



Muriel Israel

September 16, 1929 - January 25, 2026

Muriel Israel of New York City and Royal Oak MD passed away on January 25, 2026, at the age of 96. She was blessed with a long life, an illustrious career, and a loving family.

Muriel was born in 1930 in the Bronx, New York, to Hyman and Mollie Israel. As a child she studied classical ballet, and began dancing professionally when she was a teenager. She soloed with the Metropolitan Opera in *Aida* and *La Traviata*, and in the 1951 touring production of *Oklahoma!* Muriel was highly driven and ambitious; In her own words, she “always got the job.” She danced under the name Muriel Ives to avoid discrimination common in show business against Jews

After retiring from dance, Muriel had a long career in high-end marketing in New York City, after which she lived at the Colonnade Apartments in Washington DC before settling in Royal Oak.

Throughout her life, Muriel was inseparable from her brother Fred, who always referred to her as “The Kid.” They stayed close until his death last year, at the age of 97.

Muriel is remembered by her family for her firecracker personality, characterized by a confident attitude, quick tongue, and lack of inhibition. She adored delicate and beautiful things, and brought laughter and light to those who loved her.

Muriel is survived by her nephew, Sandy and his wife Jenny; her sister-in-law, Lesley, and her 5 great-nieces and nephews, Jake, Jesse, Katie, Evan, and Ryan and their wonderful, invaluable Mother, Donna Israel. May her memory always be a blessing.

Services will be held at Temple B'nai Israel Synagogue at 11 am on Thursday, January 29, 2026, and the burial will follow at Oxford Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Temple B'nai Israel
7199 Tristan Drive
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ Muriel we will miss you so much. It's so hard trying to explain to my 4yr granddaughter (A'dura) that you are gone 😞. Sooooo many memories . Rest now our BEAUTIFUL Butterfly 🦋. Prayers to your family



The Taylors - February 13 at 12:00 PM

TW

“ *My Sweet Muriel,
I was heartbroken to learn that you had passed so soon. As I sit and think about all the beautiful memories we shared over the years, my heart is filled with both sadness and gratitude. Your laugh and your smile could brighten anyone’s day. You had the biggest heart and genuinely cared for everyone around you. Your kindness and thoughtfulness were just a few of the many things I admired about you.*

The three months you lived with Pj & I in our home will always be so special to me. Our late nights watching movies, talking about life, and listening to you reminisce about your time as a dancer are memories I will forever treasure. I loved hearing the stories about you and your friends, and especially seeing your excitement whenever Ms. Terry would call — a friendship that lasted over 70 years. That kind of love and loyalty is rare and beautiful.

I will never forget the day you told me that you don’t have to be family to love and care for someone. That meant more to me than you’ll ever know. I was not only your caregiver — I was your friend — and that is something I will always hold close to my heart.

There is so much more I could say. I will continue to look at our pictures and videos and smile, knowing how truly happy you were these past four and a half years. My family, my friends, and I will miss you deeply and will always cherish you in our hearts.

Rest in Heaven, my dear.

Love you forever,

Your “Tina”



Trina Willing - February 12 at 08:21 PM



“ It was a joy to know Ms. Muriel. She was truly a ray of sunshine and a wonderful person. She always enjoyed spending time with my daughter and playing games with her, which meant a lot to us. Trina cared for Ms. Muriel for many years, and it was always a pleasure to share laughs and conversations with her. I especially enjoyed hearing her stories about her days living in New York. She will be deeply missed. My condolences to the family.

Freeda Rawlinson

FL Rigg-Rawl - February 12 at 11:27 AM

EC

“ *Ealker Creek lit a candle in memory of Muriel Israel*



Ealker Creek - January 28 at 08:40 PM

RO

“ *Ronda lit a candle in memory of Muriel Israel*



Ronda - January 28 at 06:20 PM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Muriel Israel*



Phil Foster - January 28 at 12:50 AM