



SPC Mariyah Symone Collington

July 21, 2006 - May 12, 2026

Specialist Mariyah Symone Collington, a devoted soldier, scholar, and beloved daughter, lived a life defined by excellence, leadership, and heart. Her journey was one of purpose—a young woman who rose with discipline, led with compassion, and inspired others with her unstoppable drive.

Mariyah was born on July 21, 2006, to parents LeKeshia and Erick Collington in Orlando, Florida, and was raised in a home of love and unwavering support. The only girl among three brothers, Mariyah learned the art of being tough yet gentle, and the delicate balance of leader and protector. From birth, Mariyah exhibited character, strength, style, and poise, which were traits that would shape her life and exude from her as she grew. She loved her parents deeply and took great pride in her family.

Mariyah attended the Orange County Public Schools. She graduated from Maynard Evans High School, where she excelled both academically and personally. A straight-A honors student, she achieved excellence at every level and was inducted into the National Honor Society. She continued her education at Orange County Technical School, earning her certification as a Medical Assistant and receiving yet another honor society induction for her outstanding performance.

Mariyah was a natural leader long before she wore the uniform. She was the

“sibling leader” in the home and would naturally protect, fiercely support, and encourage her siblings, which earned her the title of “Big Gangsta” in the eyes of her brother. She loved her brothers immensely, and they shared a bond second to no other. She also spent four years on the Varsity Cheerleading Squad, ultimately serving as Cheer Captain. Her teammates knew her as someone who pushed harder, encouraged louder, and lifted others higher—a true motivator with a fierce and inspiring spirit.

Mariyah's commitment to service led her to the United States Army, where she continued to excel. On May 1, 2026, she earned her promotion to Specialist, a reflection of her discipline, intelligence, and dedication to her fellow soldiers. Known for following her dreams and pushing herself to achieve greatness, she also enrolled at American Military University to further her education, continuing her pursuit of knowledge and growth.

Mariyah will forever be remembered as a go-getter, a fighter, and a young woman with a heart full of ambition. She carried herself with confidence, courage, and determination, inspiring everyone around her. Mariyah's presence was powerful, and her impact is unforgettable.

Mariyah was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, the late Willie C. Collington, and her beloved Aunt, Deanna Warren.

Mariyah leaves to cherish her memory her loving parents...Erick Collington and LeKeshia Warren-Collington of Tavares, Florida; her brothers, Erick Collington of Plymouth, Florida, Keshawn Collington, and Kody Collington, both of Tavares, Florida; 2 nieces, Emani Collington and Evie Collington; paternal grandmother, Emma Washington (Richard) of Apopka, Florida; maternal grandparents, Donnia Warre-Rainey and Michael Davis, both of Orlando, Florida; and a loving godmother, Linda Tilme (Auguste) of Clermont, Florida; along with a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, extended family

members, and friends who loved her deeply.

Though Mariyah's time here was far too short, her legacy lives on—in her family, her friends, her fellow soldiers, and all who were blessed to know her. Her life reminds us to rise with purpose, lead with love, and never stop chasing greatness.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." -
2 Timothy 4:7 (KJV)

To access the YouTube livestream of the service, kindly follow the provided link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/l3N5HRR8FuM?si=avI2THhWg9FVBatI>

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Apopka
441 South Highland Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Interment

JUN 15. 11:30 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall

VB

“ *Vivian E Baker lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington*



Vivian E Baker - June 13 at 10:21 AM

LS

“ *Louis Howard Sr. lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington*



Louis Howard Sr. - June 12 at 10:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington.*



June 12 at 01:32 PM

AH

“ *Thanks for your service*



Angela Howell - June 09 at 10:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington.*



June 09 at 08:27 PM



“ *Our prayers to the Family and Friends, who will miss this beautiful spirit here on Earth. Maybe you find comfort in God's word about death and peace rest in your hearts to know , when we all get together again... what a time we will have. Rest now Angel and we do appreciate your service.*



Caren Jones - June 09 at 01:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington.*



June 08 at 05:26 PM



“ *Mary Morss lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington*



Mary Morss - June 06 at 08:57 PM

LI

“ *Lisa lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington*



lisa - June 06 at 08:44 AM

AL

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Angela Ligon - June 06 at 02:00 AM

VG

“ *Valerie Gore lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington*



Valerie Gore - June 05 at 08:32 PM

LP

“ *Sending condolences to the Collington family. SPC Collington, thank you 🙏 for your service. Laurice Peterson 🙏🌸*



Laurice Peterson - June 04 at 06:00 PM

TF

“ *The Brown Family lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington*



The Brown Family - June 04 at 11:52 AM

MR

“ *Marilyn Risper lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington*



Marilyn Risper - June 03 at 02:57 PM

CR

“ *Curtis Rouse & Sharon Rouse lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington*



Curtis Rouse & Sharon Rouse - June 03 at 01:19 PM

CR

“ *Sending our sincere condolences to the Collington family and friends. Praying for strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

*Regards,
Curtis & Sharon Rouse*

Curtis & Sharon Rouse - June 03 at 01:18 PM

NW

“ Nate Williams lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington



Nate Williams - June 03 at 11:26 AM

TD

“ Lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington



Terric Durden - June 02 at 08:50 PM



“ Forever 19, we will miss from Net, Mimi, Dwayne, Denny and Kwa'moni, you forever in our hearts, Thank you for serving our country



Marian Ivey - June 02 at 07:43 AM

MS

“ MONICA D SCOTT lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington



MONICA D SCOTT - June 01 at 08:57 PM

DN

“ A virtual gift was sent in memory of SPC
Mariyah Symone Collington



Dot Newsome - June 01 at 06:36 PM

DN

“ Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of SPC
Mariyah Symone Collington



Dot Newsome - June 01 at 06:31 PM

CW

“ Charlie Mae Warren sent a virtual gift in
memory of Mariyah Collington



Charlie Mae Warren - June 01 at 02:33 PM

KC

“ Sleep peacefully Mariyah ☐



Keshia Cook - May 31 at 06:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Marvin C Zanders Funeral Home Inc. - May 31 at 03:57 PM

BD

Oh Mariyah. Beautiful fun light in this world. You brought joy to those around you. You had a love of all genre of music. You had a goal and a desire, which you ran after. We are a bit better because we knew you.
Bonnie Davenport, RMA (from OTC MA program)

Bonnie Davenport - June 01 at 07:41 AM

LS

“ Condolences to the Family



Lawanda Stewart - May 31 at 12:42 PM

MS

“ Minnie Long Scott lit a candle in memory of SPC Mariyah Symone Collington



Minnie Long Scott - May 31 at 08:52 AM

PP

Condolences to the family

Patricia Payne - May 31 at 08:30 PM