do
I'll cherish all our memories
and hold them dear to my heart
Daddy I love you so much
and that love will never part
Rest on, Daddy, you deserve God's best
You taught me love and to always do my best
I'll make you proud, Daddy,
this is a promise I will keep
Keep being my guardian angel until
the next time we meet.

Your baby girl, Melanie

Acknowledgement

We, the family of John William Canty, pause to express sincere thanks for your expressions of sympathy and many personal services which shall always be remembered in the minds and hearts of each of us. We shall remain forever grateful.

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Homegoing Celebration for John William Canty

Sunrise
7/10/1946

Sunset
1/2/ 2021



Saturday, January 9, 2021
1:00 PM

Cherry Grove Cemetery

660 Vinson Boulevard
Whiteville, North Carolina

Elder Charles Henry, Eulogist

~ Order of Service ~

SEATING OF THE FAMILY

OLD TESTAMENT Reverend Deloris Threadgill
Cherry Grove Baptist Church

NEW TESTAMENT Evangelist Shawn Joyner
River of Life Outreach Center

PRAYER OF COMFORT Apostle Tracey Troy
Victory in Jesus Ministries

SOLO Deacon Robert Kelly
Zion Wall Freewill Baptist Church

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

REFLECTIONS *(two minutes)*

SOLO.....Ms. Tracella Bell

Eulogy

Elder Charles Henry
Hope of Glory Pentecostal Church of Christ

Service of Committal and Interment

~ Obituary ~

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7*

John William Canty, affectionately known by friends and loved ones as “J.W.” and “Old Man” by his children and grandchildren, was born July 10, 1946 in Rimini, South Carolina. He entered into eternal rest on January 2, 2021 at Columbus Regional Healthcare System in Whiteville, North Carolina.

J.W. was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Martha Canty; son, John William Canty, Jr.; siblings, Shirley McLaughlin, Richard Canty, James “*Partner*” Canty, Queen Bellamy, and Bertha Canty; grandson, Rashed Delamez Jones.

On August 9, 1969, he was married to Edith Faye Jones in Dillon, South Carolina.

J.W. accepted Christ at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in 1970. He was a faithful member until his health declined. J.W. was well loved and respected in his community. He always made time for neighbors and friends, whether fixing a car or just lending a listening ear. J.W. was a blessing to all those he met. After several years of industrial work at National Spinning, Browning Root Power Plant and Georgia Pacific, he began working at Southeastern Community College in the Maintenance Department. He worked in janitorial services for UCB Bank, but left that job to

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pursue his trucking career at Keystone Transportation as a private contractor until his health declined. J.W. was a gifted self-taught mechanic who could fix anything. You could tell him what the car was doing and he could diagnose it with one hundred percent accuracy. J.W. ended his work history as an associate at Walmart. J.W. was a humble man, loving husband, and devoted father. He made everything better, from playing Al Green while dancing in the living room to laughing and joking with his children and grandchildren. He somehow made difficult days easy.

J.W. leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife, Edith Faye Canty; sons, Bryan Canty (Corletho) of Raleigh, North Carolina and Myron Canty of Colorado Springs, Colorado; daughters, Mabalene Moody of Whiteville, North Carolina, Tara Canty of Raleigh, North Carolina and Melanie Bellamy of Wake Forest, North Carolina; sister, Mildred Jackson of Whiteville, North Carolina; brother, Benny Alderman of Whiteville, North Carolina; twelve grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, seven brothers-in-law, eight sisters-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, family members and friends.