




Miss Me, But Let Me Go



*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little—but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me—but let me go
For this is a journey that we must all take,
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan—
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows
in doing good deeds.
Miss me—but let me go*

Active Bearers of the Casket

Aaron Johnson, Sr.
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Lee Johnson, Jr.
Preston Johnson
Brandon Johnson

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Van Johnson
Lee Johnson, Sr.
Eric Johnson
Marlin Ingram, Sr.
Richard Ingram, Jr.
Donovan Ingram

Carlton Ingram, Sr.
Horace Alex, Jr.
Alfred Foy
Miles Marts, Sr.
Miles Marts, Jr.
Ashton Marts, Sr.

Acknowledgement

The family of Ms. Olivia Preston gratefully acknowledges, with sincere appreciation, everyone for their support during our time of grief. You have sustained us with your prayers, love, words of encouragement, calls, and visits during this the transition of our loved one, but most of all for honoring her, "Mother Dear," in such a sincere and heart-felt manner and way.

Special Thanks To:

*Hospice of Acadiana of Lafayette, LA
Maison Teche Nursing Home of Jeanerette, LA
New Iberia Manor South
and Bayou Gardens Rehabilitation Center
both of New Iberia, LA*

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*The work that I've
done, it seems so
small. Sometimes it
seems like nothing
at all.*

*But when I stand
before my God,
I want to hear Him
say, "Well done!"
May the Work I've
Done, Service I Give,
& Life I Live
Speak for Me*



Olivia Preston "Mother Dear"

Her Earthly Arrival
October 1, 1933

Her Heavenly Departure
June 14, 2020

Monday, June 22, 2020
11:00 AM

JONES FUNERAL HOME
230 South Hollywood Road
Houma, Louisiana 70360

Obituary

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

On October 1, 1933, a baby girl was born in New Orleans to the parentage of Alexander Preston, Sr., and Alma Brignac Lagarde. They named her OLIVIA.

Olivia Preston was reared on the Clotilda Plantation located near Mathews, Louisiana and later made her home in Raceland, Louisiana. She worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant for St. Anne General Hospital, now Ochsner St. Anne Hospital, as a porter for the Community Bank of Lafourche, both in Raceland, and later worked until her retirement as a door greeter for Walmart in Mathews. She also served her community as a volunteer and worked in the Foster Grandparent Program for the Lafourche Parish School System.

Olivia accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized by the late Reverend Murray James Alcorn in 1948 at the New Fountain Baptist Church in Lockport, Louisiana. She later united with the New St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church of Mathews under the leadership of Reverend Roland Bradley, Sr., where she served faithfully as a Deaconess, until her health dictated a need for convalescent care. She enjoyed singing praises to her Almighty God, cooking, and sewing.

"Mother Dear," as she was known, was the example of the Virtuous Woman described in Proverbs 31. She does her family good and not evil all the days of her life. She extends her hand to the poor. She reaches out her hands to the needy. Strength and honor are her clothing. She shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works bring her praise at the gates.

In the eighty-sixth season of her life, at 3:40 PM, on June 14th in the year of our Lord 2020, the Lord called her name. He said, "Come unto me, Olivia, and rest!"

She now rests with those who preceded her in death, which include: her parents, Alexander Preston, Sr., and Alma Brignac Lagarde; six siblings, Lawrence Wilson, Mildred Wilson, Alexander Preston, Jr., Randolph Preston, Clifford Preston, Sr., and Annette Guidroz; and one grandson, Quincy Chambers.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, and a dear friend to many. Her life will forever be remembered and cherished in the hearts of her survivors: her children, Van (Stella) Johnson of New Iberia, LA, Lee (Linda) Johnson of Southfield, MI, Iwanda Johnson Lacey of Lockport, LA, and Eric (Paula) Johnson of Raceland, LA; her siblings, Dorothy Preston Ingram and Perpetula Lolita Jefferson, both of Raceland, LA, Betty Newton of New Orleans, LA, and Shirley Wilkerson and Judy Preston, both of Oakland, CA; two god-children, Marlin Ingram, Sr., of Houston, TX and Giovanni Jarvis of Raceland, LA; fifteen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Viewing & Visitation
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Celebration of Life Services
11:00 AM

Reverend Roland Bradley, Sr., Officiant
New St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church
Mathews, Louisiana 70375

Processional *"Pass Me Not"* Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family

Comfort from the Scripture Readings God's Word
Old Testament *Psalm 23*
New Testament *II Timothy 4:6-7*

Prayer of Solace

Selection *"May the Work I've Done Speak for Me"*

Reading of Obituary/Acknowledgments/Resolutions

Selection *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*

Eulogy Reverend Roland Bradley, Sr.
New St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church
Mathews, Louisiana

Final Viewing Jones Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional

COMMITTAL SERVICES, INTERMENT, & SHE SHALL REST
New St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Highway 308
Mathews, Louisiana 70375

Cemetery Processional: All drivers are asked to drive with their headlights and emergency flashers on.