



April Michaelle McDowell

May 18, 1974 - April 1, 2013

April Michaelle McDowell, 38 of Harvest, Alabama died on Monday, April 1, 2013, at her home. Born Saturday, May 18, 1974 in Athens, Alabama, she was the daughter of James Martin and Cheryl Pylant Norman. She was a lifelong resident of this area and enjoyed playing the flute, cooking, and doing crafts. She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She was a member of The Rock Family Worship Center. Surviving are her husband: Daniel McDowell of Harvest, AL, her father: James B Martin of Ardmore, AL, her mother: Cheryl Norman of Harvest, AL, a brother, Jasen Martin of Nashville, TN, and a sister, Jennifer Herkommer of Athens, AL. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama. Burial will be in Gatlin Cemetery, Ardmore, AL. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home, Ardmore, Alabama.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ You will be missed April! You always had the sweetest heart and spirit.

Susana Blevins Bailey - April 06, 2013 at 02:21 PM

SH

“ April was my friend first of all and my coworker . My heart aches for all of her family and friends. I hope she knew what she meant to me and she will be missed. As said in her service yesterday, which couldn't have been done any better, we will see her again.

With love and prayers,
Stacie Hubbard

Stacie Hubbard - April 05, 2013 at 04:33 PM

DL

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with April at both OHG and TOC. She was such a kind person. I would be coming to work at the same time a lot of mornings and we would say our good mornings and go about our day without seeing each other the rest of the day. Wish I had given her a hug and let her know how kind and sweet she was. Know that her family at TOC is praying for you. We will miss her.

Deborah Light - April 03, 2013 at 06:47 PM

DL

“ Dear Family,

I worked with April at both TOC and OHG. She was such a kind person and her absence will be felt. May God comfort you at this time. Know that her family at TOC is praying for you.

Deborah Light

Deborah Light - April 03, 2013 at 06:41 PM

TC

“ So sorry for your loss. Pleas tell her mother (Cheryl) that all of you are in our prayers.

Twili Barber Welty (2nd cousin) - April 03, 2013 at 06:37 PM

JF

“ To my dearest family,
> some things I'd like to say.
> But first of all, to let you know,
> that I arrived okay.
>
> I'm writing this from the Bridge.
> Here I dwell with God above.
> Here there's no more tears of sadness.
> Here is just eternal love.
>
> Please do not be unhappy
> just because I'm out of sight.
> Remember that I am with you
> every morning, noon and night.
>
> That day I had to leave you
> when my life on earth was through,
> God picked me up and hugged me
> and He said, "I welcome you."
>
> It's good to have you back again,
> you were missed while you were gone.
> As for your dearest family,
> They'll be here later on."
>
> God gave me a list of things,
> that he wished for me to do.
> And foremost on the list,
> was to watch and care for you.
>
> And when you lie in bed at night
> the day's chores put to flight,
> God and I are closest to you...
> in the middle of the night.
>
> When you think of my life on earth,

> *and all those loving years,*
> *because you are only human,*
> *they are bound to bring you tears.*
>
> *But do not be afraid to cry*
> *it does relieve the pain.*
> *Remember there would be no flowers,*
> *unless there was some rain.*
>
> *I wish that I could tell you*
> *all that God has planned.*
> *If I were to tell you,*
> *you wouldn't understand.*
>
> *But one thing is for certain,*
> *though my life on earth is o'er.*
> *I'm closer to you now,*
> *than I ever was before.*
>
> *There are rocky roads ahead of you*
> *and many hills to climb;*
> *But together we can do it*
> *by taking one day at a time.*
>
> *It was always my philosophy*
> *and I'd like it for you too;*
> *That as you give unto the world,*
> *the world will give to you.*
>
> *If you can help somebody*
> *who's in sorrow and pain;*
> *Then you can say to God at night...*
> *"My day was not in vain."*
>
> *And now I am contented...*
> *that my life was worthwhile.*
> *Knowing as I passed along*

> *I made somebody smile.*
>
> *God says: "If you meet somebody*
> *who is sad and feeling low;*
> *Just lend a hand to pick him up,*
> *as on your way you go.*
>
> *When you're walking down the street*
> *with me on your mind;*
> *I'm walking in your footsteps*
> *only half a step behind."*
>
> *"And when it's time for you to go...*
> *from that body to be free.*
> *Remember you're not going...*
> *you're coming here to me."*

Janice T. Finley - April 03, 2013 at 09:32 AM

JT

“ *When tomorrow starts without me,
And I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry
The way you did today,
While thinking of the many things,
We didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too;*

*But when tomorrow starts without me,
Please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name,
And took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready,
In heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind
All those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away,
A tear fell from my eye
For all my life, I'd always thought,
I didn't want to die.*

*I had so much to live for,
So much left yet to do,
It almost seemed impossible
That I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared,
And all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday,
Just even for a while,*

*I'd say good-bye and kiss you
And maybe see you smile.*

*But then I fully realized,
That this could never be,
For emptiness and memories,
Would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things,
I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did,
My heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through Heavens Gates,
I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me,
From His great golden throne,*

*He said, "This is eternity,
And all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past,
But here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow,
But today will always last,
And since each day's the same way
There's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful,
So trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things
You knew you shouldn't do.*

*But you have been forgiven
And now at last you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand
And share my life with me?"*

RM

“ *Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. May God Bless you during this trying time.*

Ronnissa Miller - April 03, 2013 at 08:46 AM

JF

“ *so sorry to hear about April, you are in my prayers.*

Jamie Fortune - April 02, 2013 at 09:35 AM

MC

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Melinda Caruso - April 02, 2013 at 09:33 AM

MM

“ *TO THE MCDOWELL FAMILY, APRIL WILL TRUELY BE MISSED I KNOW THAT SHE HAD A LOVE OF BUTTERFLIES AND SHE AND I TALKED ALOT ABOUT THEM ALMOST EVERYDAY HOLD ON TO THE LORDS HAND HE WILL LEAD AND GUIDE YOU AND BE THERE FOR YOU KNOW THAT HE CARES FOR YOU AND THAT ONE DAY IF IT'S HIS WILL YOU WILL SEE HER AGAIN*

MELISSA MCCULLOUGH - April 02, 2013 at 09:01 AM