



## Doris C. Morton

November 3, 1927 - January 28, 2026

On the evening of January 28, 2026, a beautiful woman of boundless energy and thoughtfulness, DORIS CYNTHIA MORTON (also known as “Mama”) was called to Heaven. Through her journey of 98 years, Mama touched the lives of many with her wisdom, humor, compassion and generosity. She was also a woman of strong faith, a philanthropy enthusiast and loved animals, especially cats.

On November 3, 1927, Doris was born in Live Oak, Florida. As a teenager, she resided in Daytona Beach and attended Campbell Street High School. Doris was crowned “Miss Campbell Street” for her grace, prestige and service. This achievement was a very proud moment, as it not only signified her devotion to serve as a role model for community leadership, business and education; it also highlighted a major social milestone, in which she reflected pride and resilience. But this was only the beginning of her journey with African American advocacy.

At a very young age, Mama gave her life to God. She loved the Lord, and her spiritual nature was sprinkled upon everyone she met. After moving to New York City, she fellowshiped with several churches and was a member of Faith Temple, under Bishop Dr. Alvin A. Childs, Sr. In the early 1970s, Mama relocated to

Baltimore, Maryland, where she met her beloved husband and founder of Eden Light Baptist Church, Bishop Miller Elbin Morton (also known as “Pop”). They soon united in matrimony. Mama became Head Deaconess and continued to lay parables for anyone seeking healing. She was also a long-time Board Member of the Eastside Democratic Organization (EDO), focusing on minority representation and the advancement of Black political empowerment in Baltimore City.

As a young adult, Mama studied Home Economics and until this day, it is no secret that she was the ultimate, fantastic cook! She was best known for her cornbread and peach-apple cobbler. Mama’s favorite snacks were sodas, strawberry milkshakes and all kinds of candy. She had a sweet tooth unlike any other. Gardening, decorating and getting her nails done were some of Mama’s favorite pastimes. She also loved watching television, particularly comedies, westerns and sports. Mama often hosted holiday gatherings because she genuinely enjoyed the company of family and friends. Her charisma uplifted everyone she crossed paths with. Another guilty pleasure was shopping, hence her fashion sense for unique clothing and jewelry.

Driven by an endless thirst for entrepreneurship, Mama’s unwavering spirit of perseverance led her to spearhead multiple business ventures, including but not limited to a grocery store and churches. In addition, Mama and Pop owned and operated two tire businesses, one on Huntington Avenue and the other on Harford Road. Soon, Mama and Pop combined them into one. For nearly 40 years, together they piloted the Harford Road location, Glide N Ride (now known as Quick Tire Ride). After Pop passed in 2012, Mama continued to manage the tire shop, for another decade. She worked daily until she was 94 years old, acquiring “The Tire Lady” as her most credible nickname. In her final years, Mama’s son-in-law, Harry M. Smith, assisted with tire shop duties. Like “two peas in a pod,” they collaborated and thrived.

Doris was predeceased by her parents, Lorenzo Washington and Stella McCray, along with her youngest daughter, Linda D. Cruse. She is survived by daughters, Fleeter M. Reed and Deborah C. Cruse (Harry); sons, Claude "Champ" Reed and Everett "Chubby" Cruse; step-son, Romeko Morton; grandson, Maurice (Belinda) Smith; granddaughter, Unissa Cruse-Ferguson; great-grandson, Kyle Smith; nephew, Corey White; niece, "Rosemary"; tabby cat, Fluffy; godchildren, Sarah Robinson, Sandra La-Kaye Biles, Geselle "Jean" Lewis, Tonda "Wee-Wee" Baxter and Jaki "Boss Lady" Johnson; plus a host of dear friends and family. She was truly a remarkable angel to us all

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Wake

FEB 20. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

NV

“ *Deepest condolences for the loss of your Mother. She leaves you all wonderful memories and love.*



Nan Vidal - February 19 at 10:39 PM

GF

“ *Garland, Thacker, Morris Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Doris C. Morton.*



Garland, Thacker, Morris Family - February 19 at 07:01 AM

TF

“ *The Johnson Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Doris C. Morton.*



The Johnson Family - February 18 at 05:53 PM

TF

“ *The Johnson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doris C. Morton.*

The Johnson Family - February 18 at 05:53 PM

LN

“ *Lindy Nails lit a candle in memory of Doris C. Morton*



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**Lindy Nails** - February 18 at 10:43 AM

CS

“ *Carolyn Sawyer lit a candle in memory of Doris C. Morton*



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**Carolyn Sawyer** - February 17 at 07:47 AM

RR

“ *Robert M. Rice lit a candle in memory of Doris C. Morton*



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**Robert M. Rice** - February 16 at 06:13 PM

RR

*Dear Ms. Fleeta and other members of the bereaved family, finding appropriate words to express my are hard, nevertheless, I'd like to share the following poem with you all.*

*Her Journey has Just Begun*

*Don't think of her as gone away, Her journey has just begun  
Life holds many facets, The earth is only one.  
Just think of her as resting From the sorrow and the tears In a place of  
warmth and comfort Where there are no day nor years.  
Think how she must be wishing That you could know today How  
nothing but our sadness can really pass away.  
And think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched, For  
nothing loved is ever lost, And she was loved so much.  
(author Unknown)*

*In Sympathy,  
Robert M. Rice - Washington, DC*

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**Robert M. Rice** - February 16 at 06:22 PM

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“*Ma, You filled life with warmth, laughter, and countless small acts of love.*

*You left behind stories, traditions, and memories that will never fade.*

*Rest well, yours was a life truly well lived. Love you forever,*

*TY..E*

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**TY E** - February 12 at 10:06 AM



JT

*My deepest sympathies to the family.*

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**Joanne Taylor** - February 16 at 04:12 PM

OW

“ Words are so inadequate at a time like this. Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your Mother. No matter how old we are, losing a mother is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know, but her strength and her wisdom live on... like a legacy of love that will always be with you. Your mother left an indelible mark that will forever be in your hearts. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27  
Oliver Winkfield - Washington, DC



Oliver Winkfield - February 07 at 07:04 PM

JK

My deepest sympathy and condolences Fleeter, family and friends in the transition of Mrs. Doris Morton. 🌸🙏🙏

James King - February 16 at 08:41 PM

VJ

“ Mrs. Doris ,was knew as mama was a beautiful person ,there was nothing in the world that she would not do for anyone who needed help, she was so caring, mama was an amazing lady!! i feel very privileged to have known her, mama rest in paradise, with my deepest condolences to the family..... Vickie/ jones family.

vickie jones - February 06 at 02:44 PM

YN

“ Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories, you and your family are in my prayers for peace and comfort knowing that God has given Mrs. Doris her Eternal Keys to her new home to rest well.

Yilmaz A Neale - February 03 at 07:08 AM

YN

“ *I will miss seeing and talking with Mrs. Doris and her beautiful cat. Mrs. Doris, Rest well Queen in your Eternal Home. Your neighbor:  
Yilmaz A. Neale(Toni)*

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**Yilmaz A. Neale** - February 03 at 06:49 AM



“ *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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 02 at 02:44 PM