



## Florence Louise Thomas

September 1, 1923 - May 21, 2019

FLORENCE LOUISE THOMAS, daughter of the late Mary and Louis Duppins, was born September 1, 1923 in Baltimore, Maryland. She departed this life on May 21, 2019 after a lengthy illness.

She received her education at St. Peter Claver and St. Frances Academy. At an early age Florence's mother Mary Duppins taught her the craft of sewing, which would later launch a most impressive career. In October of 1944, during the second World War, Florence (who at the time was only 21 years of age) completed an Intensive Supplementary Vocational War Production Training Course in Aircraft Riveting. This course consisted of 376 hours and was awarded by authority of the Board of School Commissioners.

After the war Florence married William D. Thomas, a Navy Veteran, and they had four children, Barbara, Jean, William Jr. and Gregory.

Thanks to numerous hours spent being taught to sew by her mother, she spent the rest of her career as a renowned seamstress; working at London Fog, Misty Harbor, Haas Men's Suits and a variety of other sewing industries. In the 1970's she also sewed various up-to-date styles of clothing for her children and neighbors (i.e. wedding dresses, prom gowns, long-tailed maxi coats and the "Superfly" style clothing to name a few). In 2005 she landed a most impressive contract with General Motors to design and make leather work pouches, until the plant closed. This was quite a feat because she was not a company but a single owner and entrepreneur.

Her husband William D. Thomas, daughter Jean Lee and son William (Billy) Thomas preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish many fond memories: daughter, Barbara Fowlkes; son, Gregory Thomas; and daughter-in-law, Natalie Thomas; thirteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, several nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## **Baltimore National Cemetery**

5501 Frederick Avenue  
Baltimore, MD, 21228

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### **Viewing**

02:00AM - 08:00PM

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March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore

1101 East North Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US, 21202

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### **Wake**

10:30AM - 11:00AM

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St. Peter Claver Catholic Church

1546 N.Fremont Avenue, Balto, MD, US, 21217

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### **Service**

11:00AM

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St. Peter Claver Roman Catholic Church

1526 N. Freemont Ave, AK, US

# Comments

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“ John and Linda Burton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Florence Louise Thomas.



**John and Linda Burton** - May 28 at 09:15 AM

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“ 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** - May 22 at 03:24 PM