



Ms. Iris Antoinette Dawkins

February 6, 1960 - May 5, 2025

Iris Antoinette Dawkins the eldest child of the late Leymon and Corine F. Weathersbee, was born on February 6, 1960 in Halifax County, Tillery NC and departed this life on Monday, May 5, 2025 in Durham, NC.

At an early age, Iris joined Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. Iris attended Tillery's Chapel and Bakers elementary school and graduated from Scotland Neck High School in 1978. Her education and professional development include Associates of Arts – Biblical Studies Carolina College of Biblical Studies, Fayetteville, NC; Associate of Arts – General Studies, Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas and Biblical Counseling Certificate.

Iris served more than 35 years as both a retired United States Army service member and a retired North Carolina State Employee, specializing in Human Resource and Personnel Administration providing exceptional customer service. Iris enlisted in the United States Army in 1986 and was honorably retired after 20 years at the Rank of Sergeant (SGT) promotable. She held distinguished positions such as Administrative Specialist, Personnel Administrative Manager, Police Service Supervisor, Administrative Assistant, and Executive Administrative Assistant. She served in multiple locations to include, Fort Jackson, SC; Fort Bragg, NC; Camp Casey and Yongsan, South Korea; Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy; and Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Her awards and decorations include Joint Service

Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (10th award), Army Achievement Medal (4th award), the Good Conduct Medal (6th award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon; Overseas Ribbon (3rd award) and the Drivers and Marksmanship Badges.

After retiring from the United States Army, Iris continued to serve as a North Carolina State Employee. She served two years as an Office Assistant III at the Hoke Correctional Institution in Raeford, North Carolina, and 15 years as a Driver License Examiner Specialist at the North Carolina DMV in Raeford, North Carolina. She was recently employed as a Logistics Associate, DOD Contractor in the United States Army Reserve Command G-6, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Iris achieved numerous certificates during her career including Human Resources Specialist Certification Course; Drug and Alcohol Coordinator Training; Instructor Training Course; Manager/Supervisor Development Course, the Leadership Education and Development Course, and Secretary of State Appointed as North Carolina Notary Public for Cumberland County. She was so tough that she received her Certificate of Completion and Permit for Concealed Carry Handgun. “A Bad Mama Jama!”

Iris was always willing to help everyone. Whenever there was a family function, Iris was always called upon for her creativeness, talent, and eye for decorating. She lived life to the fullest and encouraged her Family to do so. All you had to do was ask, and Iris was right there.

Iris has now been rejoined with her daughters Lovely Renee’ and Ebony Jalai Johnson as well as her dad Leymon Weathersbee and her nephew Alvin Draughn.

Iris leaves to cherish her memories, a devoted son; Dominic R. Dawkins of the home, mother Corine F. Weatherbee of Scotland Neck NC, Sisters: Gwendolyn Renee' Draughn (Clarence) of Scotland Neck, NC, and Tracey L. Weathersbee of Halifax, NC, Nieces: Sade' Weathersbee of Rocky Mount, NC, Ashley S. Smith (Shawn) of Scotland Neck, NC, Great-Nieces: SaNiyah Weathersbee, Maliyah McGee, Tamia McGee and A'Zariah Draughn, Nephew; Rontrel M. Weathersbee ; Great-Nephew: Demarian J. Draughn. Aunts; Marie Weatherbee of Philadelphia, PA, Sarah Neville of Halifax, NC and Mary Pittman of Scotland Neck, NC, Uncles; Roy Lee Weathersbee of Philadelphia, PA, and Claude Weathersbee of Fayetteville, NC. Aunt-in-Laws; Barbara and Mary Weathersbee of Philadelphia, PA. A close sisterly friend Dominica Mello of Fayetteville, NC. A host of very close-knit cousins who loved her dearly, and many more friends who will miss her greatly.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Conference B Headquarters
10225 Fayetteville Rd.
Raeford, NC 28376

Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Iris Antoinette Dawkins



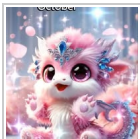
H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - May 15, 2025 at 02:44 PM

SR

“ Iris and I met while she was in the Army. She was my supervisor turned friend. She was truly one of the most real people I've ever met. She had the biggest heart and was a true friend. I'm shocked that she's gone. Much prayer for Dominique and family. RIP my dear sweet friend. Until we meet again.



Shirley Riddick - May 15, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ My sister, my friend. I will truly miss your smile and your loving giving spirit. We shall meet again and what a time we shall have. You just keep resting in His Arms. I love you Shorty. A piece of me is gone and I will never get it back. You keep watching my back, like you always have. My condolences and prayers for Ms. Corine, Renee and Tracey. Iris was a wonderful woman.



