

In Memory Of

Evon Gibbs

Service

Friday 1:00 pm
October 22, 2021

Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home
Springfield, Missouri

Order of Service

Procession - family

Intro - Bro. Morris Armstead Jr.

Obituary (silent reading)

Song - *It's the Climb* - Miley Cyrus -

Deja Samuel (granddaughter)

Prayer - 23rd Psalm read by

Jadyn Howard (granddaughter)

Song - *Whitney Rady* - medley (niece)

Poem - "Come to Me" ready by

Mikyah Samuel (granddaughter)

Praise Dance - Ezzarnee Walker (niece)

Eulogy - Pastor John Fuller

Final Viewing

A REPASS WILL FOLLOW AT:

Silver Springs Church
1119 N. National Ave.
Springfield, MO 65802



In Loving
Memory

Evon Armstead
Gibbs

Thursday, October 23, 1958
Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Come To Me

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you and whispered,
"Come to Me"

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away. Although we loved dearly,
We could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the best.

It's lonesome here without you. We miss you more each day
Life doesn't seem the same since, you've gone away.
When days are sad and lonely and everything goes wrong.
We seem to hear you whisper
"Cheer up and carry on."

Each time we see your picture, You seem to smile and say
"Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping, We'll meet again someday."

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love
will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.

Obituary

Evon Armstead Gibbs Bankston (Echo-B), 62, was called home to be with our Lord on October 12, 2021, after a battle with kidney disease.

Evon was born on October 23, 1958, to Ellis and Louise Armstead, in Richmond, Indiana. She was one of 13 children. She was raised by her parents and stepmother, Alice Armstead, all of whom preceded her in death.

Evon graduated from Richmond High School in 1977 and after moving to Missouri with Stanley Davis, her husband from a prior union, studied as a Certified Medical Technician, where she served the elderly many years until her retirement.

Evon was a very dedicated Mother to Marsean Vondell Davis, who preceded her in death, Misty Yvonne Waters, and Micaha Danyhel Bryant until the very end of her life. They will always cherish and remember her exceptional and tireless devotion to their family.

At the age of 6, Evon accepted the Lord. Throughout her life, she shared the gospel as an evangelist through the Twin City Community choir in Festus, Mo, and as a pastor at Liberty New Testament Church in Springfield, Mo. She had a passion for the homeless and fed them at the VA and Victory Mission in Springfield, Mo.

In 2010, Evon met Edwin Bankston and after a brief romantic courtship, they married on August 31 that year. She was a devoted wife who cared for her husband and in return, he dutifully cared for her throughout her illness.

Evon had the remarkable ability to encourage and inspire others as she shared her testimony, leading many to the Lord. She maintained a positive attitude throughout her illness and showed more concern for her husband and daughters than for herself.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin Bankston, daughters, Misty Yvonne Waters and Micaha Danyhel Bryant, and grandchildren, Jadyn Amaya Howard, Leon Donnell Waters III, Deja Moret and Mikyah Syrine Samuel, and Justice Giovanna Bryant; six sisters, Darlene Armstead, Delores Burden, Etta Matthews, Mary Stewart, Cynthia A. Walker, Robin Walker, and Etoya Buchanan.

Evon is now reunited with her former husband, Harry Gibbs and has rejoined her son.

She leaves behind a host of sisters, nieces, and nephews. She will be forever cherished in our hearts and dearly missed. We love you.

Special thanks to the staff at Cox Medical Center, Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home, Silver Springs Church, and the host of family/friends who have sent their prayers, condolences, and donations, which made this homegoing possible.