

## Acknowledgements

When our elders leave this world, it shifts the entire family. The family and friends of Robert Granville Ingguls wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation all the courtesies and condolences extended during our hour of bereavement. We would like to thank the kind staff at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Ft. Thomas, KY.

We would also like to thank our dear friends and extended family members, John & Marla Bynum, Atlanta, GA, Ms. Diana Ingguls, Covington, KY, and Ms. Mary Jane Lewis, Covington, KY, for their persistent dedication and friendship. Mrs. Iris Jean Derkson, Covington, KY, for submitting the fabulous photos of Granville, and Fox-Ingguls Historian, Mr. Corey K. Jarrell-Williams, Cincinnati, OH, and Ms. Tasha Fields, Covington, KY, for the program that you are reading.



## Pallbearers

Vernon C. Appleby · G'Ivonte Oneal · Gary Greer Ingguls

## Honorary Pallbearers

John Bynum, Jr. · Claude A. Frazier · Vance Greene · Corey K. Jarrell · Donnie H. White  
Alvin C. Williams · Derrick J. Williams · Edward M. Williams · Gregory R. Williams  
Mark A. Williams

## Final Resting Place

Evergreen Cemetery  
25 South Alexandria Pike, Southgate, KY 41071

## Repast Information

First Baptist Church, lower level. As seating is limited, this space is respectfully reserved for immediate and primary family members and friends.



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# Always In Our Hearts Robert Granville Ingguls

*Sunrise: September 11, 1931 ~ Sunset: September 15, 2025*



Friday, October 3, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 am ~ Funeral: 12:00 pm



First Baptist Covington

120 East Ninth Street | Covington, KY 41011

*Pastor Adam Crews, Officiating/Eulogist*





Robert attended two local segregated, and now-historic all-black institutions - the elementary Southgate Street School, and William Grant High School, where the teachers may not have expected every student to go on to higher education, but nonetheless helped lay the foundation for educational success. In 1950, Robert graduated from William Grant with a scholarship to attend the HBCU, Fisk University, in Nashville, TN. With initial dreams of becoming a teacher, a later decision changed the trajectory of his life when he entered the medical field under the tutelage of the legendary Cincinnati-based, African American ophthalmologist, Dr. Chester C. Pryor, MD.

***“Robert was a very good friend of mine. He worked for Dr. Chester Pryor as his office manager for many years before accepting a position in the ophthalmology resident training program at the University of Cincinnati. He eventually retired from UC Ophthalmology but was admired and very well appreciated by all who he worked with. He was an individual that was very particular about making sure things were done right and with the utmost respect to all those involved.*”**

The Southgate Street School closed in 1955, but sixty years later, in a full circle moment, Robert and another former student, Patty Headen, found themselves in the position of building preservationists. Along with members of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge 120, their committed efforts ensured that the building would be saved from demolition, refurbished and turned into The Newport History Museum.

A man of deep family values, Robert always had a profound respect for his ancestors and elders like Booker T. Ingguls. “Uncle Booker was the Godfather of the Ingguls clan! He had a very compelling demeanor that was respected by our family. He managed several prominent businesses in Newport, and like my grandmother, was a firm believer in education and did not hesitate to express his concerns as to why it was his duty to be our overseer – and that he did!”

Perhaps it was the spirit of Booker T. Ingguls that moved Granville, already an advocate for adoption, to embrace the teenaged Gary Greer, taking him under his wing, and instilling in him the same lessons he had learned. That same support would ultimately extend to his grandson, G’Ivonte Oneal-Ingguls. Robert also maintained loving and lasting ties with his own birth family, the Logan’s of Dayton, OH, who rightly and affectionately just called him “Uncle Bob.”

***“I have enjoyed the journey that I traveled seeking light in Masonry. It has been very rewarding. The journey began April 16, 1977 when I was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Aleikum Temple #96. January, 1985, I was appointed Noble Advisor for Aleikum Court #56 ...” (Noble Robert G. Ingguls, Aleikum Court #56 Souvenir booklet honoring Robert, back page, September 30, 2012).***

Robert’s Masonic affiliations and accomplishments are astounding; too numerous to mention here entirely. It is worth the effort to seek the booklet, Aleikum Court #56 Banquet Honoring Noble Robert G. Ingguls, Advisor, Sunday September 30, 2012, for an extremely detailed chronicling of the years 1977-2012, the information therein no doubt provided by Robert, himself.

***“He was a Prince Hall Mason and Shriner, and served as Secretary of his lodge for many years as well as Recorder of the Shrine temple. He also served the shrine as one of the Imperial Musicians in the Imperial Music Department for many years. He was a 33rd degree Mason. Only the best of the best are elevated to the 33rd degree, usually after many years of hard work and service. He was also music director and organist in the Prince Hall Scottish Rite Masons.” (Noble Howard Daryl Melvin, Sinai***

Robert Granville Ingguls was loved and respected as a man of good taste, tact and restraint. He was a renaissance and race man. A talented musician, an excellent cook, a man of invention and re-invention, of secrets and mystery. He was a great friend and mentor to many. A confirmed bachelor so intuitive to women’s sensibilities that it allowed him to cultivate many important friendships. He loved dogs. He was kind and generous. He would get you together if you needed it.

Robert is predeceased by his mother, Mrs. Flourine Edwards Garrett Logan, of Dayton, OH, his parents, Mr. John Henry & Mary Agnes Ingguls, his beloved grandmother, Mrs. Ada Hutcherson – all of Newport, KY. His sister, Mrs. Betty J. Waters, of Dayton, OH, four brothers, Mr. Lawrence R. Logan, Dayton, OH, Mr. David V. Logan, of Copenhagen, Denmark, Mr. John Logan, of Huntington, WV, Mr. Joe Miller, of Covington, KY., and many other cherished family members, and his adopted sister, Mrs. Leeada Williams, of Cincinnati, OH, and his long-time fur baby, Paca.

He leaves to cherish his memory those who still love him dearly, his son, Mr. Gary Ingguls, of Newport, KY, a grandson, G’Ivonte Ingguls, his nieces, Mrs. Marla Bynum (John), of Atlanta, GA, Ms. Tonya Rakestraw, Ms. Jacqueline Logan, Ms. Tamika Logan, and Ms. Ja’Kema Logan – of Dayton, OH, and Ms. Judy Miller, of Covington, KY. Three nephews, Mr. Ronald Logan, Mr. Daryl L. Logan and Mr. D’Arco Logan, of Dayton, OH. Close family members, Ms. Debra “Sweetie” Ingguls, of Cincinnati, OH, Ms. Diana Ingguls, of Covington, KY, and Mr. Donnie H. White, of Lexington, KY., his adopted family, The Williams Family – notably Mr. Derrick Williams (Alice), of Cincinnati, OH., special friends, Ms. Virinda Garland Doddy, of Newport, KY, Ms. Mary Jane Lewis, of Covington, KY., Ms. Iris Jean Derkson, of Covington, KY., and a host of great nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends, and Libby, his rescue dog.

***Robert’s Motto: If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song, if I can show somebody he is doing wrong, then my living shall not be in vain.***