



Irma Thomas

December 20, 1946 - January 6, 2018

Irma Olivia Thomas, was born to the union of the late Dudley Thomas and Mamie Chaney-Thomas of Sutherlin, Virginia on December 20, 1946. Irma was preceded in death by a brother, Dudley Thomas, Jr. and a sister, Mamie Lois Thomas-Wilson in death.

On Saturday evening, January 06, 2018 while at home, Irma received a call, a sort of an offer she couldn't refuse, for an appointment from which she will not be returning. This assignment comes with a huge sign-on bonus, a reunion with family and friends she has not seen in a long time. Job security is exactly 110 percent. Her new mission takes her to a wonderful, heavenly place where to her heart's content. She left detailed instructions for her daughter, grandsons, siblings, nieces, nephews and friends to celebrate her mission here, which has now been completed. Low adherence to this instruction will not be "tolerated."

Irma accepted Christ as her Savior in her youth. She attended the White Oak Grove Baptist Church in Sutherlin, Virginia where she participated in all church activities, she especially loved singing in the choir.

She attended the White Oak Community Elementary School in Sutherlin, then moved to Baltimore, Maryland. Thereafter she graduated from Forest Park High School. Her first job was at Reads Drug Store in 1966, where she was

the head cook. Thus discovering her love of cooking and she embraced it. From there she went to Bell Atlantic, where she worked as a Switchboard Operator.

In 1969, Irma decided to pack her bags and head off to California. She worked at the Bank of America in California. Home sick, after a few years she returned home and became a caregiver for her dad. When his journey ended, Irma began her employment with the Federal Government, as a Computer Analysis. Here she was considered a "virtual ambassador of computer goodwill" according to articles published about her in the Baltimore Sun. Irma won several cooking contests, was head of all Black History Programs for DCASMA Baltimore, all while still working, until she retired after 28 years of service.

Irma leaves to mourn and always cherish her loving memories her daughter, Tara M. Thomas, two grandsons, Damari I. E. Thomas and Jadallah Tamir Davis, six sisters, Alease C. Thomas, Almnola C Hamm, Arquinza M. Smith, Gloria Y. Thomas and Eulaphine Thomas of Baltimore, MD., and Equilla Johns of Sutherlin, VA., four brothers, Tyrone Thomas, Leo D. Thomas, Michael A. Thomas of Baltimore, MD., and Tony L. Thomas of Conyers, GA and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends.

Cemetery Details

King Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

viewing

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
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Family Hour

JAN 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JAN 16. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Irma Thomas*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of Irma's passing. Irma and I worked together at Read's Drug Store at the Reisterstown Road Plaza where you could get "all you can eat chicken drumettes" for little or nothing. Irma was the head cook and cautioned me to write my tickets correctly so she would prepare the order correctly.*

My prayers go out to this family who I have known since 1966. May GOD comfort everyone of you in your hour of bereavement.

Rev. Deborah J. Griffin

Deborah J. Griffin - February 07, 2018 at 03:41 PM

CJ

“ *My condolences to the Thomas Family*

I pray that God will give you the strength and helping hand you will need during this time of loss; may he continue to bless, walk with, and guide you forever. I will cherish my memories of Irma. I often think of the old days, working with she and Elaine, and talking about the similarities between our families being from the south and sharing the same last name. (.and Irma's cooking...) I will miss Irma's beautiful, friendly, and warm face and presence. My prayers will always be with you all.



*Carnell Thomas, Jr
(The other Thomas Family)*

Carnell Thomas, Jr - January 14, 2018 at 07:38 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - January 10, 2018 at 08:22 AM

VM

So sorry for your loss, I worked at same agency with your Mother/Grandmother for many years. She was ever so kind to me especially after the loss of my grandmother. So my thoughts of her were always good ones, let not your hearts be troubled! Veneta Magwood

Veneta Magwood - January 10, 2018 at 02:53 PM

TS

Dear Thomas Family,

My sincere prayers and love and gratitude are with all of you during the loss of such an phenomenal woman.

Mrs. Irma Thomas was my adopted godmother because I was in love and adopted the lovely and creative Tara T. as my big sister.

I adore her and always had pleasant thoughts and memories of our time as neighbors many years ago. Awesome cook and very patient and intelligent.

Mrs. Irma adored her grandsons as they adored and cherished her.

My sweet Tara, please know that if there is anything you need please let me know and remember you have inherited all of the fine qualities of the classiest and coolest woman I ever met.

She treasures you and have always been your best friend and so proud of you and all you have achieved.

To the sisters and nieces and nephews, my prayers are with all of you and thanks for sharing your wonderful love one with me.

God bless and remember she is watching over you and loves you very much.

*Love Always,
Tiffany Stancil*

Tiffany Stancil - January 10, 2018 at 06:24 PM

JJ

Thomas Family,

I was so sorry to hear of Irma's homegoing. Have fond memories of us playing together as kids before you all moved. May God's Grace and Mercy sustain as you grieve her loss.

*Peace unto you,
Joyce Wimbish Jackson*

Joyce Wimbish Jackson - January 14, 2018 at 03:11 PM

GB

Irma Thomas Family

My prayers and condolence to Irma daughter Tara her sisters, nieces and nephews and other family members. I worked with Irma and Elaine in the DCMA Baltimore office for many years. Irma was such a kind and loving lady always with a smile. And her cooking always reminded me of growing up in the South. RIP Irma - GODS angel.

*Gwen Baker and family
Hampton, VA*

Gwendolyn Baker - January 15, 2018 at 05:34 PM