

You Never Said Goodbye

You never said I'm leaving, You never said goodbye. You were gone before I knew it, And only God knew why. A million times I needed you, A million times I cried. If love alone could have saved you, You never would have died. In life I loved you dearly, In death I love you still. In my heart you hold a place, That no one could ever fill. It broke my heart to lose you, But you didn't go alone, For part of me went with you, The day God took you home.

- Author Unknown



*In Loving Memory
Of Our Mother*

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Acknowledgements

The family of Ericka Lazena Montgomery acknowledges with sincere appreciation every act of kindness shown in our hour of bereavement. Special thanks to Minister Kameka Dunson, Devonna Kinnel, daughter (who provided care during Ericka's illness) 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.

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Celebration of Life



*Ericka Montgomery
December 26, 1972 - April 18, 2021*

*Funeral Service 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 1, 2021*

*Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Ave., Trotwood, OH*

*Minister Kameka Dunson,
Officiant*

Obituary

Ericka Lazena Montgomery, age 48 of Dayton, Ohio was born December 26, 1972 in Springfield, Ohio to the late Matthew Echols and Devonna Montgomery. She attended Springfield South High School and Belmont High School in Dayton. Ericka accepted Christ as Lord and Savior and was a member of Omega Baptist Church for 10 plus years.

Ericka was a loving and devoted wife and mother, a wonderful grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She enjoyed family gatherings and spending time with her grandchildren and other children. She loved life, was outspoken, had a great sense of humor and she was always willing to help anyone in need.

On Sunday, April 18, 2021 Ericka transitioned from this life to be in the presence of the Lord. She leaves to cherish precious memories and celebrate her life; her husband of 25 years, Ronald Kinnel; (3) daughters, DeMikka Montgomery, Roneshia (Joshua) and Devonna Kinnel; step-father, Willie Terrell Jr.; (4) step-children, Diamond and Derrica Sneed, Nicole and Victor Simmons; (8) grandchildren, Joshua, Demetria, Demyah, JeBron, Deliyah and JaGary Boles, Je'Kari and Maddie Williams; sister, Stephaine Montgomery; (2) brothers, Matthew and Derrick (Larissa) Montgomery; godchild, Amari Wheeler; special nieces, Shavia Henderson and Shawnumeca Lee; special friends, Michael Avery and Tawana Calloway; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving family members and friends.

- Ericka -

"Your life was a blessing, Your Memory a Treasure.
You were loved beyond words and
Missed beyond Measure."

Order of Service

Musical Prelude.....Soft Music
Parting View.....The Family
Scripture Reading.....Clergy
Prayer of Comfort.....Clergy
Musical Selection.....USB Play List
Obituary/Poem Reading.....Roneshia Kinnel
Acknowledgements.....Breonna Scruggs
Reflections.....(Please limit to 2 minutes)
Musical Selection.....USB Play List
Eulogy.....Minister Kameka Dunson
Benediction.....Minister Kameka Dunson
Final Disposition.....Cremation

Please wear a mask during Service
and remember Social Distancing.

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.

