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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 do

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 of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me - but let me go
Wanda M. Payton born to the late Larkin and Patrice Miller on January 29, 1933 in Winchester, Kentucky suddenly departed this life on October 20, 2009. She was educated in the public schools and attended Oliver High School in Winchester.

In 1960, Wanda moved to the nation's capitol (Washington, D.C) where she met and married the love of her life the late Robert (Bobby) Payton. She enjoyed being a good housewife and mother to her son. In 1969 she joined the workforce and began employment at Woodward & Lothrop Department store and later joined the ranks of Geico Insurance Company until she retired. Wanda later moved to Buffalo, NY to be closer to her son where she further enjoyed life until her health failed.

Wanda enjoyed traveling, entertaining family and friends, listening to smooth jazz and playing bid whiz. She enjoyed life with such a flair for living!! She was a good listener, friend and confidant.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving and devoted son, John L. Payton (Gladys), grandchildren; Donnell (Tiesha) Thomas, Johnita (Anwan) Glover, Cherrelle Bonner, Ashley Christian, Corey Favors and Jenay Payton. Four sister-in-laws; Julia Payton and Irene Clark of Buffalo, Lena (Marvin) Williams of Rochester and Patricia Payton of Washington, D.C. Special friend of family Pamela Bankett and a host of nieces and nephews. Wanda was predeceased in death by her parents and husband.

Officiated by
Pastor Dennis Lee
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