



## THOMAS PINDER

May 21, 1930 - March 18, 2020

**A TIME TO BE BORN** On Wednesday, May 1, 1930, baseball legend Babe Ruth set a record by hitting three consecutive home runs. Although impactful for some, on that same Wednesday, in a small segregated town called Vienna, Thomas Pinder was born. The only child born to Elenora Pinder and Phillip Stanley. Born in the deeply segregated Eastern Shore of Maryland, Elenora wanted a better life for her son Thomas and his sister Emma. Her decision to migrate with her children to Baltimore changed the trajectory of Thomas' life, one that made a lasting impression on him. His mother's work ethic became an indelible part of his character.. it is an essential attribute that he would pass on to his daughter Chandra and grandson Trevor. For most of his childhood, 1016 N. Dallas Street was his home. It was filled with love and family. For the five Pinder sisters, his Aunt Edna's Dallas Street home was the landing point for their migration. There Thomas learned the value of family and survival skills. His Aunt Alice remembers that he was always the hustler. He was kind, made you laugh, and looked out for the well-being of his mother. Friends and family remember his endless high energy and curiosity about life.

**A TIME TO LOVE** Affectionately known as "Pork Chop," he successfully navigated East Baltimore, and it was there where he met the love of his life. Known for his superior billiard capability, he spotted Nannie Watkins walking past the pool hall on Bond Street. Thomas courted Nannie while he served in the United States Infantry during the Korean War. In 1952 he was honorably discharged. On February 28, 1954, he married his sweetheart. For sixty-six

years, Thomas and Nannie raised a family, traveled the world, made many friends, and enjoyed life together. A TIME TO GROW The apple of Thomas' eye was his daughter Chandra and grandson Trevor. Thomas taught her to be self-sufficient. He supported her dream of entrepreneurship and encouraged her to be decisive and wise about finances. "My father was a master fixer and always wanted the best for me, " she said.

Along the way, he was a surrogate or father figure for several foster children and nieces and nephews. Considered a 'man's-man', Trevor admired his grandfather's ingenuity and creativity. 'he served as a father-figure and mentor to me", says Trevor. Always seeking a better life, Thomas kept up the hustle. For over thirty years, he worked at Bethlehem Steel. Concurrent with his career, Thomas also owned and operated several businesses and invested in several residential properties. Affectionately known as 'Pork Chop," because of his distinctive sideburns, he was widely known for his style and

# Cemetery Details

## Baltimore National Cemetery

5501 Frederick Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21228

# Previous Events

## viewing

MAR 24. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(410) 727-3300  
info@marchfh.com

## Wake

MAR 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Phillips Lutheran Church  
501 N. Caroline Street  
Balto, MD

## Service

MAR 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Phillips Lutheran Church  
501 N. Caroline Street  
Baltimore, MD



# Tribute Wall



“ *THOMAS PINDER*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Venice (Harris) Holman lit a candle in memory of THOMAS PINDER*



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**Venice (Harris) Holman** - March 24, 2020 at 10:10 PM

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“ Sharing a fond memory of Uncle Tommy, as he was known to many of us is easy. I always remember how beautiful he and Aunt Nannie looked together. They were always dressed so sharp. So I remember him as being a sharp dresser and a kind and generous person. So to you Aunt Nannie I say though he may not be with you physically, he is always with you. He left you a lifetime of wonderful memories and love. He left you a beautiful daughter, handsome grandson and wonderful son-in-law.



I know from time to time he will find a way to let you know that he is with you. You'll see him in Chandra's face, Trevor's smile and even in John's laughter and his devotion to Chandra. You'll smile and say to yourself, I love you to Tommy. You'll feel his love around you through them. Never forget few people ever get have the everlasting love and devotion you shared with him. You were Blessed to have shared your life with him. Everyone else was Blessed to have known him.

Chandra, John and Trevor whenever you look at each other you'll see his legacy of love for his family.

Fly high with the angels Uncle Tommy and spread your wings in God's everlasting love. We love you, DeRue and Stacy.

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DeRue Swann - March 24, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ Uncle Tommy will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with during this touch time. Aunt Nannie, Chandra and Trevor remember all of the good memories. I can remember coming to Baltimore every summer with you guys. Uncle Tommy and Aunt Nannie was such a beautiful couple and a great example. He will forever be missed. Love Arlesha 🙏❤️

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Arlesha King - March 23, 2020 at 08:30 PM

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*To the Pinder family, sending my prayers and sympathy to you and your family. Praying that God will give you strength in the days to come. Mr Pinder will surely be missed love you all. Jimmy And Winnie Gilliard*

**Wendolia Gilliard** - March 24, 2020 at 02:24 PM

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“ *Tami Moore lit a candle in memory of THOMAS PINDER*



**Tami Moore** - March 23, 2020 at 06:13 PM

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**Tami Moore** - March 23, 2020 at 06:00 PM

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*May God continue to keep His arms around you and your family especially during this sensitive time. Our condolences and we'll continue to uplift you all in our prayers. With deepest sympathy*

*Love,*

*Tami*

**Tami Moore** - March 23, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of THOMAS PINDER.*



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March 23, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ *Charisse, Pandoria and Andrew purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of THOMAS PINDER.*



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**Charisse, Pandoria and Andrew** - March 21, 2020 at 07:07 PM



“ *My Uncle Tommy  
We had a wonderful uncle,  
One who never really grew old;  
His smile was made of sunshine,  
And his heart was solid gold;  
His eyes were as bright as shining stars,  
And in his cheeks fair roses you see.  
We had a wonderful uncle,  
And that's the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because  
He's still keeping an eye on all of us,  
So let's make sure  
He will like what he sees.*

*Love, Charisse & Andrew*

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**Charisse** - March 21, 2020 at 12:26 PM

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“ I am writing this poem for you today  
Can't believe you have really gone away  
You were a beautiful person with a kind soul  
It's so difficult to say goodbye and let you go

Your laugh was infectious, your spirit always warm  
You could put out family fires and calm the storms  
Fond memories with you flood my mind, make me smile  
I Remember when you tutored me, going the extra mile

I will cherish memories of our holiday celebrations  
You always made them fun and special occasions  
You are at peace now; I know it was your time to part  
Memories of you Uncle Tommy, I will hold close to my heart.

Love Cierra, Prince and Tyseen

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**Cierra** - March 21, 2020 at 12:06 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 20, 2020 at 11:57 AM