



Mrs. Dorothy "Gingie" C. Baranauskas

June 16, 1934 - May 10, 2024

Dorothy "Gingie" Baranauskas passed away after a heroic battle with cancer on May 10, 2024. Dorothy was known in the community as a champion for disabled children through her volunteer work and many spaghetti dinner fundraisers. She was active for 40 years in the parish of Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Baltimore, MD, and was one of the primary benefactors to assist the disabled access via an elevator in the church. Later, at the parish of St. John's Catholic Church in Westminster, MD, Dorothy volunteered in many ways, most particularly to minister to the sick by bringing communion to their hospital beds. Dorothy always had a moment to spare when someone needed help or an ear to listen to them over a nice cup of tea. Her sense of caretaking to her family and the greater community was a distinct priority within her life. She touched many people's lives through her generous thoughtfulness in how she could personally meet their needs. She was known as an avid gardener, splendidly creative cook, and a woman who always had a moment to share a cup of tea pointing out one of her birds that came around to visit.

She is predeceased by her loving parents, Clarence & Dorothy Mayott; her beloved husband, Joseph; and her cherished sister, Geraldine.

She is survived by her sisters Barbara Dudzinsky and Jeannette Donahue, and her brother Clarence (Joseph) Mayott, along with her children Catherine Prigg, Joanna, Joseph, Peter, and Bridget Pettebone; her grandchildren Anna Gordon, Jordan Wolfe, Nicholas Prigg, Elissa Baranauskas, Kathryn Prigg, Lauren Rose Prigg, Morgan Pettebone, and Kyle Pettebone, and her great grandchildren Westley Gordon, Zeppelin Gordon, and Louie Wolfe.

Friends may call at MITCHELL-WIEDEFELD FUNERAL HOME on Friday May 17 from 4-7 PM. A funeral mass to be offered on Saturday, May 18th at 10:00 AM at St. Rita's Church (3 Dunmanway, Dundalk, MD 21222) with a burial to follow at Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart of Jesus

7401 German Hill Road
Dundalk, MD 21222

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Funeral Mass

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Catholic Church
3 Dunmanway
Dundalk, MD 21222

Tribute Wall

PM

“ I read about your mother's death today in the Baltimore Sun and wanted to tell you that she helped me more than 40 years ago. I was a reporter for WBAL-TV and went to her house to interview her about her advocacy for Transitional Services for young adults leaving high school. At that time, there was a waiting list for people to receive transitional services, and she said some people had to wait ten years or more, sitting at home with nothing to do, losing their skills. I remember she told me that Peter shoveled her front steps every day (which I recall were very long and steep and icy the day I interviewed her.) I told her I had a baby who had been diagnosed as 'faiiure to thrive', that I had to learn to tubefeed as an infant and who was very sick. At the time I could not imagine him growing up to be strong enough to shovel steps after a snowstorm. She told me I had to get him services and told me to look up ChildFind to get him infant services at my local school. I looked it up and signed him up immediately. She did more than tell me what I could do; I felt deep empathy from her. My son is now 41, is living independently and receives services from Itineris Baltimore. He started that path to a meaningful life the day your Mom told me about public education services for infants and toddler. Thank you all and God Bless.
- Patty Mochel

Patty Mochel - May 25, 2024 at 05:32 PM

BP

Thank you so much for sharing this Ms. Mochel. I had no idea. Very heartwarming to read in grieving the loss of my Mother.

Bridget Pettebone - June 14, 2024 at 11:44 AM

JB

My mother inspired me to become a social worker; where I have spent the past 25 years working with the cmi and disenfranchised. She was a great woman and mother.

Joanna Baranauskas - September 18, 2025 at 10:47 PM