

## WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

When tomorrow starts without me  
And I'm not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me

I wish you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today  
While thinking of the many things  
We did not get to say

I know how much you love me  
As much as I love you  
Each time that you think of me  
I know you will miss me too

When tomorrow starts without me  
Please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name  
And took me by the hand

The angel said my place was ready  
In heaven far above  
And that I would have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love

But when I walked through heaven's gates  
I felt so much at home  
When God looked down and smiled at me  
From his golden throne

He said this is eternity  
And all I promised you  
Today for life on earth is done  
But here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow  
For today will always last  
And since each day's the exact same way  
There is no longing for the past

So when tomorrow starts without me  
Do not think we're apart  
For every time you think of me  
Remember I'm right here in your heart

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### Acknowledgements

The family of Deacon Bertha Pollard wishes to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation to everyone who made this difficult time a little easier to bear. Thank you for your sincere expressions of sympathy, words of encouragement, prayers, kindness, and support.



Professional Services Entrusted To:  
Strong's Funeral Home and Cremation Services, LLC  
Arlena Strong, Funeral Director  
107 Fourth Avenue  
Rankin, PA 15104

## HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

*for*

*Bertha Samuel Miles Pollard*

*Sunrise: September 21, 1944*

*Sunset: May 7, 2023*



*Saturday, May 13, 2023  
12:00 p.m.*

Union Baptist Church of Swissvale  
2117 Collingwood Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15218

OFFICIANT: Rev. Jacquelyn M. Lewis

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional.....	Deacons & Ministers
Music Selection.....	UBC Voices of Praise
Scripture Readings:	
Old Testament (Psalm 123).....	Rev. Andrews Amoh
New Testament (John 14:1-7).....	Min. Les A. Scales
Prayer of Comfort.....	Min. Ella Scales
Solo (“Walk Around Heaven All Day”).....	Sister Nadine Spencer
Remarks.....	Clergy (2 minutes)
Family Tributes.....	Sister Sheocka Stephens Sister Margaret Stephens
Acknowledgement of Cards, Condolences.....	Min. Danel Payne
and Reading of Obituary	
Reading of Poem.....	Sister Veryl Lawson
Solo (“Take Me To The King”).....	Sister Maria Bey Atkinson
Message of Hope.....	Rev. Jacquelyn M. Lewis
Recessional (“Going Up Yonder”).....	UBC Voices of Praise

### Interment

Homewood Cemetery  
1599 S. Dallas Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

### Repast

2:00 – 4:00 PM  
Braddock VFD Social Hall  
845 Talbot Avenue  
Braddock, PA 15104

## OBITUARY

Bertha Samuel Miles Pollard was born on Sep 21, 1944, to the late Haywood and Roxcella Miles, in Bennettsville, South Carolina. She accepted the Lord at a young age and was baptized at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Southern Pines, North Carolina. She graduated from West Southern Pines High School in 1962 and moved to Pittsburgh to live with her sister, Queen E. Johnson.

Bertha worked at Magee Women’s Hospital until 1966, when she married Richard Pollard. Two sons, Edward and Richard, Jr., were born to their union. After the birth of their son, Edward, she returned to work in the Central Sterile Department of Presbyterian Hospital, where she worked for 15 years. She also worked part-time for the Food Service Department at Woodland Hills High School before she finally retired for good.

In 1966, Bertha joined the Union Baptist Church of Swissvale under the pastorate of the late Rev. Herbert Wilkerson. She became a Deaconess in 1976, under his leadership. In 2005, Bertha became the Chairman of the Deacon Ministry.

Bertha loved to bowl, plant flowers, and care for others. Her passion was managing the Union Baptist Church Food Pantry, a position she held until God called her home.

Bertha also participated in other ministries including, church funeral coordinator, Visitation Ministry, Senior Ministry, Kitchen Fellowship Ministry, Bowling Ministry, Benevolence Ministry, UBC Assistant Administrator, Monday Night Bible Study, Vacation Bible School, Summer Food Program, and Pastoral Search Committee. Bertha was honored to serve where she was needed.

Bertha was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, six sisters, and six brothers. She leaves to cherish her memory: Two sons – Richard E. Pollard (Gretta), Edward E. Pollard (Sandra); grandson, Joshua Echols Pollard, great-grandsons – Sir Michael Ragland and Joshua Pollard, Jr., Sisters – Margaret Stephens (N. Carolina) and Annie B. Smith (North Carolina); Special Niece she raised – Sheocka Stephens (California), and a host of nieces, nephews, family members, and friends who loved and adored Deacon Bertha.