



## Iris Willamae Warren

March 13, 1933 - October 4, 2021

### The Life and Legacy Of Iris

Iris Willamae Warren, beloved daughter and second child of the late Ira Samuel Wright and Lillian Hull Wright, was born on March 13, 1933 and raised in Wetipquin, MD. She transitioned from earth to glory on Monday, October 4, 2021.

After receiving her formal education in the public schools of Wicomico County, MD and attending Salisbury High School, her love for learning and a strong commitment to helping others led her into the medical field. Iris studied and became a Registered Nurse through Hampton Institute of Nursing and attended the Universities of Maryland, College Park and Baltimore Campus. She also completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Healthcare Administration from Antioch University.

Holding multiple positions throughout her stellar career ranging from Staff Nurse to Supervisor of Nursing to Neurosurgery, Iris trained and educated nurses as well. In 1972, she was employed as the Assistant Director of Nursing at Deers Head Center in Salisbury, MD. After leaving the Eastern Shore, her career path and aspirations continued to soar and from 1978 to 1988, Iris held Director of Nursing positions at Fair View Medical Center in

Montgomery, AL, Whittaker Memorial Hospital in Newport News, VA, Central Medical Center in St. Louis, MO and Vice President for Patient Care at L. Richardson Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, NC. Her strong work ethic, management and leadership skills, care and compassion for others and her dedication and commitment to excellence enabled her to be an essential advocate for nursing professionals everywhere.

Iris eventually returned to the Eastern Shore of MD and became Supervisor of Nurses and Staff Nurse at Eastern Correctional Institute (ECI) in Westover, MD. She also worked for Holly Center in Salisbury, MD as Registered Nurse Manager and Acting Director of Nursing for eighteen (18) years until her retirement.

Iris enjoyed traveling, spending time with family and friends, dining out, gardening, listening to music, cooking and shopping. As a member of Friendship United Methodist Church in Wetipquin, she prepared and distributed meals in the community. She was very active in the local NAACP and served on numerous professional and advisory boards from which she received accolades and awards for her outstanding contributions. Those included, but were not limited to, the American Nurses Association, American Heart Association professional education committee, Task Force for Detecting Cancer in Minorities, Sickle Cell Foundation and the list continues. The impact of her involvement is a true testament to the way she lived her life.

Precious memories of her life and legacy will be cherished by: her two sons, William Travis Warren (Juanita) of Mardela Springs, MD and Theodore Travis Warren (Michele) of Salisbury, MD; her sister, MonaJoy Hill of Glen Arden, MD; grandchildren, Tycolia (Norris) Robinson of Bear, DE, Jason Warren of Las Vegas, NV, Samuel Warren of Westover, MD, Alexis Warren and Vincent Warren, both of Philadelphia, PA, Sarah Warren of Mardela Springs, MD and Taylor Warren of Salisbury, MD; nine (9) great-grandchildren; god son, Dr.

Craig Harvey of Watchung, NJ; extended families, the Kiruthi family of Rockville, MD and the Hamelin family of Quebec, CA and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Sinclair Wright and Frank Wright, Waithira Kiruthi, who was like a daughter to her, and a grandson, Steven Warren.

LOVINGLY SUBMITTED ~ THE FAMILY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

OCT 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Salisbury, MD 21801

## Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

OCT 13. 11:00 AM.

Benniesfh Salisbury  
<http://Facebook>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Iris Willamae Warren*



**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - October 13, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Iris Willamae Warren.*



October 13, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Nos plus sincère condolences a la famille. Nos pensées sont avec vous .Mes souvenirs avec Iris cette grande Dame sont nombreux, notre première rencontre, Nos appels,Nos visites si chaleureuse seront grave dans mon coeurs.Notre language était universel L AMOUR" L'Amour avec un grand "A" Merci tres chère Iris d avoir fait partie de nos Vies. Lucie( daughter ) Jean-Francois and my sons .*

**LUCIE** - October 12, 2021 at 10:08 PM

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“ Sending prayers to the family in the loss of your mother, grandmother, aunt . She was a wonderful person and helped my mom when she was recovering from surgery many years ago.

*Michelle and Mike Hardy*

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**Michelle Hardy** - October 12, 2021 at 12:59 PM



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October 12, 2021 at 12:58 PM

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“ Our prayers and sincere condolences are with the Warren family at this time. Iris will be missed by all of us here in Canada that have had the pleasure of knowing her. She was a beautiful and strong woman with a heart of gold. Her laughter was contagious. May she Rest In Peace.

*Sincerely Anne-Marie Gouin*

*Please know that her family and friends from Canada will be with you tomorrow for the live stream of Iris' s funerals.*

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**Anne-Marie Gouin** - October 12, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ C'est avec beaucoup d'émotions que nous avons appris le décès de Iris....nous gardons de merveilleux souvenirs lors de son passage dans nos vies, lors de ses séjours au Canada en visite chez Erny! Ce fut aussi très agréable d'aller l'a visité aussi chez elle a une reprise...nous avons eu de belles conversations et des fous rires en sa présence .....sympathique,attachante , douce et remplie d'une grande sagesse....elle aura toujours une place privilégiée dans nos coeurs à jamais.....toutes nos sympathies a la famille...elle vous manquera mais veilleras surement sur vous dans un coin de son paradis.....Sincères condoléances François Hamelin et Christine Bordeleau Dominik Hamelin



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**Christine Bordeleau** - October 10, 2021 at 07:31 PM

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*To my favorite Aunt. Thank you for always being there for me in my growing up years. I will miss you greatly! Lovingly your neice.*

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**Casandra Denise Green** - October 11, 2021 at 11:44 AM