



Mary Ellen Brown

August 24, 1939 - January 7, 2025

Mary Ellen Brown, 85, of Port Tobacco, MD, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, surrounded by her family with love.

Mary Ellen was born on August 24, 1939, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Dorothy McVeigh. Mary Ellen grew up in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and graduated from Holy Cross High School in 1957. She enjoyed traveling back to Atlantic City to spend time with her childhood friend, the late Ellen Duffy, and attend high school reunions.

After High School, Mary Ellen began working for United Airlines as a stewardess. She loved traveling the world and would often take her mother on amazing trips. In 1966, Terry Brown and Mary Ellen met, and their love story began in Bryans Road, Maryland. Terry and Mary Ellen were married on August 6, 1966. Soon after moving to the Southern Maryland area, Mary Ellen began her 40 plus years as the “Cake Lady.” Not only did her cakes taste delicious, but they were also beautiful. Mary Ellen perfected her “secret icing recipe,” that is known to no one. To this day, it is not uncommon to hear “Mary Ellen Brown did my wedding cake”.

Soon after the birth of their three children, Terence R Brown, Jr., Mary Jane, and Sean, the family moved to La Plata, Maryland. While living in La Plata, the family was active members of Sacred Heart Church. Mary Ellen continued

her cake business and generously donated many cakes to all.

Mary Ellen enjoyed meeting people and never forgot a special occasion or birthday. She had a radiant smile and warm heart. Although she was busy making cakes on Saturdays, Mary Ellen enjoyed cheering on her children at swim meets. She loved competition and pushing the limits. She often was the biggest cheerleader from behind the scenes, but her presence was known. Mary Ellen loved her family and was a proud swim mom.

In 1998, Terry and Mary Ellen moved to Port Tobacco, Maryland, where the family continued their faith at St. Catherine's McConchie Catholic Church. Mary Ellen loved spending time with her children and being pampered at Sunday Dinners. In 2005, Mary Ellen became a grandmom for the first time. It was at that point that Mary Ellen's name changed to MeMe. MeMe loved to attend her grandchildren's school events, swim meets, cheer competitions, and football games. She had the biggest smile on her face when her grandchildren walked into the room. Over the past few years, Mary Ellen became MeMe to many children that came in and out of the house. She had many nicknames for her grandchildren's friends and would always point out fresh haircuts. She enjoyed watching soaps and having lunch with friends. She was truly loved by many and will be missed.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by the love of her life and husband, Terence R. Brown, Sr. and her brother, John McVeigh.

Mary Ellen is survived by her two sons, Terence R. Brown, Jr. and his wife Jessica, Sean M. Brown and his wife Heather; one daughter, Mary Jane Brown Cupples and her husband Gene; four grandchildren, Kaeleigh Cupples, Clinton Cupples, Jaytee Brown, and Skylar Brown; one sister Dorothy Altemus; one brother Joseph McVeigh.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday January 22, 2025 from 4PM until 8PM with 7PM prayers and a Funeral Mass on Thursday January 23, 2025 at 10AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 201 St. Mary's Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Interment will be private, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mary Ellen's name to St. Catherine of Alexandria, 7640 Port Tobacco Road, Port Tobacco, Maryland 20677.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646
(301) 934-2920
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<https://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Prayer Service

JAN 22. 7:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
201 St Marys Ave
La Plata, MD 20646
(301) 934-2261

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Mary Ellen made my wedding cake in 1989 and Terry so cautiously set it up. It was beautiful and delicious. Every year until she retired, my best friend and I would purchase each other’s birthday cake from Mary Ellen. We always chose her “grooms cake” gift each other. To this day, nearly 36 years later, we’re still trying to duplicate her icing recipe to no avail. Thank you Brown Family for sharing your mom so that she could bless so many of us with her beautiful bakery talent.

Cindy Byrer - June 25, 2025 at 02:32 PM

CM

“ Mary Ellen did my cake in 1993. A beautiful seven tier cake with seven delicious flavors. The cake was so moist. People are still talking about it to this day. She was so thoughtful and so professional. So sad to hear that she has left this Earth. What a wonderful woman.



