

## "If Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,  
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you care for me, and how much I care for you,  
and each time that you think of me I know you'll miss me too;

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,  
that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand,  
and said my place was ready in heaven far above,  
and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,  
for all life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die.  
I had so much to live for and so much yet to do.  
it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.  
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.  
If I could relive yesterday, I thought, just for a while,  
I'd say goodbye and hug you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,  
for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.  
And when I thought of worldly things that I'd miss come  
tomorrow.

I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.  
When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden  
throne,

He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you,  
Today your life on earth is past but here it starts anew.  
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last.  
and since each day's the same, there's no longing for the past.

But you have been so faithful, so trusting, so true.  
Though there were times you did some things you knew you  
shouldn't do.

And you have been forgiven and now, at last, you're free.  
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?"  
So if tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me, please know I'm in your heart.

## Acknowledgements

The family of Marilyn Louise Isabel Scurlock would like to express  
our sincere appreciation for the prayers, calls, visits, tokens of love  
and other expressions of sympathy during this time of bereavement.

May God bless each of you for your kindness and concern.

-Spencer, Tamara, Dana, Leah, and Kye

## Pallbearers

Martin P. Isabel

Jamie D. Isabel II

Jamie D. Isabel

Aaren A. Isabel

Reginald T. Isabel

Aaron F. McCoy

## Honorary Pallbearers

Martin L. Riley

W. Donald Howard

Donald Scurlock

Deadrick Carroll

Richard Moore

Michael Goosby

James A. Carroll

Stanley Carroll

## Flower Bearers

Karen D. Isabel

Candace Chalmers

J'Kia A. Isabel

Rosalind Goodman

Karsunder Carson

Kirbrina Carroll

Melonyee Hill

Bridget Scurlock Howard



*The Final Tribute. A Service by:*  
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## A Service Celebrating the Life of



# Marilyn Louise Isabel Scurlock

Sunrise: December 7, 1954 - Sunset: December 22, 2024

Saturday, January 4, 2025

Visitation: 11:00 A.M. Service: 12:00 P.M.

*Thompson Hall & Jordan Funeral Home*

11400 Winton Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45240

Rev. Dr. Jermaine D. Covington, Officiating  
Quinn Chapel AME Church

# Obituary

Marilyn Louise Isabel Scurlock was born on December 7, 1954, in Memphis, Tennessee to the late Dana Jo Randle Isabel and Robert Ellis Isabel.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at McDonald United Methodist Church in Hernando, Mississippi. She later relocated back to Memphis where she attended her family church, Grady Chapel CME located in the Annesdale neighborhood.

Upon graduating from Central High School, she was accepted to the University of Tennessee where she earned a degree in Computer Programming, a field in which few women and even fewer women of color were able to enter. After graduation, she worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville, TN, as a Computer Programmer.

At UT she met her husband, Spencer, and they were married on December 23, 1979, at Grady Chapel. From this union they had three daughters and she and Spencer made their home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

After moving to Cincinnati, she worked for Queen City Metro as a Computer Programmer and then was promoted to Data Processing Manager.

After becoming a mother, she left her position at Queen City Metro. Marilyn's priority and focus was being a devoted and loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother. She was the most loving and attentive mother. She doted on her young grandson who was a source of endless joy for her. She dedicated her time to home making and caring for her family. She was known for her culinary skills and enjoyed trying and creating new recipes. She loved her hometown of Memphis and enjoyed visiting her extended family as often as possible. Family was central for Marilyn and she loved her other roles as an Aunt, Sister, and Cousin.

Marilyn's beautiful life came to a close on December 22, 2024, in the presence of her husband, Spencer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dana and Robert, Her maternal grandparents, Mary Bell Goosby Randle and Pate Randle, Her paternal grandparents, Dorothy Robinson Isabel and James Henry Isabel.

She leaves to cherish her sweet memory: her loving and devoted husband of 45 years, Mr. Spencer Scurlock. Her three daughters, Tamara Janine of Nashville, TN., Dana Alycia of New York, NY, and Leah Florence of Cincinnati, OH, as well as her grandson Kye Spencer Jordan.

Her four brothers: Martin P. Isabel of Memphis, TN, Jamie D. Isabel, Sr. and sister-in-law Karen (Jamie II, Aaren and J'Kia) of Nashville, TN, Reginald T. Isabel of Memphis, TN and Mario Isabel of Las Vegas, NV. Her brother-in-law Donald Scurlock of Jacksonville, FL. Her Aunts: Gwendolyn Randle Ruggles and Jacqueline Isabel Scott of Memphis, TN. Her Uncles: Martin L. Riley and Grafton Randle of Hernando, MS., and Roy Isabel of Nashville, TN. Her cousins with whom she grew up with: Josie Ann Gray, Deborah Carroll, Rosalyn Carroll, Michael Goosby, Deadrick Carroll and Antonio Isabel all of Memphis, TN., Elder Cousins Stanley Carroll of Hernando, MS. and Isabella Keith of Memphis, TN., her mother's dear friend of over 50 years, Mrs. Johnnie Bell Maxwell of Memphis, TN., her enduring friend of middle school, High School, and college Ms. Jacqueline Partee of Memphis, TN., her friend, Mr. Richard Moore of West Chester, Ohio, whose wife was Marilyn's beloved and close friend for over 30 years, Mrs. Helen E. Moore who preceded her in death earlier this year. Her dedicated and loyal forever friends and neighbors of over 35 years, Mr. W. Donald and Evadana Howard, who her children and grandson affectionately call "Nanny" and "Paw Paw." As well as a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and neighbors.



## A Mother

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:  
 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."  
 Proverbs 31:28-29 NIV



# Order of Service

- Musical Prelude.....
- Parting View.....The Family
- Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Jermaine D. Covington
- Scripture: Proverbs 31:10-31 KJV.....Rev. Dr. Jermaine D. Covington
- Selection: "His Eye is on the Sparrow".....Phyllis Shaw
- Obituary.....Read Silently
- Reflections from Family & Friends.....Mr. Richard Moore/Family Friend  
 Mrs. Evadana Howard/Close Family Friend  
 Deborah Carroll/Cousin  
 Jamie D. Isabel Sr./Brother
- Selection: "Precious Lord Take My Hand".....Phyllis Shaw
- Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Jermaine D. Covington
- Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Jermaine D. Covington
- Recessional.....Clergy, Pallbearers, Family & Friends

## Interment

Oak Hill Cemetery  
 11200 Princeton Pike  
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45246

## Memorial Service for Marilyn

January 11, 2025  
 Grady's Chapel  
 Memphis, TN