Stephanie Hale - May 15, 2025 at 01:28 AM

EH

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Iris was a dear friend whom I will miss tremendously. My heart is saddened that she’s gone but rejoices that she’s with the Lord. No more worry, no more pain, no more sickness. She bid this world goodbye as she embraced the beauty of His Majesty Jesus Christ her Lord! I love you Iris! You will be missed!*

Eldress Cindy W. Hough - May 15, 2025 at 12:39 AM

F(

“ *From Slick Rick (D.C.) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Iris Antoinette Dawkins.*



From Slick Rick (D.C.) - May 14, 2025 at 10:53 PM

DF

“ *Delarick and Jane Williams & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ms. Iris Antoinette Dawkins.*



Delarick and Jane Williams & Family - May 14, 2025 at 11:08 AM

ME

“ *Madlin Edmonds*
Iris was one of the most self-less women I have been blessed to have in my life! She was always there when needed the most. Even if you didn't talk to her often, when you did get a chance to speak with her, it was like no time had passed at all. You will be sorely missed!



Madlin Edmonds-Family - May 14, 2025 at 09:44 AM

RD

RIP my friend, sorry I couldn't be there to see you off. But I will hold on to that Beautiful Soul you shared.

Rick D.C. - May 14, 2025 at 11:03 PM

BT

“ *I want to extend my deepest sympathy to my dear friends family. Iris and I worked together for several years and I truly thanked God for sending Iris my way everyday. She and I shared lots of tears and lots of laughs. I will forever have love for for Iris in my heart. She is truly one of the most loving and beautiful people I have ever met. I am truly blessed to have had her in my life. ❤️ RIP*

Brenda Tyndall - May 14, 2025 at 09:25 AM

D&

“ *Dexter &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ms. Iris Antoinette Dawkins.*

Dexter &. - May 14, 2025 at 07:42 AM

DR

“ Dorothy Rowe lit a candle in memory of Iris Dawkins



Dorothy Rowe - May 13, 2025 at 08:01 PM

DR

“ My dear friend Iris, I don't know how to say good by to you. I am still in shock to hear this news. You are the kind of person that will live on in the hearts of many. We lived so far apart but when we got together we had the best of fun. I will always miss you but I know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. God bless your soul my friend and rest in peace.

Dorothy Rowe - May 13, 2025 at 07:58 PM

CD

“ Cheryl Dancy and family would like to lit a candle in memory of my dear beloved cousin Iris. We love you!!!



Cheryl Dancy - May 13, 2025 at 07:25 PM

AF

“ Andre Walker & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Iris Antoinette Dawkins.



Andre Walker & Family - May 13, 2025 at 07:07 PM

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Andre Walker & Family - May 13, 2025 at 07:07 PM

BS

“ I am still in shock that Iris is gone from this world. We were neighbors for 22 years. I met her through Connie. I got to know her through the years and what a sweet, energetic full of love for her family and friends soul she was! She was always there to help me with DMV issues too! May God comfort all of us who loved her especially her family and Dominique. My prayers are with you all. ❤️ 🙏❤️😭

Brenda Scriber - May 13, 2025 at 06:13 PM

UB

“ USARC CIO/G6 STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE BRA purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ms. Iris Antoinette Dawkins.



USARC CIO/G6 STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE BRA - May 12, 2025 at 08:35 PM

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USARC CIO/G6 STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE BRA - May 12, 2025 at 08:35 PM

SJ

“ My Condolences 🙏
I worked w/Iris for years & we socialized outside of work regularly..
She was ALWAYS Very supportive of events & ready to go..
I will TRULY miss Iris & her Beautiful spirit..
❤️💔❤️

Sherry Jones - May 12, 2025 at 04:32 PM

MW

“ Marlon wilson lit a candle in memory of Iris Dawkins



Marlon wilson - May 09, 2025 at 03:57 PM

MW

“ Iris, where do I start. Well, your smile and energy 😊 thats what was so special about you. And not only that. Just how big your heart was. You was always there for me if I ever need to talk or just vent.. your words of wisdom was always helpful .. ima truly miss you my dear friend 💞 you will always have a place in my heart!! My condolences to the family and to her son Dominic, my thoughts and well being goes out to you..

Marlon wilson - May 09, 2025 at 03:55 PM

AS

“ Ma Iris. I met you so many years ago and you've always loved me just like your own. Reunited with your baby girl after all of these years!!! You will be missed! Prayers to your family and friends!

Angie Shields - May 09, 2025 at 07:23 AM

GF

“ *Gloria Edmonds Pittman and Family lit a candle in memory of Iris Dawkins*



Gloria Edmonds Pittman and Family - May 09, 2025 at 06:36 AM

GP

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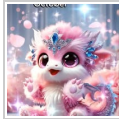


Gloria Edmonds Pittman - May 09, 2025 at 06:34 AM

DR

Hold on to your memories son. She will always be in your heart.

Dorothy Rowe - May 13, 2025 at 08:09 PM



Beautiful picture.

