



## Ms. Loretta Hart

April 8, 1938 - August 2, 2022

Loretta Hart was the fourth of six children born to the late Hutchison Hart Sr. and Nellie (Ray) Hart, in Irondale, Ohio on April 8, 1938. Loretta departed this life at the age of 84 on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at the George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Loretta was the valedictorian of the Irondale High School Class of 1956 and that was just the beginning of her success. After high school, with assistance of her family and a God given gift for serving others, Loretta left Irondale, Ohio for Washington D.C. to attend the Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing where she met a group of lifelong friends who are as close as sisters to this day.

Upon graduating from Freedmen's School of Nursing in 1959 and spending a brief time in California, Loretta began her career as a nurse at D.C. General Hospital. During her 28-year tenure at D.C. General, Loretta spent a major part of her nursing career as Head Nurse and received several awards and recognitions including being honored by the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing as one of one hundred nurses selected each year. For many years after retiring from D.C. General in 1993, Loretta continued her work serving others by working at Helping Hands Inc. She was driven by a passion to help others.

Loretta became a follower of Christ in her early years. She joined Mt. Ennon Baptist Church in 2005. She was an active member of the Golden Circle ministry. Although the pandemic has prevented in person fellowship for over two years, Loretta has maintained her close-knit relationships with fellow church members.

Loretta was a deeply loved and respected sister, aunt, friend, and co-worker. Those who knew her will remember Loretta for her intellect, humility, kindness, authenticity, and her ability to do so many things exceptionally well. In addition to being an extraordinary nurse, she could sew, cook, and bake like she was professionally trained. But perhaps significantly, those who knew Loretta will remember her for her giving nature. Loretta

asked little of others yet gave generously and selflessly of herself - giving genuinely from the heart to her staff, family, and friends. When her younger sister, Beverly, needed a wedding dress, Loretta made her one. When her friends, nephews, or nieces needed a cake for their wedding, she would create the most beautiful and creative wedding cake free of charge and full of love. Being the giving person that she was, Loretta naturally loved Christmas. She always had 5 Christmas trees in her house including one that she would hang from her ceiling. Loretta's home was "the place to be" every year, every Christmas, because of the loving, caring, and giving person that she was. Loretta's vivacious and giving spirit will be missed by many.

Loretta was preceded in death by her life companion, Van Richardson; her brothers, Hutchinson Jr. and Herbert Hart; and her sisters, Yvonne Jackson and Beverly Jones.

Loretta is survived and missed by her sister, Marian Duhart (Plainfield, NJ), brothers-in-law, Richard Jackson (Gambrills, MD) and Thomas Jones (Silver Spring, MD), and many much-loved nieces, nephews, godchildren, and friends. Her spirit will dwell forever in our lives.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to  
Freedman's Hospital Nurses Alumni Scholarship Fund  
2600 33rd St, SE.  
Washington , DC 20020

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# Cemetery Details

## Springhill Cemetery / Wellsville, Oh.

Wellsville, OH 43968

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Ennon Baptist Church  
9832 Piscataway Rd,  
Clinton, MD , MD 20735

## Funeral Service

AUG 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Interment

AUG 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Spring Hill Cemetery  
1301 10th Street Ext  
Wellsville, OH 43968

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Aunt Loretta, I love you and thank God for the wonderful times we shared and memories we made. I am so blessed to have hugged you and told you how much I love and appreciate you the last time we were together. I remain in awe of your gift of seeing people’s hearts and nursing, blessing, feeding, comforting, engaging, amusing, and most importantly, loving them to peace, healing, joy, hope, laughter and full bellies! Prayerfully, God will equip me and others to step in and continue your legacy of hospitality until we see you again. 🙏❤️

Susan Wright - August 11 at 12:30 PM

RB

“ It is easy to have faith when everything goes smoothly. God teaches us that we will face some challenging, hard, and uncertain times. You just need to have faith in God's love and wisdom because He has things under control. Loretta walked with God daily and she is now home with God.

Rodney & Thelma Bradley - August 11 at 11:46 AM

MJ

“ With deepest sympathy to Loretta's family and many friends. She was a kind, sharing lady who will be missed. Rest in peace Loretta.  
Moses A. Wilds, Jr.  
Laurel, MD

MOSES A WILDS JR - August 11 at 10:14 AM

CJ

“ I will always remember the kindness shown to me by Loretta Hart. She had a wonderful smile and always had encouraging word for me. She baked the best cakes I have eaten in a long time. Her notes of love and support for me made my service to Freedmen's Nurses Alumni Clubs easier. I will always love and I will miss her, but God love her best. Rest in peace Loretta.  
Carol Johnson, class of 1965  
President Freedmen's Nurses alumni Clubs, Inc.

Carol Johnson - August 10 at 09:00 PM

WR

“ Our family will be forever grateful and thankful for the love and care Loretta gave to her life partner (our brother), Van Richardson. She had a giving spirit and a servant's heart and was loved by all of our family. She will be truly missed and will always be in our hearts and memories.

Love you Loretta-

Ed and Wilma Richardson

The Richardson Family

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Wilma Richardson - August 10 at 07:06 PM

RJ

“ For my relationship with Loretta, she was a friend & Sister-Law. Her & I go back to Irondale and Wellsville days, when 14th Street, going into town, roller skating, & Paisley's were a few of the sayings of the time. We had the opportunity to do many things together, so I am thankful (to God) for all the years of the good times and memorable experiences we had. Memories are forever. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

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Richard Jackson - August 10 at 09:30 AM

RB

Thank you, Loretta, for your kindness and thoughtfulness! You were always so accepting and accommodating! Will miss your Mother's Day Cards and Christmas Cards! Love you!

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Rita Owens Bradley - August 11 at 10:24 AM

TH

“ Aunt Loretta was a one of a kind!! Her wisdom, compassion and empathy was shared unselfishly. I will miss our phone calls that were filled with laughter and many trips down memory lane. I am only one if many who will miss her presence...but are aware that we were BLESSED to have had her in our lives. The world was a much better place when she was in it!! Aunt Loretta...you will be missed!! Me love you long time, your Niece, Terry.



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Terry Hart - August 09 at 09:34 PM

JC

“ Ms. Hart, thank you for being a role model in nurse excellence, and thank you for your delicious cakes. May you rest in heavenly peace.

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Jeanine Carter - August 08 at 12:55 PM