



*"Until We Meet Again"*

In Loving Memory of April Gemma King

I've never cared for goodbyes—  
They've always felt so final.  
But I have hope to know  
That nothing ever is...

My smile is just as bright  
Just a pause between heartbeats.  
A moment on different sides of life  
Before our paths again meet.

Please remember my laughter  
Tucked gently in your days,  
My love etched in your stories,  
My light woven through your ways.

So, this isn't really farewell,  
It's simply "See you then."  
For Heaven holds the one you love,  
Until we meet again.

*Note of Thanks*

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks for all expressions of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. It is through your love, prayers, and the Grace of God that we find strength and comfort. May God bless each and every one of you.



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*Celebrating* the life of

Sunrise  
April 11, 1960

Sunset  
December, 5 2025

*April*  
**Gemma King**



Saturday; December 13, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

Gregory Funeral Service Chapel  
601 N. York Street  
Gastonia, North Carolina

Reverend Randolph Hartgrove, Officiating

# Life Reflections

April Gemma King, born on April 11, 1960, in Brooklyn, NY, entered this world with a bold spirit and a spark that never dimmed. She was the beloved daughter of Arthur Perry King and Paula Evans Thomas King.

April earned her GED and continued her education by pursuing nursing studies at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, NY. She discovered her calling within the restaurant, food service, and manufacturing industries—places where her personality shined as brightly as her work ethic. She brought magnetic energy, warmth, humor, and was an unforgettable presence wherever she went.

A proud New England Patriots fan, April loved to cheer on her team, often with the same enthusiasm she brought to everything else in life. She took great pride in cooking and feeding others and it was nearly impossible to leave her home hungry or in need of anything. Her kitchen was her love language, and she shared it generously with everyone blessed enough to visit and share a meal with her.

Known as the life of every party, April never met a stranger. She had a natural gift for making others feel welcome, seen, and appreciated. Her encouragement came effortlessly, and her laughter filled every room she entered. She encouraged others without even trying, simply by being herself. April's greatest joy in life was her family, as she carried the titles of Mom and Grandma with immense pride. She is survived by her beautiful daughter, Clayvonne King, and her treasured granddaughters, Nailah Saleem and MaKayla June, who were truly her entire world. She is also survived by her loving sister, Dawn King, and her cherished niece, Lydia King, along with countless friends and loved ones whose lives she touched.

She is preceded in death by her beloved son, Anthony Shameen King, whose memory she carried in her heart every day.

This is not goodbye, but “see you later,” as April's spirit is far too big, too bright, and too full of love to ever truly fade. Her laughter, her generosity, her famous cooking, and her one-of-a-kind presence will continue to echo in all the hearts she touched. May her memory continue to be a blessing, and may her light and wisdom continue to guide those she loved so deeply.

## ORDER OF *Service*

**Musical Prelude**

**Processional**

**Receiving family and friends**  
3:00 until 4:00 p.m.

**Scripture Reading**

Elder Jeffrey Bouleware  
Old Testament  
New Testament

**Prayer of Comfort**  
Rev. Randolph Hartgrove

**Selection**  
Malaeka Pond

**Remarks**(2 minutes, please)

**Obituary Reading**  
Kyanna Brice

**Selection**  
Malaeka Pond

**Words of Comfort**  
Rev. Randolph Hartgrove

**Committal**

**Recessional**

