

Celebrating The Life Of



*April Nicole
Thompson-Purnell*

JULY 30, 1975 - OCTOBER 3, 2025

OBITUARY

April Nicole Thompson-Purnell was born on July 30, 1975 to Josphine Owens and Robert Thompson.

Her son Rashon Purnell, Grandparents Henry and Emma B. Owens, Reverend Randolph Purnell, Sister-in-laws Deloise and Bertha, and Brother-in-law Ernest all preceded her in death.

April was affectionately known in the family as "Nikki". She had a heart of gold and her sarcasm would have you in a ball laughing, because that pot shot hit home.

Helpful to many and always had a listening ear. She loved her Family and Friends.

She accepted Christ and was a member of the New Mt. Zion M.B. Church.

Nikki attended Bontempt Elementary and Gage Park High School.

Nikki worked for Everthrive of Illinois reaching out to communities across the City of Chicago.

She leaves to cherish her husband Rodney Purnell, her sons Ravonn (Jasmin) Justin (Magia), Brandon (Vanessa) Rodney Jr. (Jasmine) her 8 grandchildren Lanaya, Rashon Jr., Lamario, Royal, Bella, Starr, Jireh, Jair, 1 great grandson Akyreian. Mother Josphine Owens, Father Robert Thompson (Angie) Brother Brian (Sanovia) Sister Toni, Special Aunt Dorothy Cook, Mother-in-law Vera Purnell, Sister-in-law Regina Purnell, a host of nieces, nephews, Special friends Shenetta Walker and Felicia Ware and Special daughter Tionna.

ORDER OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 AM Celebration: 11:00 AM

Greater New Mount Eagle M.B. Church

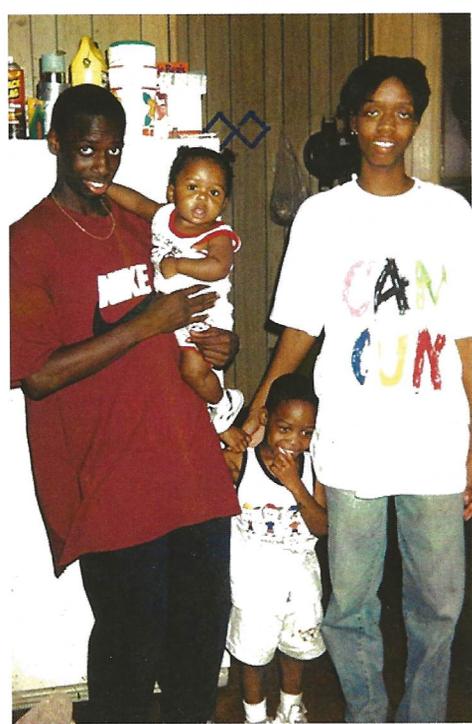
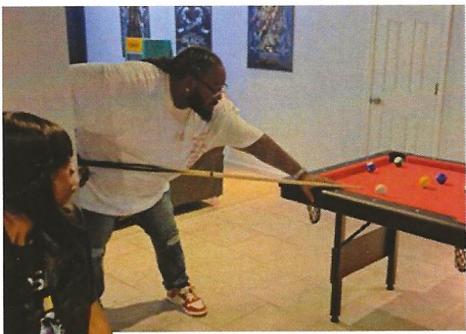
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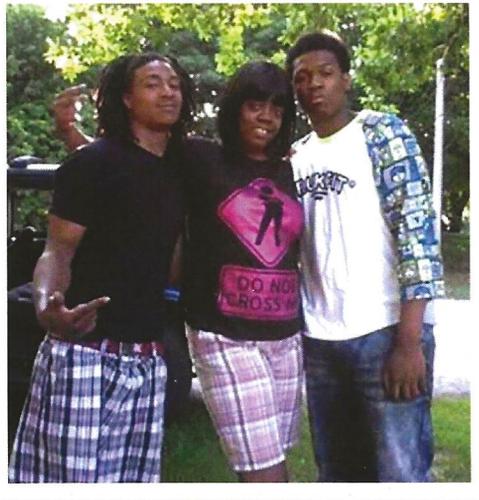
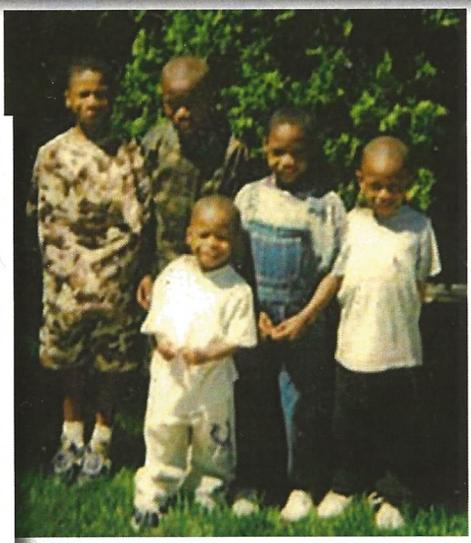
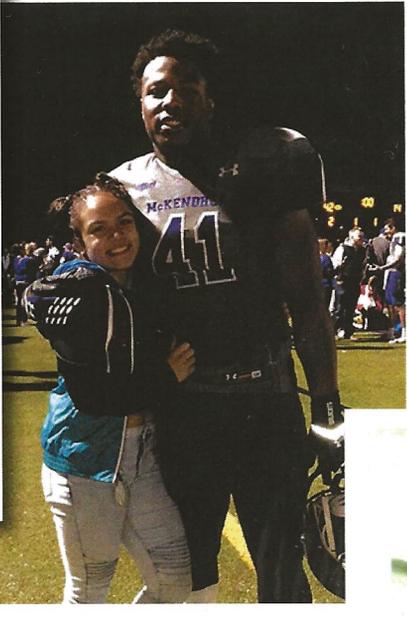
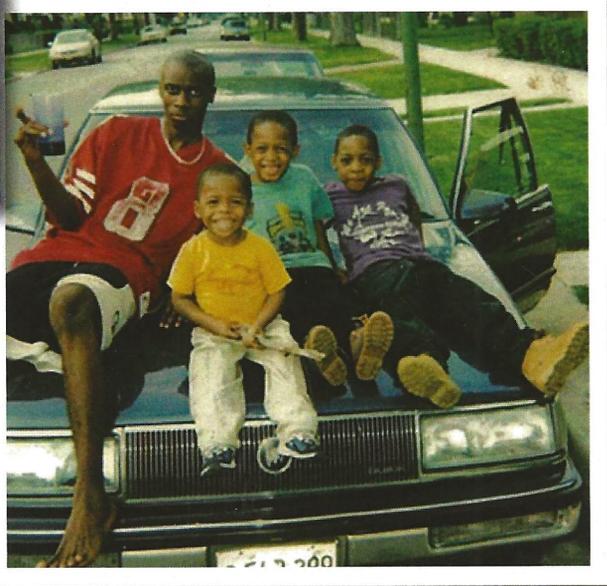
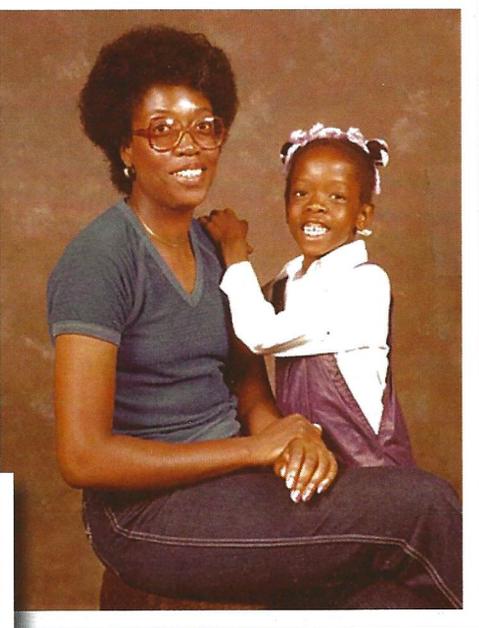
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Pastor Robert D. Rattler, Officiating



