CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Friday, October 30, 2026 – 12:00 pm
Pipkin Braswell1 Serenity Chapel
6601 East Colfax Ave.
Denver, Colorado 80220
Minister Edward Kennedy, Officiating

Processional.....Music
Kenny G - Sentimental

Comfort From the Scriptures.....Minister Edwrd Kennedy

Prayer of Solace.....Minister Edwrd Kennedy

Selection.....Ronald Askew
"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

Acknowledgements, Condolences and Obituary.....Pipkin Braswell Funeral Director

Video Tribute

Family Tributes

Expressions of Love.....Two Minutes - Remarks

Selection.....Ronald Askew
"Don't Cry for Me"

Word of Comfort.....Minister Edwrd Kennedy

Pipkin Braswell Funeral Directors

COMMITTAL / CLOSING PRAYER / BENEDICTION

Recessional.....Music
Kenny G - Going Home

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Artora
LOMBARDO
MITCHELL
OCTOBER 8, 1963 - SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARTORA LOMBARDO MITCHELL

Artora Mitchell was born on October 8, 1963, to proud parents Henry Mitchell and Vera Elizabeth Maxwell in Memphis, Tennessee. He was blessed with a younger sister, Dante, and a brother, Vinnie, who were part of his family journey. Art spent his elementary school years growing up in Aspen, Colorado, where he quickly developed a deep appreciation for the great outdoors. He loved Colorado's changing seasons, the fresh, brisk air, and the natural beauty of the mountains. When his family relocated to Aurora, Colorado, Art discovered his athletic talents and excelled in football as a tight end while attending Hinkley High School, where he eventually graduated. After high school, Art continued his education at El Camino Junior College in Alondra Park, California, where he studied criminal justice. His passion for football continued beyond college, leading him to play semiprofessional football with the Toronto Argonauts in Canada. Art's early years reflected his adventurous spirit, athletic ability, and determination, qualities that would continue to shape his life and the lasting impact he made on others.

Art married his high school sweetheart, Sherry, and together they were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Athena L. Mitchell, whom he loved unconditionally from the moment she was born. Art was a devoted and loving father to his beloved "Potato Head," a special nickname that reflected the deep bond and affection they shared.

Art also shared a beautiful chapter of his life with his second wife, Janet. A chapter filled with cherished memories, meaningful adventures, and special moments that became an enduring part of his life's journey.

In another chapter of his journey, Art married Marie, and through their union he was blessed with five bonus children. He embraced the opportunity to be a loving and positive father figure in their lives, forming genuine bonds and loving each of them dearly.

Art dedicated 25 years of his life to serving the youth and families at the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Denver, Beochtter Branch. He began his career as Athletic Director, where he mentored and coached thousands of youth, using sports to teach discipline, perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Beyond athletics, Art offered guidance assisting youth navigate life's challenges empowering them to believe in their potential. During his career, he was promoted to Club Director, where he continued making a lasting impact on generations of young people and their families. He became a male role model to many, providing a safe and supportive environment while helping youth stay away from the streets and make positive choices. Additionally, he developed opportunities for youth to gain work experience to develop valuable professional skills focused on leadership, accountability, responsibility, and teamwork. His years at the Boys & Girls Club were about changing lives. He touched countless hearts and minds, inspired generations, and aided in shaping a brighter future for the young people he humbly served. His legacy of mentorship, compassion, and community service will live on through the many lives he influenced and the families he helped strengthen.

Art was a self-motivated leader with a big heart, a beautiful smile, and an infectious laugh that could brighten any room. He was a natural jokester who loved making people laugh and always had an inspirational message to share. True to his personality, Art often ended a conversation with his signature head butt or fist bump, making every interaction memorable and uniquely his own. He was always willing to share his knowledge, offer guidance, and hold others accountable for their actions, encouraging everyone around him to grow, believe in themselves, and become the best version of themselves. Family meant everything to Art, and he always made sure to look after the people he loved. He was the host with the most, the life of every party, and someone who made it his mission to ensure everyone was having a good time. Whether he was cracking jokes, sharing stories, offering advice, or bringing people together, Art had a special way of making everyone feel welcome. His laughter, larger-than-life personality, generous heart, and unforgettable spirit will forever be cherished by all who knew and loved him.

Art leaves to cherish his memory his beloved daughter, Athena; his sister, Dante; his niece, Ronisha; his great-nephew, Jayceon; his aunts, Pat and Carolyn Maxwell; his bonus children, LaKeshia, Sendaka, Keyonna, and Brandon Moore; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandbaby; and a host of beloved cousins and dear friends whose lives he touched throughout his journey.

Art was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Vera Elizabeth Maxwell, and his brother, Vinnie Washington.

Art's love, laughter, wisdom, and unforgettable spirit will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Though he will be deeply missed, the memories he created, the love he shared, and the legacy he established will forever bring comfort to all who cherish him.

