



Mabel Bettina Thomas

April 24, 1937 - October 8, 2025

“Be Faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.” - Revelation 2:10
Mabel Bettina Williams Thomas departed this earthly realm for her heavenly home on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at Easton Memorial Hospital, accompanied by the singing voices of her children and grandchildren. Bettina was born on April 24, 1937, to Mabel Williams-Roberts and Alvin Johns, in Easton, Maryland.

Her early start in life began with being adopted and lovingly raised by her cousins, Jackson and Willie Maizie Russell in the village of Ivytown, MD. She attended one room elementary schools no longer in existence in Ivytown and Williamsburg. She matriculated to Robert Russa Moton High school in Easton, MD, graduating in the class of 1955. While there she participated as a majorette, basketball, choir, and majored in Home Economics. She was very proud of winning the Betty Crocker Homemaker award.

While cooking was one of her gifts, her focus in life led her to attend Temple University in Philadelphia, PA to study nursing. This became her lifelong purpose, caring for others. She was employed with the House in the Pines Nursing Home for many years. From there she practiced private duty nursing through the Talbot County Health Department and by word of mouth.

She married twice; first to Melvin Dixon and later to Henry Thomas. She loved children and had seven of her own, and helped raise, mentor and love many others in the community.

She was a lifelong member of New Queen Esther AME Church and came to

know Christ under the pastorship of Rev. E. Lyte. She served as a Trustee and Choir member, but she was most known for being the head of Hospitality. The kitchen was her favorite place to be. If the kitchen was a ship, then she was the captain. She was known for her baking skills, especially her Lemon Meringue Cake. She often held bake sales to raise money for church projects. She served faithfully until her health kept her from regular attendance. She sang with various groups and choirs over the years, most notably in Ocean City with "Rudy and the House Rockers" during her young adult years and later with the Jackson Jubilee Singers.

Bertina was preceded in death by: her parents; her second husband; a sister, Shirley Blake; a brother, Frederick Roberts; a sister-in-law, Brenda Roberts; her son, Andre Dixon; a bonus son, Ernest Thomas; a special niece, Denise Roberts; two nephews, Antonio Roberts and Walter Blake, Jr. and grandson, Jordan Taylor.

She leaves to mourn and cherish her memory: two sisters, Joyce Lima of Glen Burnie, MD and Doris Roach (Roland) of Easton, MD; three brothers, Evans Roberts of Gettysburg, PA, Sigmund Roberts (Theresa) of Seat Pleasant, MD and Leethion Roberts of Williamsburg, MD; six children, Marcia Potter (Melvin) of Easton, MD, Lenise Williams of Williamston, NC, Natalie Taylor of Owings Mills, MD, Monica Wilmer (Wallace) of Denton, MD, Donnia Williams of Easton, MD, Patrick Dixon (Amy) and William Thomas; a daughter-in-law, Mary Dixon-Kidd (Robert); twelve (12) grandchildren, Natasha Speller, Danielle Williams, Kendall Wilkerson (Jason), Mark Bailey, Jr., Tamara Dixon-McDonald (Vernon), Brittany Taylor, Rhianna Taylor, Kenny Strickland, Mariah Strickland, Martrice Bell, Gabriel Dixon and Andreana Dixon; nineteen (19) great-grandchildren, Nasiim, Udairi, Jamison, Bryson, Amyla, Harper, Asia, Jordyn, Jaiden, Josiah, Khiel, Isiah, Isaac, Halo, Royalty, Nukkyla, Malichi, Kahliyah and Tuhriyah, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Queen Esther A.M.E. (Easton)
5372 Manadier Road
Easton, MD 21601

Funeral Service

OCT **18**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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From Joyce roberts lima and family - October 20, 2025 at 09:50 PM

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