

## *Flower Bearers*

Chestine Irving-Hayden • Cherrease Hockett • Kandi Irving • Yolanda Irving-Green • Lasonya Pike

## *Honorary Flower Bearers*

Jacqueline Franklin-Garner • Tiara Franklin • Paris Lipsey-Coley • Sydni Lipsey • Deja Turner

## *Casket Bearers*

Terry Franklin • Kiley Henderson • SaVon Horton • Donald Irving  
Malcolm Irving • Randall Irving • Timothy Irving

## *Honorary Casket Bearers*

Nathaniel Atkinson • Charles Coley, Jr. • Keenan Coley  
Ricky Jacques, Jr. • Karry Lipsey • Mason Lipsey



### **FINAL RESTING PLACE**

Maple Grove Cemetery  
1000 N. Hillside – Wichita, Kansas 67214

### **Services Entrusted to:**



### *Jackson Mortuary, Inc.*

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# *Celebrating the Life of William Walter Irving*

**SUNRISE: November 11, 1951  
Wichita, Kansas**

**SUNSET: March 29, 2026  
Wichita, Kansas**



## Reflections on His Life

William Walter Irving was born on November 15, 1951, in Wichita, Kansas, to Hazel and Alma Irving. William was the baby of the Irving crew, but that didn't stop him from taking life by the horns and living it boldly. He was raised in Wichita's Planeview neighborhood. There, he made lifelong friends and built a village that would surround him with love and loyalty. William would eventually meet and marry Hattie Laverne Franklin. From this marriage, William was gifted two children, Karry and Paris Lipsey. He walked into fatherhood like the true OG he was. Granted, he had some experience with his nieces: Lasonya, Yalonda, and Chestine.

William took his role as a parent and husband seriously, providing guidance, structure, protection, and love to Hattie, Karry, and Paris. 44 years of marriage brought a sense of stability to William and LaVerne. William would eventually be known as Irving or Uncle Irving. Karry and Paris affectionately called him Pops. William would not stop at matrimony and parenthood; he eventually became the best Papa on this side of the Arkansas River. He would take his grandchildren to the Wichita River Festival and to the Bradley Fair Summer Concert Series just to hang out.

He was the popular uncle, filled with fun, laughter, and a long, long, long time ago, a cold glass of Cupcake Moscato. William was also a grill master and a self-taught cook; his fried fish, fried green tomatoes, and tossed salad with apples were just a few of his great creations.

William retired from the City of Wichita in 2004 and also had successful careers in the aviation industry. He held positions at Gates Learjet (Bombardier), Boeing, and Beechcraft. Another successful job that William loved was landscaping. Not only did he work as a landscaper, but he also maintained the family yards. When he cut the yard, his lines had to be even and cut in the right direction. He taught his son Karry how to mow the yard, but his daughter Paris had no interest in this activity. In addition to landscaping, he enjoyed playing dominoes, watching the Chiefs, and watching Westerns and judge shows. He stayed pretty active as long as his health allowed; he was an avid walker through the mall and neighborhood.

As his health began to decline, he kept fighting, determined to return to church, take Vern out to eat, and walk the neighborhood again. Amid his pain and discomfort, he never lost faith in God. He told Paris that if God called him home, he was ready but wasn't rushing it. "I have loved and been loved, and I loved the Lord". Uncle Chester "Skeet" would have Bible study with him to encourage and minister to him. One of the things William missed the most was going to church.

He never lost his sense of humor, frequently referring to Karry and Paris as co-conspirators.

Uncle Skeet, Uncle Clinnard, and Uncle Aaron frequently visited him. Uncle Aaron would bring him all the foods he loved but shouldn't have. These men never missed a hospital stay. Aunt Helen acted as his big sister and second mom.

A special thank you to Skeet, Clinnard, Aaron, and Helen for their love and care for William. Thank you to Adrienna Hillard-Franklin for providing sound, high-quality care over the last few months.

**One thing William knew was that he was loved!** On March 29, 2026 gained his wings surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hazel and Alma Irving; his brother David Irving, and his sister Helen McClain.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of 44 years, Hattie L. Irving; son Karry D. Lipsey (Kandis); daughter Paris Caprice Lipsey-Coley (Charles); brothers Chester and Clinnard Irving; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

## Celebration of Life

Saturday – April 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Wichita Community Baptist Church  
2525 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street N. – Wichita KS 67214

Officiating:  
Sharon Franklin – Mistress of Ceremony



## Order of Service

**Processional of Ministers and Family**

**Songs of Celebration and Praise**

**Old Testament:** Pastor Clarence Moore

**New Testament:** Pastor Michael Franklin

**Prayer:** Pastor Christopher Mack  
Pastor, Wichita Community Baptist Church

**Acknowledgements:** Lasonya Pike

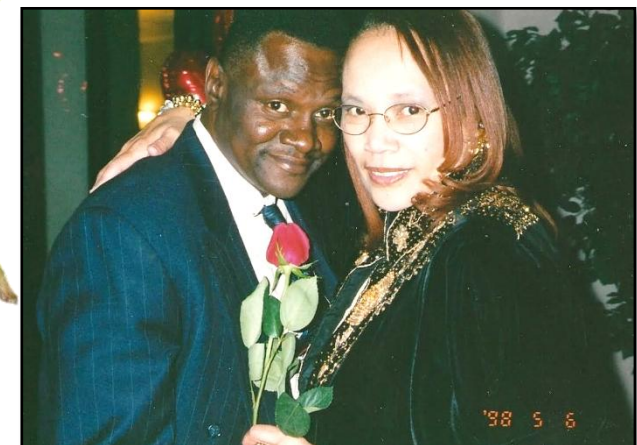
**Obituary:** Paris Lipsey-Coley

**Song:** Dr. Kevin Harrison

**Words of Comfort:** Deacon Chester Irving  
Brother and Deacon  
Wichita Community Baptist Church

**Video Tribute:** Deja Turner

**Recessional**



*Perhaps you sent a lovely card  
or sat quietly in a chair;  
Perhaps you sent a floral spray,  
if so, we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words  
as any friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all  
just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did  
to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much,  
whatever the part.*

