



GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around his garden and found an empty place,
 He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.
 He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
 God's garden must be beautiful, he only takes the best.
 He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb,
 So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be Thine".
 It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.
 For part of us went with you, the day GOD called you home.



INTERMENT
 St Mary, Newport Catholic Church
 11555 St Marys Church Road
 Charlotte Hall, Maryland

PALLBEARERS
 Christopher Gant Ernest Cole
 Deontrae Gant Thomas Whalen
 Maurice Fortune Jr. DeShawn Whalen

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
 Clifford Gant Michael Swann
 Paul Swann Marcus Swann

FLOWER BEARERS
Family and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A special thanks to our niece Michele Proctor for all the love and care she provided for our mother (her grandmother) from the beginning to the end. All the love she provided has not gone unnoticed.
 It kept us going through some very difficult times.
 The family extends our deepest thanks to all our family, relatives, and friends who came, listened, and called. For those who kept us in your prayers, during such a difficult time, May God Bless You.
 Special thanks to Sacred Heart Church, LaPlata, Maryland
 St. Mary's Newport Catholic Church and Catholic Cemeteries, and
 RMT Funeral Home, P.A

The Family

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MARY
 CATHERINE WHALEN
 MARCH 22, 1941 | JULY 12, 2025
 "BABY SCOTT" "BEAVER" "THE CHITTERLING LADY"



Her Journey

On July 12, 2025, Mary Catherine Whalen of Newburg, Maryland, traded in her apron for angel wings peacefully and surrounded by her loving family. Born March 22, 1941, in Charles County, she lived 84 remarkable years filled with flavor, laughter, sass, and soul.

Mary was best known by a few legendary titles: "Baby Scott" to family, "Beaver" to childhood friends, and "The Chitterling Lady" to anyone who ever had the joy (and bravery!) of tasting her famous cooking. Her fried chicken could bring a crowd together faster than a church bell on Sunday, and her chitterlings? Well, they were an experience equal parts delicious and unforgettable.

A natural-born entrepreneur, Mary ran her own catering business and served up plates across Charles County that left folks full in both belly and spirit. She ran kitchens, fed crowds, and kept people coming back partly for the food, partly to see what playful fuss she might toss at them that day.

Mary had a bold and beautiful zest for life. She loved her family, her community, and her trips to Atlantic City where she could often be found at the slots, chasing luck and loving every minute. When the trips became shorter, the fun didn't stop she took her talents to the Delaware casinos (with Johnny and Shirley riding shotgun) and, eventually, the kitchen table, where card games with her dear friends Rita, Dot, and Alice became legendary events of their own. Add in a few cousins and you had yourself a full-on Whalen Family Tournament no prizes, just bragging rights.

She was never one to sugarcoat (unless it was part of a recipe). Mary told it like it was, shot from the hip, and always added a little extra seasoning to her words. She had a sharp wit, a big heart, and a deep love for anything the color green especially if it spent well.

Mary was married to her sweetheart, William Joseph Whalen, Sr., on April 29, 1961, at St. Mary's Newport Church. Together, they raised twelve children and enough stories to last several lifetimes: Shirley Ann, William, Jr., James Allen, Janice Marie, Phillip Gearod, Phyllis Renee, John Thomas, Shellayne Denise, and the late Paul Eugene, Gerald Arnold, Tammy Jean, and Thomas Christopher.

When her kids were grown, Mary opened her heart and home to raise seven of her grandchildren proving once again that her love had no limits, and neither did her energy (or her famous side-eye when someone touched the cornbread before dinner).

She is survived by her children, Shirley Ann, William, Jr., James Allen, Janice Marie, Phillip Gearod, Phyllis Renee, John Thomas, Shellayne Denise; beloved brothers, David Lee and Joseph "Moe" Gant and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and bonus babies who knew they were loved deeply and unconditionally. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harriette (Johnson) Dorsey and John "Charlie" Gant; husband, William Joseph Whalen, Sr.; four of her children, Paul Eugene, Gerald Arnold, Tammy Jean, and Thomas Christopher; sisters, Mary Lucille Briscoe, Dorothy Dorsey, and Frances Louise Gant; brothers, John Louis Dorsey, Charles "Brunk" Dorsey, George "Leck" Dorsey, and James "Boot" Dorsey who, we imagine, greeted her in Heaven with open arms and a full plate.

Mary Catherine Whalen will be remembered for her food, her fire, her fierce love, and her ability to make any gathering feel like home. She brought joy, fed souls, and kept everyone just a little more honest (and full). She will be missed, celebrated, and talked about for generations just the way she'd want it.

REMEMBERING

"Baby Scott"

MOTHER, SISTER, AND FRIEND

She wished no one a last farewell, nor even said goodbye.
She was gone before we knew it, and only God knows why.
God knew that she was suffering, the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed her weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be Thine".

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

VISITATION: 9:00 A.M. ~ SERVICE: 10:00 A.M.
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

201 St. Marys Avenue | LaPlata, Maryland

Mass of Christian Burial

PROCESSIONAL/ENTRANCE

OPENING PRAYER

READINGS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

GOSPEL

HOMILY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

COMMUNION MEDITATION

RECESSIONAL

