



Remembering Mom

Your laughter still drifts through my day
A melody that won't fade away.
Your gentle hands once held my fear,
Now guide my heart though you're not here.

In quiet rooms and skies of grey,
I feel your love where shadows play.
Each dawn reminds, each star above,
That grief is just the cost of love.

You taught me grace, you taught me peace,
To find the light when pain won't cease.
Though time moves on and seasons go,
A mother's love still warms below.

So, when the world feels far and wide,
I close my eyes and see your smile inside.
Forever near, though out of view-
Remembering Mom ... remembering you.

Pallbearers

Tyrone Briscoe
Rodney Taylor
Alvin Barnes

Rico Morris
Brandon Hodge
Patrick Barnes

Honorary Pallbearers

Philip Thomas Jr.

Kenneth Barnes

Acknowledgements

The Family wishes to express their deepest gratitude
to the dedicated caregivers and staff at Autumn Lake Healthcare
in Crofton, Md.

Special Thanks to Olivia Lutwama and the care team
for their compassionate care, patience, loving hands and endless
support they provided to our family.

Perhaps you sent a lovey card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, 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.

In Loving Memory of



Margaret Emmagene Baker

NOVEMBER 14, 1932 – JULY 15, 2026

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Viewing: 10:00 am

Tributes: 10:45am

Thornton Funeral Home, P.A.
Indian Head, Maryland 20640

Mass of Christian Burial: 12:00 noon
St. Mary's Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Indian Head, Maryland 2064

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FUNERAL HOME, P.A.
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Obituary

Margaret “Emmagene” Thomas Baker of Odenton, Maryland entered into eternal rest on July 15, 2026. Emmagene was born on November 14, 1932 in Indian Head, MD to the late William McKinley Thomas Sr. and the late Emma Gutrick. Emmagene was affectionately remembered as Mama, Moms, Banny, Emmagene, Gene, Aunt Gene, and Ms. Baker.

Emmagene was educated in Charles County Public schools, graduating from Pomonkey High School. In 1951 Emmagene was proud to be crowned Queen Astoria (The Tobacco Queen) at the second Annual Colored Fair held at the Charles County Fair Grounds. Emmagene aspired to be a teacher and attended Bowie State Teachers College.

Emmagene began her working career at the Maryland State Department and then to the Naval Ordnance Station in Indian Head, MD and then to the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, DC where she worked as a civil servant from 1964 to 1995 when she retired.

When Emmagene was younger, she was always known for being a sharp dresser and keeping up with fashion trends, wearing dresses made and designed by her big sister Elizabeth. In her earlier years Emmagene was a free spirit, like a wildflower growing wild and experiencing life to the fullest. We all have some memories of the uncharted paths that she chose and the fancy cars that she used to drive. Emmagene was a proud woman, who stood tall and firm on her convictions. In the autumn of her life, as the wildflower petals gently dissipated, Emmagene settled down and blossomed into a soft pink rose. She enjoyed watching the daily soap operas and chatting with family and friends and shopping. Emmagene used to collect angels and had a fondness for fine jewelry and art. Many will fondly remember her from-scratch Five Flavored pound cake. Emmagene loved company and always enjoyed visiting with friends and family.

In addition to her parents, Emmagene was preceded in death by her first husband, Sumner T. Brooks and her Second husband Jerome A. Baker, daughter Nadine Frazier, siblings and their spouses: Anna Davis (George), Francis (Effie), McKinley Jr. (Gladys), Agnes Barnes (Theodore), Margaret Marshall (Cecil), Mary Elizabeth Thomas -Willis (Ederson), Mildred Theresa Taylor (Henry), William Thomas (Mary) and James Thomas (Louise), and brother-in-law Rufus Outerbridge, Jr.

She also leaves to mourn her daughter Tina C Briscoe (Tyrone), Granddaughters Benita C. Benson and Michelle E. Travers (Jerome), siblings and their spouses: Gertrude Outerbridge, Philip A. Thomas, Sr. (Virginia), Charles F. Thomas (Gloria), sister-in law Elaine Baker and a host of other relatives and friends.



Program Information

Program MC	Barry Thomas
Opening Prayer	Father Francisco
Reading of the Obituary	Nancy Thomas
Musical Selection	Bruce Thomas
Remembrance	Open
Musical Selection	Bruce Thomas
Acknowledgements	Barry Thomas
Closing Prayer	Father Francisco

Mass of Christian Burial Order of Worship

- Musical Prelude
- Blessing of the Body/Placing of Funeral Pall
- Opening Selection
- Opening Prayer
- THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**
- First Reading - Barbara Simms
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading - Kim Walton
- Gospel
- Homily
- Prayer of the Faithful

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- Presentation of Gifts with Hymn
- PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**
- Preface
- Holy Holy
- The Eucharistic Prayer
- The Lord’s Prayer
- Sign of Peace
- Lamb Of God
- Communion with Hymn
- Final Commendation and Farewell
- Recessional with Closing Selection

Interment
St. Charles Cemetery
Glymont, Maryland