Organ Prelude	Organist
Processional.....	Family
Scripture.....	Minister
Prayer.....	Minister
Selection.....	Angela Pryor
Organ Tribute.....	Valdis Purnell
Acknowledgements	
Remarks.	Family and Friends
Obituary	Read in Silence
Solo.....	Musician
Eulogy.....	Pastor Robert D Rattler
Recessional.....	Family





TRIBUTES

Your battle is now over no more pain No more SUFFERING I know heaven needed you more but I still don't understand why this had to happen to you. You were the greatest mother and now you're my angel. Out of all of the people on Earth, I've always loved you the most Life will never be the same because you're no longer here.

I know you at peace now and I'm happy but the tears keep coming u were truly one of a kind.

Knowing that Heaven is your new home gives me peace of mind I love you so much and missing you I'll never forget your beautiful smile. I love and miss you so much mom.

Love Ravonn your first born.



From the day you came into our life you treated us as if we were your biological sons and for that we are forever grateful ,you showed us genuine love and in return we loved you unconditionally. Everybody knew you was out spoken and had no filter and that's what made you you . You had a heart of gold and you are loved for all its worth ,im gonna miss you and your energ. Now that heaven has gained a new angel I ask that you watch over us and keep us covered I love you mom see you again.

Lil Rodney

Ok Mom,

You've always been more than a mother, you're my best friend, my first love, and my Leo twin. We've shared laughs over sneaky food runs, secrets only we'd understand, and a bond that goes beyond words.

I used to follow you to work just to be near you, not because I had to, but because watching you in action was inspiring. You made strength look effortless, and love feel infinite.

You've always shown up for me with warmth, wisdom, and that fierce Leo heart. I see myself in you, and I'm proud of that.

Thank you for being my safe place, my teacher, and my greatest cheerleader. You're amazing and always will be.

Love you always,

Justin



From hubby,

You are my love, the love of my life for 32 years. You are my best friend, my light during the day, my moon light during the night.

I'm at a lost for words but thank you for showing me what true love is. I'm not saying good bye but see you later.



Acknowledgments

The family of April Thopmson-Purnell extends their deepest gratitude to everyone for the many acts of kindness and sympathy shown during our time of bereavement



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