



# *Sketch of Life*

April Nichelle Milbry, age 52 of Dayton, Ohio was born January 27, 1968 in Great Falls, MT to Geraldine and Jimmie Lee Milbry, Jr. She attended Trotwood Madison High School through her junior year and transferred to Morrilton High School in Arkansas where she graduated, Class of '1986. She received a Bachelor's degree in Humanity at Antioch College in 2015. April worked as a Cosmetologist and Home Maker for many years. She was also the owner and operator of a Boutique where she sold vintage clothing and jewelry that she made from natural stones.

April accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at an early age at Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. She attended various churches in Dayton, OH. She was a past choir member and sang in a Gospel Group in Arkansas for many years.

April served as a missionary and activist in her community. She was always willing to help those who were undeserved. She was upbeat, encouraging and the life of the gathering or event. She was an avid reader and an award winning writer. She wrote and published a poem and was writing a memoir before passing.

On Wednesday, December 9, 2020 April Nichelle Milbry transitioned from this life to be in the presence of the Lord. She was also preceded in death by her grandparents, Floyd and Mary Celestine Osler and Jimmie Lee and Lessie Bell Milbry.

April leaves to cherish precious memories and celebrate her life: her daughter, Porchia Milbry; (1) grandson, Gabriel Milbry; parents, Reverend Geraldine (Reverend Willie) Newberry and Jimmie (Toni) Milbry, Jr.; (1) sister, Candace Milbry; (1) brother, Jimmie Lee Milbry III; (9) step-sisters and step-brothers; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including special friends, Tracie Byars-Walton, Sheila Mitchell-Cole and Carla D. Hill-Hawkins.

# *Order of Service*

- Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
- Musical Prelude.....Soft Music
- Musical Selection.....Regina Lewis Martin
- Scripture Reading.....Old/New Testament  
Pastor Ted Milbry
- Prayer of Comfort.....Clergy
- Instrumental.....Reggie Harmon
- Obituary Reading.....Candace Milbry
- Poem/Acknowledgements.....
- Remarks/ Family & Friends.....(Limit to 2 minutes)
- Musical Selection.....Regina Lewis Martin
- Eulogy.....Pastor Anthony Simmons
- Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends
- Interment.....Jefferson View Cemetery

Please wear mask during Service & Interment

## *Psalm 23 - A Psalm of David (kjp)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



## *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand an angel came  
and called my name, Then took me by the  
hand. The Beauty here is ecstasy, No need  
to grieve or carry on, Go on and live  
with peace each day, I'm home where  
I belong. Dismiss the heartache and pain,  
Put all your sorrows to rest. Though some  
things did not come easily, in life I did my  
best. I'm free of pain and suffering. So do  
not weep for me, With eyes closed for a  
final time, Tomorrow will not be. So when  
tomorrow starts without me, Do not think  
we're far apart, For every time you think  
of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

*- Author Unknown*



*In Loving Memory  
Of April*

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### *Acknowledgements*

*The family of April N. Milbry acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown in our hour of bereavement. A special thank you to Reverend Anthony Simmons, Trotwood Madison High School Class of '86 and to all of our family and friends who helped in anyway. Thank you for your presence here with us today. May God continue to bless and keep you. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers.*

### *Pallbearers*

*Keith Milbry Jimmie Milbry III Terrell Milbry*

### *Flower Bearers*

*Family Members & Friends*

*Services Entrusted to  
Thomas Funeral Home  
Caring Professional Service  
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## *Celebration of Life*



*April N. Milbry*

*January 27, 1968 - December 9, 2020*

*Funeral Service 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday, December 19, 2020*

*Thomas Funeral Home  
4520 Salem Ave.,  
Trotwood, Ohio 45416*

*Pastor Anthony Simmons,  
Officiating*

