



Angela Velencia Scott

September 28, 1961 - April 30, 2026

ANGELA VALENCIA SCOTT (YESHIYAH BAHT ISRAEL) was born on September 28, 1961, in New Bern, North Carolina, the youngest of three children. At an early age she was baptized at Unity United Methodist Church.

She graduated from Edmondson High School, Baltimore, Maryland. After graduation she relocated to Washington, D.C. She continued her spiritual growth working with the youth minister at the United Methodist Church under Rev. Levi B. Miller, Jr., pastor.

Sis. Yeshiyah Israel's journey continued to be shaped by a foundation of positive influences and strong mentorship throughout her life. As she matured into womanhood, she remained committed to growth, purpose, and service.

She was employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for several years. One of the most impactful experiences in her development was her work alongside Ambassador Prince Asiel, with whom she served faithfully for a few years.

In the early 1990s, she relocated to Dimona, Israel, a spiritual community of the African Hebrew Israelites, where she continued to exercise her belief, nurture her spiritual journey and share her many gifts and talents. Her

service to Yah, the Creator, and His people was recognized in being awarded the title Woman of Valor (W.O.V.). This distinction reflected her continuing dedication to growing in wisdom and manifesting truth and righteousness in every manner she could.

Sis. Yeshiyah Israel was a devoted community leader, advocate, entrepreneur, and visionary whose life's work was rooted in service, empowerment, and upliftment. As President of the Pimlico Merchants Association (PMA), she dedicated her time, talent, and leadership to strengthening the Pimlico Business District and the surrounding community.

In addition to her leadership and advocacy, Sis. Yeshiyah Israel was a proud business owner. She owned and operated YBI African Apparel and Fashions, located at 5115 Park Heights Avenue, where she celebrated culture, identity, and heritage through fashion. She developed and shared her talents as a business owner; an in-demand seamstress and designer; a renowned expert in preparing vegan/plant-based cuisine; as well as a deeply respected sister, friend, and community activist, most notably for the Park Heights/Pimlico neighborhoods.

Her legacy includes numerous accomplishments that reflect her passion and perseverance. Among her most notable achievements was securing a \$100,000 award from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, which directly benefited the Pimlico Business Corridor. Under her leadership, the Pimlico Merchants Association was also honored at the 50th Annual Mayor's Business Recognition Awards in 2024, receiving recognition for fostering vibrant and sustainable communities.

At the time of her passing, Sis. Yeshiyah Israel was actively working on the

development of the Pimlico Market Cafe, LLC, a visionary project that aims to bring a new, community-centered market to Park Heights. The initiative is designed to increase access to fresh, affordable food, create employment opportunities for residents, and serve as a hub for education through workshops, cooking demonstrations, and community programs.

Sis. Yeshiyah Israel will be remembered for her unwavering dedication, her leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, and her deep love for her community. Her impact will continue to be felt through the lives she touched, the opportunities she created, and the vision she carried forward with strength and grace.

Angela Valencia Scott (Yeshiyah Baht Israel) is lovingly remembered by her mother, Millie Rice. Her father, William Allen Scott, preceded her in death, as did her stepmother, Anne Scott, and her stepfather, Paul Rice. Cherishing her memory are: her brothers Allen, his wife Saida, Gerald, his wife Solange, Ronald, and Earl, and her sister, Lisa. She is also survived by her nieces, Aleah,

Dora, Kenaya, Marcy, and Ryan; nephews, Antonio, Richard, Ali, Ahmed, Stephon, Emmanuel, Jonathan, Richard Jr., Keon, Kevin, and Dashia; aunts, Matilda Jones, Florence Bonaparte, Classie Marie Minor, Jean Blount, Dorothy

Blount, Rubell Blount, and Helen Rice; and her uncle, Marcellus Blount. She is soulfully remembered by her special friend, Nati Kamau-Nataki, her soulmate, along with a host of cousins and friends whose lives she touched.

Cemetery Details

Druid Ridge

7900 Park Heights Ave
Baltimore, MD 21208

Previous Events

Wake

MAY 11. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

New Solid Rock Fellowship Church
4003 W. Northern Pkwy
Baltimore, MD 21215

Funeral Service

MAY 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

New Solid Rock Fellowship Church
4003 W. Northern Pkwy
Baltimore, MD 21215

Tribute Wall

OG

“ *My sincere condolences to Yeshiyah’s mother and all those who knew and loved her. I have known Yeshiyah for 30+ years. We spent much time together especially when she visited New York. I am deeply saddened about her transitioning and will forever carry her memory with me.*



Odehyah Gough-Israel - May 11 at 02:55 PM

RS

“ *I will certainly miss my dear friend. She was a caring, hardworking and focused person. I will truly miss her physical presence, but certain that her legacy will live on.*

Reynold Small - May 11 at 11:58 AM

OG

“ *Prayers and Condolences to the Scott Family and Friends. May Our Heavenly Father continue to Bless*

Olivia Alston Gupton - May 11 at 10:56 AM

JR

“ Praises and blessings to this great woman. Whether you knew her through her community activism, her African-centric style, or simply her radiant personality, Yisheyah Israel was one of a kind. She was a positive, joyful woman who did so much for the community. I will miss that smile.

Joshua Richardson

Joshua Richardson - May 11 at 09:24 AM

NO

“ Nowahyah wife of Yosaef HC. We would like to extend our condolences to the family of Angela Yisheyah as I know her. She was the most caring and thoughtful person never hesitating to cater to your need extending her self even when busy. We have so many good time together .I feel she has a higher calling so I hold on to those good memory and keep them close to my heart and I smile.

