



Mrs. Iris Lynette Smith

January 30, 1961 - September 24, 2024

Iris L. Smith – Redhead was born on January 30, 1961, in Lumberton, North Carolina. She was the third daughter. of the late Solomon (JW) Smith and Rebecca (Stephens) Smith, who preceded her in death. On Tuesday, September 24, 2024, Iris transitioned to her heavenly home peacefully, surrounded by family and friends in Washington, DC.

Growing up in rural NC, Iris attended Columbus County Public Schools, where she graduated with honors in May of 1979. She then went on to attend Howard University in Washington, DC, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in June 1984. During these school years, Iris made many lifelong friends. After graduating from Howard, she immediately began her career working at Best Programming as a Lead Information Technology Specialist on July 21, 1984. She worked there for approximately 8 years before moving on to MCI in her role as a Project Manager. While working in Corporate America, Iris held various jobs before she retired August 23, 2024 from the United States Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Iris was a devout Christian and gave her life to Christ at an early age at Minter’s Chapel FBC, where she grew up. She served God to the fullest with her whole heart and soul. Her faith was very strong as God was her everything. She often would say “It is through service that we can truly

express our love for God. We must strive to always learn and better ourselves and use to its fullest potential for God.”

Iris married the love of her life, her husband Charles Redhead on August 20, 2006. During their 18-years of marriage, Iris discovered her joy for cooking and learned from one of the best, her late mother, Rebecca

Smith. Iris was known for finding new recipes and introducing her new creations to family and friends. She would often bake our favorite cakes and pies. Some of her staple dishes included spaghetti, chicken fried

rice and the best potato salad and deviled eggs one could taste.

Iris believed in living her best life. She enjoyed traveling to new countries with her husband and a few family members, which she did often. One of her favorite destinations was Bermuda, United Kingdom, where she travelled with her sisters. She was very supportive of her family and friends and was always there to celebrate life’s ups and supportive during life’s downs.

Iris was preceded in death by her father, Soloman Smith Sr. (2004) her mother, Rebecca Smith (2019); and

her brother Soloman Smith Jr. (2022). She leaves to cherish her precious memories, her husband, Ronald

Charles Redhead of Washington, DC; three brothers, Ralph L. Hall (Coreen) of Washington, DC, George H. Smith of Lumberton, NC, and Martin F. Smith of Lumberton, NC; two sisters and two brothers-in-law,

Charlotte (Dennis) Hempstead of Lumberton, NC, Diane Smith of Washington, DC, and Raymond Redhead

of Sag Harbor, NY; Uncles and Aunts, John H. Stephens of Las Vegas, NV, William D. (Sheila) Stephens of

Woodland Hills, CA, Sadie Williams of Baltimore, MD and Floria (Sherman)

Thompson of Baltimore, MD; one mother-in-law, Gladys Redhead of Sarasota, FL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Cemetery Details

Gardens of Faith Cemetery, Inc.

5190 Fayetteville Rd.
Lumberton, NC 28358

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Geneva Richardson Fellowship Hall
Fairmont, NC

Celebration of Life

OCT 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Geneva Richardson Fellowship Hall
Fairmont, NC

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Deepest condolences to the family.*



Diane Withers Ellis - November 15, 2024 at 05:17 PM

DE

“ *Dear Charlie,
I am so very sorry to learn about the passing of your beloved Iris.
You and Iris are an amazing example of what true love, devotion,
and commitment look and feel like. Thank you for your lesson on
real love. May memories of wonderful times spent with Iris bring
smiles to replace tears. Peace be with you. May God's arms enfold
you and comfort you .
Fondly,
Donna Edwards*

Donna Edwards - November 15, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs.
Iris Lynette Smith.*



November 07, 2024 at 07:24 AM

SH

“ *A wonderful Park Place neighbor who will be greatly missed.*

Susan Hardy - November 06, 2024 at 04:29 PM

SB

“ My heartfelt condolences to Iris's family. I want you to know that I truly cherished her and made sure to express how much she meant to me every time we spoke. I understand this is a challenging time, but I believe we serve an incredible God. Iris has left a lasting impression on my heart, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have known such a remarkable woman who was thoughtful, kind, and an exceptional listener. Until we meet again—love you, Iris!

Shavonne Bowman - October 07, 2024 at 02:33 PM

RJ

“ Deepest condolences to the family.



Redeliah Stanley Jenkins - October 05, 2024 at 09:30 PM

HW

“ I will miss Iris until the end of time. She's the most generous and sweetest person I've ever met. She was the person I'd call for inspiration or a kind word. We've lost a sweet soul but gained a magnificent Angel.



Howard Ward - October 05, 2024 at 01:11 PM

FC

“ I will always remember Iris fondly as a kind and wonderful colleague during our years working together at the CFPB. My deepest condolences to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.
- Flavio Cumpiano

Flavio Cumpiano - October 04, 2024 at 02:26 PM

RP

“ *Condolences to the Smith family. Iris was a true treasure to me. She always had a word of encouragement and wisdom for me. She was a joy to work with and be around. I miss her deeply.*

Reginald Peacock - October 04, 2024 at 01:51 PM

SW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are extended to the family of Mrs. Iris Lynette Smith during this most difficult time, Please accept my most sincere condolences.*

Sheriff Burnis Wilkins - October 03, 2024 at 04:39 PM

US

“ *Uncle Dan & Aunt Sheila lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Lynette Smith*



Uncle Dan & Aunt Sheila - October 03, 2024 at 02:21 AM

EB

“ *Evelyn Brown Brisbon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Lynette Smith*



Evelyn Brown Brisbon - October 02, 2024 at 04:07 PM

JT

“ To the husband and family of Iris, it gravely saddened me to hear of the passing of my former neighbor and family friend. May she rest in eternal heavenly peace.

JANICE TURNER-MCMILLAN - September 30, 2024 at 11:04 AM

ST

“ Sandra T.Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Iris Lynette Smith



Sandra T.Smith - September 30, 2024 at 10:15 AM

BW

“ Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Iris Smith



Brenda Williams - September 28, 2024 at 04:13 AM

MM

It been a long time.you will be missed but not forgotten.sending love to the family.

Marcia Mason - October 02, 2024 at 09:47 AM

JH

My deepest condolences to the family of my loving classmate. Rest in peace sis, until we meet again in our brand new home.

Jo Ann Turner Henry - October 20, 2024 at 01:03 AM

TJ

“ Iris was both friend and family. Earth truly has no sorrow that heaven cannot not heal. A born again trusted and treasured soul, we will all miss. We are most confident that she had a great reception in Glory!!!! RIP our dear friend and sister. We will see you in the morning!

The Family of the late HB & Maybelle Joh - September 26, 2024 at 04:51 PM