

# A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

## Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,  
To the sorrowful, I will never return,  
To the angry, I was cheated,  
But to the happy, I am at peace,  
And to the faithful, I have never left.

I cannot speak, but I can listen.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.  
So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea,  
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity,  
Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:  
Your thoughts, and your memories,  
Of the times we loved,  
The times we cried,  
The times we fought,  
The times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me, I will never have gone.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family of Martha Jewel Hairston wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, and support shown to us during this hour of bereavement. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support and comfort. It is immensely appreciated!



# MARTHA JEWEL HAIRSTON

SUNRISE  
JULY 16, 1945

SUNSET  
APRIL 23, 2026

FRIDAY – MAY 15, 2026

VISITATION: 1:00 PM  
SERVICE: 2:00 PM

CHAPEL OF PEACE EAST  
5456 EAST LIVINGSTON AVENUE  
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MARLAN GARY  
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1 FUNERAL HOME | 5 LOCATIONS

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# Obituary

## A Tribute to Martha Jewel Hairston

### LIFE AND PERSONALITY OF MARTHA HAIRSTON

Martha Jewel Hairston, of Columbus, Ohio made her transition on April 23rd, 2026 at age 80, leaving behind a world that is objectively full of her loved ones, but having a spiritual reunion filled with even more Love, those that long awaited and divinely welcomed her with open arms.

Born on July 16, 1945 to Leila and Jimmy Moreland, Martha spent her life proving that "well-behaved women seldom make history" (though she did ensure she was polite and kind to people).

Martha had a great impact on those in her life. Always leaving a nice impression on peoples hearts.

Although, she was known for giving a look that will freeze you in your tracks, and give you a quick comeback, enjoyed storytelling about her past family experiences, she had an infectious laugh and a love for orange slices, jelly beans, three musketeers candy bar and not so appreciative of peanut butter!

### CAREER AND FAMILY

Her career as a Home Health Agency Manager and COTA bus driver was only outshone by her true passion: Sewing, music, being around people, and making people laugh.

### FAMILY AND LOVED ONES

She is survived by her Children; *Sons*: Wayne A. Spikes and Timothy Spikes; *Daughter*: Elizabeth Renee 'Naija' Hairston; *Grandchildren*: Arnold W. Spikes, Bobby J. Perez (Secondary Caregiver), Troy A. Hairston, Dr. Nicole (Pfumo) Mushunga, Toni L. Spikes and Brianna Hudgins; *Great-Grandchildren, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews*; her *Sister*: Mary M. Brown and *Brothers*: Jimmy Moreland, Jr., Craig E. (Isabelle) Moreland, who are All deeply missing her.

Some are still laughing at some jokes she made a few months ago, and her daughter/ best friend and Primary Caregiver, who surely inherited her witty personality.

### PREDECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS

She was predeceased by (Mother): Leila and (Father): Jimmy Moreland; (Sisters): Patricia Ann Byrd and Rosa Jordan; (Son): Way Lavae Spikes and (Grandson): Arthur G. 'AJ' Hairston.

# Order of Service

- Organ Prelude.....The Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
- Scripture Reading.....Clergy
  - Old Testament:
  - New Testament:
- Prayer of Comfort..... Elder Tony Lammkin  
Miracle Cathedral, City of Mercy
- Selection.....The Chapel of Peace Music Ministry
- Acknowledgements/Condolences
- Remarks.....Family and Friends
- Reading of the Obituary.....Read Silently
- Selection.....Elizabeth Hairston  
Daughter

**The Eulogy**  
**Pastor Lynn L. Byrd**  
 Walk of Faith Outreach Ministries

- Benediction.....Clergy
- Recessional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

