



William Lester Tomerlin

April 18, 1923 - February 18, 2001

William Lester Tomerlin, 77, of Prospect, TN, died Sunday, February, 18, 2001, at Hillside Hospital in Pulaski, TN. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2001, at Ardmore Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. James Holt officiating. Burial was in Gatlin Cemetery with Ardmore Memorial Funeral Home in charge. A lifelong resident of Giles County, TN, Mr. Tomerlin was born on April 18, 1923. Mr. Tomerlin was a building contractor and World War II Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Mary Rose Tomerlin of Prospect, TN; two daughters, Janice Finley of Arab, AL, and Sherry Polly of Ardmore, TN; one son, Grant Tomerlin of Prospect, TN; three step-daughters, Nancy Davey and Debbie Hood both of Ardmore, AL and Pam Lewter of Elkton, TN; one sister, Avis Henderson of Ardmore, TN; one brother, Gene Tomerlin of Ardmore, TN; ten grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Mike Magnusson, Joe Mitchell, Leon Puckett, Wayne Slayton, Phil Smith, and Jerry Tolbert.

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“ *William Lester Tomerlin*

Janice {Tomerlin} Finley - April 18, 2001 at 06:24 PM

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“ *When 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 love me,
As much as I love 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 my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.*

*I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It almost seemed impossible
That I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday,
Just even for a while,*

*I'd say good-bye and kiss 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,
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through Heavens 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 life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things
You knew you shouldn't do.*

*But 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?"*

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So when tomorrow starts without me,



To my dearest family,

> some things I'd like to say.

> But first of all, to let you know,

> that I arrived okay.

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> I'm writing this from the Bridge.

> Here I dwell with God above.

> Here there's no more tears of sadness.

> Here is just eternal love.

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> Please do not be unhappy

> just because I'm out of sight.

> Remember that I am with you

> every morning, noon and night.

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> That day I had to leave you

> when my life on earth was through,

> God picked me up and hugged me

> and He said, "I welcome you.

>

> It's good to have you back again,

> you were missed while you were gone.

> As for your dearest family,

> They'll be here later on."

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> God gave me a list of things,

> that he wished for me to do.

> *And foremost on the list,*
> *was to watch and care for you.*
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> *And when you lie in bed at night*
> *the day's chores put to flight,*
> *God and I are closest to you...*
> *in the middle of the night.*
>
> *When you think of my life on earth,*
> *and all those loving years,*
> *because you are only human,*
> *they are bound to bring you tears.*
>
> *But do not be afraid to cry*
> *it does relieve the pain.*
> *Remember there would be no flowers,*
> *unless there was some rain.*
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> *I wish that I could tell you*
> *all that God has planned.*
> *If I were to tell you,*
> *you wouldn't understand.*
>
> *But one thing is for certain,*
> *though my life on earth is o'er.*
> *I'm closer to you now,*
> *than I ever was before.*
>
> *There are rocky roads ahead of you*
> *and many hills to climb;*
> *But together we can do it*
> *by taking one day at a time.*
>
> *It was always my philosophy*
> *and I'd like it for you too;*
> *That as you give unto the world,*
> *the world will give to you.*

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> *If you can help somebody*
> *who's in sorrow and pain;*
> *Then you can say to God at night...*
> *"My day was not in vain."*
>
> *And now I am contented...*
> *that my life*

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