



Iris G Reeves

October 9, 1939 - May 23, 2025

Iris Genelle Reeves, beloved daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, niece and friend, passed away on Friday, May 23, 2025, at her home in the Mount Washington neighborhood of Baltimore. Iris was a woman of quiet strength, determination, and drive. A political activist, Baltimore City Councilperson, teacher and social worker, Iris' reach was far and wide, a bright spirit that touched the people she encountered. Iris wanted to help people, and she did.

Iris was born in Burlington, North Carolina on October 9, 1939, to Lucian Gant, a painter for the Western Electric Co. and Mabel Hazel Gant, a teacher. Iris was an only child, who in high school was a member of the National Honor Society, the Future Homemakers of America and played saxophone in the school band. Iris attended Howard University where she was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology (1961) and a Master of Social Work degree (1963).

Iris began her professional career as a psychiatric social worker with the State of Maryland and continued as a school social worker and subsequently a student placement specialist with the Baltimore City Public Schools. She served in the Maryland Office of Personnel as a legislative specialist.

In 1962, Iris married "the love her life", Norman V.A. Reeves, Jr. Iris and

Norman had two wonderful children of which they were so proud, Norman V.A. Reeves III and Traci A. Reeves. The Reeves family was strong. Norman recently retired from his position at United Parcel Service, and tragically Traci passed away in 1990.

After Norman passed away, Iris was appointed to succeed him as City Councilperson in 1983, representing Northwest Baltimore's 5th District. Iris inspired an intense interest in education and economic development. Iris brought dynamic leadership and representation to Northwest Baltimore's neighborhoods, along with colleagues and friends, Vera Hall and Rikki Spector. In three subsequent elections, Iris was reelected to the council by very substantial margins and became a powerful political voice in her own right.

Because of her commitment, formidable voice and intellect, Iris was sought out by many non-profit organizations to serve on boards. Among them she was President of the Baltimore League of Women Voters, League for the Handicapped, American Civil Liberties Union, Fairmount Neighborhood Association, New Democratic Coalition, Women's Power, Inc., Baltimore City Commission for Children and Youth, and the Leukemia Society.

Iris was an active member of her church home at Macedonia Baptist Church and served on its Bereavement Committee.

Iris loved to travel, and she and her husband collected numerous pieces of African art which decorated their home.

Her son Norman said of his mother "Today is my mother's homecoming, a bright day to pay tribute to a bright light that enriched the lives of anyone she encountered or in passing. With her infectious smile, pleasant spirit and vibrant personality her reach was far and wide. She served her community

with zeal and flair as she moved through her life; I already miss her.”

Iris is survived by son Norman, his wife Fiol and granddaughters Cierra and Sydney, great-granddaughter Bella, best and childhood friend Jennette Wade, Mark Sissman, and Barbara Squires, Judy Smith, and a host of family and friends.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Macedonia Bapt. Church
718 W. Lafayette Ave
Baltimore, MD

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

KL

“ *My Grand Mother and Mother called her Mother Teresa because she was just so kind to everyone, she was underappreciated and will be missed.*

Kevin Lorick - June 09, 2025 at 04:00 PM

CN

“ *My deepest condolences and life of debt owed to Mrs. Reeves. If it were not for her compassion and my father's commitment, I would have never transferred from a racial incident at school in Baltimore County to Western High School in 1980. Becoming a Dove changed the trajectory of my life for which I am forever grateful. Carla Nealy.*

Carla Nealy - June 09, 2025 at 12:51 PM

PF

“ *To My Cousin Iris, May You Rest In Peace. You All Hold a Place For Me Now.*



Patricia Freeman - June 09, 2025 at 12:30 PM

SH

“ It was a pleasure working with Ms. Reeves during the Hall-Reeves-Spector era at Baltimore's City Council, District 5. Her gentle spirit and personality will be greatly missed. My sincerest condolences to the family.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Hall

Stephanie Hall - June 09, 2025 at 08:12 AM

VF

“ Vera and the Hall family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Iris G Reeves.



Vera and the Hall family - June 07, 2025 at 03:11 PM

VF

“ Vera and the Hall family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Iris G Reeves.

Vera and the Hall family - June 07, 2025 at 03:11 PM

MP

“ Mark, Jocelyn and Joyce Pollard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Iris G Reeves.

Mark, Jocelyn and Joyce Pollard - June 07, 2025 at 09:17 AM

DH

“ Dan, Del Darren & Dana Henson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Iris G Reeves.

Dan, Del Darren & Dana Henson - June 05, 2025 at 03:21 PM

DH

“ Dan, Del Darren & Dana Henson purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Iris G Reeves.



Dan, Del Darren & Dana Henson - June 05, 2025 at 03:21 PM

TF

“ The Sissman - Squires family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Iris G Reeves.

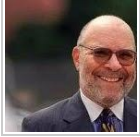


The Sissman - Squires family - June 05, 2025 at 03:04 PM

TF

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The Sissman - Squires family - June 05, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ I offer my sincere condolences to Norman and the family. Iris was the best of us. A great friend, wife, mother and public servant. I’ve enjoyed knowing her for the last five decades and she will be missed.

Daniel Henson - June 04, 2025 at 09:55 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Iris G Reeves.



June 04, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ Rest in Peace Grammy 🙏 Say Hi To Nana, Great Gram, Grandma Bea, Grand Daddy George, Aunt Tracey, Sallie Blair, And Grand Daddy Norman for Us 🙏 I Love You 🥹👐



Ms. Cierra K. Reeves - June 01, 2025 at 05:45 AM



“ “May flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest” ...Our deepest condolences from The Graddy/ Cierra, Sydney & Bella Campbell Reeves family in Reisterstown Maryland. 🕊️🌸

Carolyn Campbell Graddy - June 01, 2025 at 01:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Iris G Reeves.

May 31, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Iris G Reeves.



May 31, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ Deloris Suarez lit a candle in memory of Iris G Reeves



Deloris Suarez - May 30, 2025 at 08:46 PM



My condolences to the family . Iris & I were classmates from Burlington NC. she busted me serval times in California. she was always a very kind , caring lovely person and my prayers and condolences to the family. Heaven has gained an angel .May GOD comfort you during this difficult time .

Deloris Suarez - May 30, 2025 at 08:50 PM



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Leigh Golden - May 30, 2025 at 06:52 AM

DS

“ To Norman, family & friends from your cousin Darlene Stephens here in Greensboro NC: so sorry to hear of the passing of Iris, my dear cousin. I will miss talking to her, we kept in touch & I was always glad to hear from her. You all are in my prayers 🙏 Sent with love, Darlene.

Darlene Stephens - May 29, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ 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 - May 28, 2025 at 03:33 PM

ML

From your Lathan Cousins in Georgia; Dorscine, Joey, Marie and Dwight and others who knew her in our family are so heart broken to hear about our loving, kind, sweet cousin's departure from this earth to heaven. She will be truly missed at our reunions, her phone calls, speaking on birthdays and etc.; also seeing her read her books all the time. We are sending our love and prayers to the rest of the family to treasure the beautiful memories of a loving family member that we will never forget. Family be blessed.

Marie S Lathan - May 30, 2025 at 02:48 PM