Reflections of Her Life

Miss Marissa Ariyana Philbert was born November 2, 2009 in Richmond, Virigina. She was the daughter of Dorothy May and Joesph Philbert. Marissa departed this life to be with the Lord on Friday, October 2, 2026.

Marissa affectionately called Ari by her mother, was a sophomore at Lower Richland High School. She also worked at McDonald's on Lower Richland Blvd. Marissa enjoyed Rap and Hip Hop music, basketball and bonding with her brother Rykee and Ky'ren. Her Favorite colors were pink and purple, Marissa could light up the room with just her smile and presence. Her future plans were to become a cosmetologist and tattoo artist. Although she will physically be absent from earth but we can rejoice knowing she is present with the Lord.

Marissa leaves behind her parents, Dorothy May and Joesph Philbert, four brothers, Justin May, Joshua Philbert, Ky'Ren Williams and Rykee Williams; four sisters, Imani May, TahJanae Philbert, Mya Philbert and Jaylen Philbert; Grandmothers, Laverne May, Tonya Williams and Darnella Kingberry; Step Father, Ryan Williams, along with a host of family and friends.

Ari you will be missed by many. FOREVER 16

Order of Service

Processional and Final Viewing
Clergy and Family

Selection

Old Testament
Minister

New Testament
Minister

Prayer
Minister Kenneth Williams

Praise Dance
Kadejia May

Remarks (Two minutes, please)
Rykee Williams
Dorothy May
Tameika "Cookie" WIlliams

Selection

Words of Comfort
Minister Kenneth Williams

Committal, Prayer and Benediction

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Pallbearers

Family and Friends







Dear God

Dear God, please take care of my little girl,
The one with big eyes and soft brown curls.
She was special, as you should know.
I really didn't want to let her go.

She touched the hearts of everyone she knew.
Letting her go was so hard to do.
Her smile could brighten up the darkest room.
I wish you didn't have to take her so soon.

Could you sit and rock her and read her a story?
She's probably afraid; please tell her don't worry.
Tell her mommy loves her and wishes she could be here,
But it won't be for many more years.

She loves to sing all kinds of songs.
Please tell her that she did no wrong.
Would you comfort her and hold her in your arms tight?
And tell her she is missed every day and night.

Please tell her she is loved so very dear.
I'll say it every day for her to hear.
Her short life on earth is now completed
For lessons I'm sure you felt I needed.

Tell her I promise to see her again someday.
When that will be, I really can't say.
I promise to make up for the time that's passed,
To hold her and comfort her in my arms at last.

Expression of Gratitude

The family would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has shown love and support. We appreciate and thank you for every prayer, visit, phone call, text, warm embrace – whatever gesture you extended we have embraced it as it has left an indelible mark on our hearts. Your love and kindness will always be remembered by each of us.

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Marissa Philbert

November 2, 2009 - October 2, 2026

Friday, October 16, 2026
2:00 PM

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Minister Kenneth Williams, Officating