Nowahyah - May 11 at 08:50 AM

QU

“ Blessings for her loving care to her Father in his last years...



QueenNzinga - May 11 at 06:33 AM

KI

“ I'd like to extend my condolences to Yeshiyah's family. I'm deeply torn by the loss of my best friend, Angela Scott a/k/a Woman of Valor, Ahkote Yeshiyah Israel. Yeshiyah was very helpful when I first visited Israel. We've been friends since 1997. She extended her kindness to me and my 2 children. She made them clothes. She was always jovial when we met up either in Israel or St. Louis. It was unfortunate, we didn't get to see each other during my visit before returning to Israel in February. We made attempts to hook up but due to obviously her illness, the timing didn't permit us to connect physically. She will always hold a special place in my heart and will be sorely missed.

SOAR ON AND ROAM THE HEAVENS MY BELOVED SISTER.

Kerah Baht Israel - May 10 at 02:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Angela Velencia Scott.



May 09 at 07:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Angela Velencia Scott.

May 09 at 07:33 PM

GJ

“ *Gwen Blount -Robert Allison & Namie Jai purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Angela Velencia Scott.*



Gwen Blount -Robert Allison & Namie Jai - May 08 at 05:06 PM

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Gwen Blount -Robert Allison & Namie Jai - May 08 at 05:06 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Angela Velencia Scott.*



May 08 at 12:46 PM

JH

“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



John Henderson - May 08 at 08:40 AM

EL

“ Sister Israel was a force of nature and an inspiration for taking care of business. She is one of the most values-driven women I have had the pleasure to call a friend. She inspired who I want to be as an activist and community member. Yeshiyah's work is not yet done and we will continue making Park Heights and Baltimore a beautiful and healthful place to live and play. I hope you are resting and that we can live up to your memory.

Eleanor Luken - May 08 at 08:27 AM

MH

“ What a powerful woman. As I reflect on the loss of a leader, I remember the many times that she inspired me to be the best version of myself. Thank you for all that you did to lift up Park Heights, Sister Israel will never forgotten!



Mark E. Hughes - May 08 at 07:50 AM

RG

“ I recall meeting this powerful, selfless soul who displayed genuine caring for others through her words but most significantly through her deeds. She will be missed by me who was just getting to know her. I think the community has been enriched by her presence. I was enriched and hope to collaborate with others in our community to carry her torch.

Dr. Rosalind Griffin

Rosalind Griffin - May 07 at 05:39 PM

AT

“ Amonkasa Tandoh lit a candle in memory of Angela Velencia Scott



Amonkasa Tandoh - May 07 at 05:10 PM

AT

I met Yeshiah in 2000 when we both worked at RAPINC. We became Sis/Friends and remained that way for 25 years. Yeshiah was so proud of her community and her house in which she said the next time you come to Baltimore your room will be ready. For my 65th birthday Yeshiah came and met me in New Orleans for one day to help me celebrate. I am going to miss you Queen. Gone But Never Forgotten



Amonkasa Tandoh - May 07 at 05:15 PM

LR

“ Lisa, Keyana and Cedric Redmon purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Angela Velencia Scott.



Lisa, Keyana and Cedric Redmon - May 07 at 04:35 PM

FS

“ From the friendly sisters purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Angela Velencia Scott.



From the friendly sisters - May 07 at 02:30 PM

AT

“ Amonkasa Tandoh lit a candle in memory of Angela Velencia Scott



Amonkasa Tandoh - May 07 at 01:29 PM



“ We were two women on a mission to save the world, one soul at a time! I praise God that our paths crossed and I thank Him for the ways your life inspired me to greater. May you rest in peace, dear friend! Your indomitable spirit will be sorely missed. We'll do our best to carry on and make you flash that beautiful smile as you watch from heaven. Love you!



Terrye Moore - May 07 at 05:31 AM

SR

Unfortunately, Sister Israel's dream of opening a healthy food market and cafe in the same block as her apparel store did not come to fruition before she died. The project has been in process for several years. She partnered with the nonprofit Neighborhood Design Center in planning the renovations. The requirements to comply with Balto City building codes were a challenge that did not deter Sister Israel.

The Design Center also helped her plan strategies to notify the Pimlico neighborhood of her plans and helped her educate the community about the importance of healthy eating. I attended several enjoyable and delicious food tastings/educational sessions (held in the front of the apparel store!).

Hopefully, community advocates will take up the mantle and see the project to completion. It is important to the improvement and stabilization of the neighborhood, especially given the relative lack of neighborhood fresh food resources currently available.

I feel blessed for having gotten to know her as a colleague and friend on the One Park Heights Committee. Her comments and ideas were always wise.

Susan Russell - May 08 at 04:40 PM

JR

“ I was so sorry to hear of Sister Israel's passing. Thank you, Liz for your meaningful note, and for planning for this coming Monday.

I got to know Sister Israel during a 2022 CHAI Northwest Leadership Academy class. We were in a group in that class whose final class project was to have a DOT bus stop bench painted with black-eyed susans, at Park Heights and Northern Parkway, by her friend Larry Poncho Brown. She connected us to Larry. This was just one of many ways she made our community a better place. I will miss her a lot.

*Sincerely,
Jonathan Raun*



Jonathan Raun - May 06 at 03:01 PM

MC

“ 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 Life Tribute Center - May 06 at 10:27 AM