



## Ora Mae Perry Lomax

May 30, 1931 - April 19, 2019

Ora Mae Lomax, was born on May 30, 1931 to the union of Israel and Lottie Perry in Franklinton, North Carolina. After completing her postsecondary studies, Ora migrated to Richmond to pursue other opportunities, as words from her father echoed "Help other people, become a registered voter and exercise your right to vote". This was an affirmation that led to her historical accomplishments. From early childhood until recently she was raised as a Christian before converting into the Islamic faith. She graduated from Ablion Academy Boarding School; attended St. Augustine College in Raleigh, N.C.; Leadership Workshops through Virginia Commonwealth University and various churches in the Metropolitan area of Richmond.

She was the first African American Saleswoman for various retailers in the downtown Richmond Business District. In her career, she advanced into top administrative positions within the industry. From 1990 - 1994, she became the founder and director of the "New Attitude" Self Esteem Program for Mosby Middle School and the Ombudsman Assistant Parent/PTA-School Liaison for Richmond Public Schools from 1994 - 2001.

As a life-time member of the NAACP and local member of the Richmond Branch, Mrs. Lomax, served for over three decades as a Senior Advisor to the Richmond NAACP Youth Council. Also, she was the Assistant Advisor to the Youth and College Division of the Virginia State Conference NAACP. In addition, she was a founding member of the Richmond Chapter of Women in the NAACP (WIN). Like her husband, she became a member of the Richmond Barbers Association. One of her many passions was being an active member of the Richmond Crusade for Voters, her contributions led to an increase in voter registration and turnout. She later, joined the Medical College of Virginia Auxiliary, advocating for the health and welfare of underprivileged communities. For the sake of sisterhood, she joined the Richmond Court of the Order of Eastern Star, F&AM, where she continued her flight towards advocating for disadvantaged women and children.

She was honored for the Delver Junior Woman's Club Woman of the year 1976; Astoria Beneficial Club, Citizenship Award 1976; NAACP Convention Ball Award 1988; Richmond

Black Police Officers Association Award 1976; Governor's Award Volunteering Excellence 1992; Richmond Branch of the NAACP Service Award 1996; Richmond Youth Council Award 1997; Virginia State Conference NAACP Youth and College Appreciation Award 1997; and Women in the NAACP (WIN) Award 1999.

Mrs. Lomax received special recognition that was featured in the Richmond Times Dispatch for her dedication in grooming hundreds of youth for opportunities in higher education and the workforce. In addition, she was honored at a VCU forum in February 2009 as a woman Trailblazer in the Civil Rights Movement in Richmond, along with two others.

Over the past few months, Mrs. Lomax's health began to decline and she was in and out of the hospital. Eventually, she succumbed to her ailments and passed on only four short months after her beloved husband William of 63 years. Now, she is reunited with the love of her life, William. Her earthly fight in the struggle is over and now we have the memories of her example.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## **Veterans Cemetery at Amelia APR**

10300 Pridesville Rd  
Amelia, VA, 23002

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### **Visitation**

09:00AM - 08:00PM

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March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA, US, 23222

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### **Celebration of Life**

11:00AM

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March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave., Richmond, VA, US, 23222

# Comments

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“ My Condolences to the family of Ora Lomax. She has been an Activist for many years in the Richmond Area and has helped many people with discrimination issues ! Sleep Easy !

**Elnora Lightfoot** - April 29 at 08:30 AM

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“ The BBC Bereavement Ministry sends our love and condolences to the family. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. Luke 2:29-31 Love and Prayers



**Justine Lee** - April 26 at 08:39 PM

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“ To the Family of Mrs. Ora Lomax.

I was sadden to hear of her passing on Friday. I have known Mrs. Lomax since 1992 and serviced as her Assistance Advisor for the Virginia State Conference Youth and College Division. She loved her Richmond NAACP Youth Council and youth across this state.

Mrs. Lomax worked hard within the NAACP and was respected my her community. She was a Sister of Civil Rights.She fought for what she believed in, sometimes alone she once stated. She will be missed but God knew best.

Blessing and Peace  
Ms. Drusilla Bridgeforth,  
Former Youth and College State Advisor

**Elvetia Bridgeforth** - April 24 at 02:10 PM

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“ I was a member of the NAACP youth group in the 1970s when Mrs. Lomax was the leader. We met on the second floor of the Main Branch of the Richmond Public Libraries. She was a good leader and I am grateful for all that I learned in the group. Rest in peace Ms. Lomax. You will be missed.

Loretta Tillman - April 24 at 08:14 AM

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“ The family have my deepest sympathy. Ora Lomax will be missed. She is at peace and in heaven, and her husband and with the Lord. You fought a good battle. RIP



Viesta Washington - April 24 at 12:01 AM

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“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - April 22 at 01:28 PM