Tribute

Mama, You Lived, You Loved, You Enjoyed Life

A Loving Tribute to Our Beautiful Mama

Mama, you were a blessing, A precious gift from above, You filled our hearts with laughter, And surrounded us with love.

You knew how to enjoy your life, To laugh, to smile, to share, And everywhere that you would go, You spread your love and care.

You taught us to cherish every moment, To thank God for each new day, To keep our family close together, And let love guide our way.

Though we will miss your laughter, Your beautiful smile and loving touch, We'll treasure every memory, Of the Mama we loved so much.

Today we choose to celebrate, The wonderful life you knew, For every smile and every joyful moment, Will always remind us of you.

Mama, you lived, you laughed, you loved, And enjoyed the life God gave. Now rest in peace, our precious Mama, Your love lives on beyond the grave.

Sleep on, Mama, and take your rest, We loved you dearly, but God knows best. Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, You'll live in our hearts forever and ever.



Forever IN OUR Hearts

Pallbearers

MATTTHEW POWER
CLIFTON JOHNSON
ANDRE BUTLER
STEPHAN JOHNSON
IVAN HICKS
LINWOOD JOHNSON JR.

Acknowledgement

The Family would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, visits, phone calls, text messages, and acts of kindness shown during this difficult time. Special thanks to Pastor Mike and Dr. Dee Dee, Pastor Rick Wooten and our Faith City Central Family. And a special thank you goes out to the staff at the Cedar Tree Assisted Living Facility and Rhonda Oliver. The family loves you, as you all took great care of Mama, as it was very greatly appreciated!



INTERMENT

Holy Ghost Catholic
Church Cemetery
Issue, Maryland

REPAST

Newburg Volunteer Rescue
Squad and Fire Department
12245 Rock Point Road
Newburg, MD 20664

IN LOVING Memory



Shirley Cecelia Thomas

October 7, 1946 - October 8, 2026

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026
10:00AM (Wake) | 11:00AM (Service)
Faith City Central
14107 Gibbons Church Road, Brandywine, MD 20613

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING PRAYER
Pastor Rick Wooten

SONG
Minister Sonya Brown

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament: Tina Thomas
New Testament: Gregory Byrd

SONG
Pastor Rick Wooten

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS
Pastor Rick Wooten

OBITUARY READING
George Byrd

POEM
Terry Harper

WORDS OF COMFORT
(2 minutes)

SONG
Minister Sonya Brown

WORDS OF LIFE
Pastor Rick Wooten

BENEDICTION

THE LIFE & LEGACY
Shirley C. Thomas

Shirley Cecelia Thomas, born on October 7, 1946, in Charles County Maryland, passed away on October 8, 2026, leaving a profound legacy of laughter, family and the enjoyment of life. She was the daughter of the late Charles Walter Thomas and Mary Madgeline Hill-Swan-Thomas and grew up as the 11th of eleven children, in a loving and caring household.

Shirley attended the historic black Bel Alton High School and graduated in 1965. Bel Alton High School was a historically significant segregated high school in Charles County, Maryland, operating from 1938 to 1966, and is now a preserved cultural landmark on the National Register of Historic Place. She later pursued higher learning and received an associate's degree in Nursing.

Shirley did some nursing and then started a career with the Department of Social Services, where she retired after 30 years of service as a Social Worker. She loved her job, helping others was at the heart of who she was, and she found purpose in connecting people with the benefits they needed.

Shirley loved dancing, singing, playing spades and being around family. She also played softball with a community team. She was the kind of person that would give you her last dollar even if she needed it. She did not want to see anyone to be without.

Shirley loved God, she was baptized and attended Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Issue, Maryland at an early age. Later in life, Shirley received Jesus and attended the Spirit of Faith Chistian Center led by Apostle Micheal A. Freeman and Dr. Dee Dee Freeman, (now Faith City Central) for over a decade, until she could not because of health challenges. She took great joy in attending the ministry, as she enjoyed the fellowship, music, dancing and most of all, receiving the word of God.

Every time you saw **Shirley** and asked how she was, she would say with a smile, "I'm percolating". She always showed this attitude no matter how she was feeling or what she was going through. Her favorite gospel song was "You Deserve It", by Youthful Praise.

Shirley is reunited in death with her Mother, Mary Madgeline Hill-Swan-Thomas; her Father, Charles Walter Thomas; son, Darell Mcthanial Bryd; Grandson, Malique Watts; Son-In-Law, Calvin Ross and 10 Siblings.

Shirley leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory...
Children: George Reginald Byrd (Toni), Jacqueline Maria Ross-Byrd, and Bobby Odell Byrd Jr. (LaToya); and a Daughter-In-Law, Felicia Byrd.

Grandchildren: George Byrd II, Geornae Byrd, Ayreanna Byrd, Miata Washington, Samantha, Taijanae and TonDaLia.

Great-grandchildren: Mila Barnes, Ka'Lani Tate, Nova, TyJay, Kamari and Onyx; along with a host of beloved nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and close friends.

May her memory continue to bring comfort, strength, and inspiration to all who knew and loved her. A servant of the Lord!



















