



## Ms. Rita Yvonne Thomas

January 31, 1937 - January 2, 2026

Sunrise: January 31, 1937 - January 2, 2026

Rita Yvonne Thomas peacefully departed this life on Friday, January 2, 2026, at Southern Maryland Hospital in Clinton, Maryland. She attended District of Columbia public schools and was a proud graduate of Cardozo High School, Class of 1955.

Rita furthered her education at Cortez Peters Business School.

Rita dedicated over 30 years of service to the federal government, retiring from the Pentagon, and later retired from Target Stores. She was a member of Mount Calvary Catholic Church in Forestville, Maryland, where she served in various ministries. Prior to this, she was a member of St. Margaret Catholic Church in Seat Pleasant, Maryland.

Rita leaves to cherish her memory two devoted friends, Patricia Hatcher, and Betty Tyler; her husband, Edgar Thomas; sisters, Edna Flamer and Reta Taylor; brother, Richard Johnson, Jr., of Los Angeles, California; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents, Viola and Richard Johnson, Sr.; her sister, Richona Haynesworth, and her brother, Ricardo Johnson, Sr.;

Rest in heavenly peace Rita!

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

8000 Woodyard Road  
Clinton, MD 20735

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mount Calvary Catholic Church  
6700 Marlboro Pike  
Forestville, MD 20747

## Funeral Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mount Calvary Catholic Church  
6700 Marlboro Pike  
Forestville, MD 20747

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ms. Rita, it was my honor to help and serve you during your times of need over the past years and months. I will never forget how you embraced me and my children when we moved into the neighborhood some 20-some odd years ago. I wasn't ready for your departure, but God knew you were tired and he knows best. I'm certainly going to miss the times we shared. The conversations, the laughter and your wealth of knowledge & Wisdom. I'm deeply saddened, but I find comfort in knowing that you aren't suffering anymore. I loved you like I was you daughter. Take your rest now and sleep in sweet peace. Sending my deepest condolences and heartfelt love to the family of Ms. Rita.

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**Betty Tyler** - January 13 at 11:32 AM

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“ pat hat lit a candle in memory of Rita Thomas



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**pat hat** - January 13 at 08:24 AM

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“ God is holding your hand.



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**Pat Hatcher** - January 12 at 06:15 PM