Stephanie Hale - May 15, 2025 at 01:21 AM

CW

“ *Charlotte Rock and Zina Weatherbe purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Iris Antoinette Dawkins.*



Charlotte Rock and Zina Weatherbe - May 08, 2025 at 07:35 AM

AS

“ My aunt was truly one of a kind. She had the sweetest soul, gentle, warm, and full of grace. Always smiling, she brought light into every room she entered. Her heart was the biggest I've ever known, full of love, kindness, and generosity. She gave without expecting, loved without limits, and lived with a joy that touched everyone around her. Her passing leaves an ache in my heart, but her spirit, her laughter, and her love will live on. I'm so grateful to have known her, and I will carry her memory with me always. I love you Iris 🍷

Ashley Smith - May 08, 2025 at 07:26 AM

SJ

My Sincere Condolences 🙏
I am at a loss for words..
I worked w/Iris & we associated outside of work..
I Loved hanging out w/her, it was ALWAYS a Pleasure & she was ALWAYS ready..I will TRULY miss her spontaneity & Beautiful spirit..
❤️❤️❤️

Sherry Jones - May 10, 2025 at 09:32 PM

CR

My friend, there is so much I can say about you. We met in the military. Those days were hard, however, it taught us how to be strong. You loved deeply and were very supportive. You walked with me during a time in my life when I needed someone. We shared deep conversations about family on many road trips to Duke. She loved her children. We lost contact, however, you were not forgotten. I love you my sister.

Crystal - May 13, 2025 at 06:51 PM

MF

“ I am sending healing prayers and comfort during this tough time. Mary Foreman-Harris.



MARY FOREMAN-HARRIS - May 08, 2025 at 06:32 AM

FA

I've known her since she was 14 and she was a very wonderful person, always smiling when I used to go to the driving license place. She will be truly missed

Floyd Anthony - May 08, 2025 at 04:33 PM

FL

“ Iris you are going to be miss. I know that God call you home where there is no suffering an no pain. The angels came down from heaven to take you to heaven. One day we will meet again. Rest In Peace



Freda Lassiter - May 07, 2025 at 09:45 PM

AE

“ Iris gave of herself and during our talks was always positive and uplifting. Thank you Iris for being a part of my life and letting God use you to inspire and motivate the younger generation. Miss you sis.



Angela Evans - May 07, 2025 at 09:41 PM

AW

“ I meet Iris through my sister Stephanie, she was a phenomenal woman. She was beautiful, strong, witty, and always kind. She adored our mother, Selma as if she was her mother. I pray God's comfort and strength for her family as you navigate through this time.



Angielena R Walker - May 07, 2025 at 09:14 PM

CL

“ My heart is so 💔 but I know you're in a better place. I'm going to Miss you coming down to South Carolina and having fun with us. you always have had such a Big heart in caring and giving you support. I will always remember your beautiful smile and the memories we shared and glad you were able to come to my wedding the picture below of the reception. and I sent you invite for my graduation 🎓 in August I know for sure you would have been there. R.I.P.

Auntie Iris A Dawkins until we meet again 😊😊😊 My condolences and Prayers go out to my family Love you Dominic Dawkins



Corinthy Annette Lipscomb - May 07, 2025 at 09:00 PM

DS

Iris baby girl after 30 yrs or more of friendship. I last saw you on Sunday and when I got there I was told you only respond to yes or no questions. But God knew I needed more than that for us I asked you how are you feeling

You said that you were hot and thirsty

I got a cup of ice and fed you ice cubes, which you chewed up lol.

Then I played you some go go music like we do whenever you come to SC you pat your foot and hand the i said the only thing missing is a cold glass and she said yes baby girl

Idk what I'm going to do now. You was my sister, friend, prayer partner and my go to with everything and I was yours. Life will never be the same

Thank you Momma Corrie, sisters Renee and Tracy for excepting me into your family as a daughter and sister too

Dominic Aunty love you soooo much and I pray peace and strength upon our families In Jesus Name Glorry Hallelujah Glorry Hallelujah Glorry Hallelujah Amen Amen Amen

Sis gone but never forgotten Rest In Paradis my lovely lady. Embrace Heaven with your big heart and beautiful smile.

Djresay Smith - May 08, 2025 at 01:32 PM

SC

To my beautiful auntie.. there's no where to start. From a lil girl to a grown woman you've shown me so much love. You just congratulated on my new job and moving to Maine. I had somewhere new for you to visit. I'm going to miss your infectious smile and kind encouraging words. My heart hurts and eyes tear filled. If only I was close enough to hug and laugh with you again. To Dominic my heart and prayers go out to you cousin. With love to the family and friends she will forever live in our hearts..I love you auntie 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

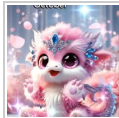
Shereka Clark - May 12, 2025 at 09:08 PM

DS

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Djresay Smith - May 07, 2025 at 05:31 PM



Gorgeous

Stephanie Hale - May 15, 2025 at 01:22 AM