Charlene Annette Marek - February 05, 2025 at 09:13 AM

JJ

“ She did my cake in 1993 best cake ever! She also worked many of the same events that my Mama catered through Nightingales She passed away Jan 5th). She was a wonderful lady. I worked with Sean for many years too. Sending you all hugs and prayers.

Jennifer Johnson - January 24, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ellen Brown.

January 23, 2025 at 12:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



January 22, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ellen Brown.

January 22, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



January 22, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.*



January 22, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ellen Brown.

January 22, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ The Browning Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Brown.

The Browning Family - January 21, 2025 at 04:06 PM



“ The Browning Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



The Browning Family - January 21, 2025 at 04:06 PM



“ Tomesko Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



Tomesko Family - January 21, 2025 at 11:54 AM

DS

“ In 1988 I met Mary Ellen as she was recommended to make my wedding cake. I loved her Almond cake and she did a beautiful design on my cake. For many years after my wedding I would refer people to her but most of those people had already heard about her awesome cakes. To her family I am so sorry for your loss but I am sure there are many memories that you can hold onto.

Debbie Serman - January 19, 2025 at 06:19 PM

BW

“ Blake & Pam Clifton, Sharon Whitsett purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



Blake & Pam Clifton, Sharon Whitsett - January 18, 2025 at 10:23 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



January 18, 2025 at 09:16 AM

TS

“ The Carbones and all of SMDA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



The Carbones and all of SMDA - January 17, 2025 at 09:39 AM

LH

“ *My condolences to the Brown family. May the memories you shared bring you comfort at this difficult time. God bless.*



Loraine Davies Hennessy - January 16, 2025 at 06:30 PM

TP

“ *To the Brown family....I was so very sorry to read this. Mrs. Brown was such a wonderful lady and made many cakes for our family. She was such a supporter of our police family and I always enjoyed talking to her. Her almond cake is my all time favorite and I tell everyone that she made the best cakes. My sympathy and prayers to your family. Tammy Popielarcheck-Meushaw.*

Tammy Popielarcheck-Meushaw - January 15, 2025 at 12:30 PM

MC

To the Brown Family my sincere condolences. Terry I'm so sorry to hear of Mary Ellen's passing as you know may remember I've been a promoter of my wonderful cake Lady for more than twenty years. sending prayers and hugs. Marianne Calomeris

Marianne Calomeris - January 15, 2025 at 07:52 PM

HT

“ *Hawthorne Swim Team purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.*



Hawthorne Swim Team - January 12, 2025 at 11:23 AM

BR

“ Sincerest sympathy to all the family. Mary Ellen was noted so well as the "Cake Lady". We nurses on Same Day Surgery @ PMH (Civista) always ordered our birthday cakes from her. She also made our daughter Dawn's beautiful wedding cake. She was a remarkable person & will be missed. Remember all the good times with her. Betty (R.N.) & Bill Roode



Betty Roode - January 12, 2025 at 10:03 AM

BR

“ Betty & Bill Roode planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Brown.

Betty & Bill Roode - January 12, 2025 at 07:56 AM

BR

“ Betty & Bill Roode purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



Betty & Bill Roode - January 12, 2025 at 07:56 AM

EB

“ Elissa B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Brown.

Elissa B. - January 11, 2025 at 03:22 PM

AM

“ Alison, Linda, & John Morgan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Brown.

Alison, Linda, & John Morgan - January 11, 2025 at 02:02 PM

ST

“ Sharon Turner lit a candle in memory of Mary Brown



Sharon Turner - January 10, 2025 at 09:13 PM

MS

“ To the Brown family. Your mom was the best. Many times, I had her baking something for me. To walk in the kitchen was really amazing. it always smelled so good. May she rest in peace. I love you all.
Mary Settles at WesBanco Bank

Mary Settles - January 10, 2025 at 04:51 PM

DT

“ Condolences to Mary Ellen's loved ones. I didn't know her personally, however my 48th wedding anniversary was this month on the 8th. She was in fact THE CAKE LADY for at least 48 years because she made my wedding cake. If you asked anyone back then where to get an excellent event cake, the answer was, Mrs Brown THE CAKE LADY, of course.
With my sympathy,
Diane Thomas (nee Stover).

Diane Thomas - January 10, 2025 at 04:48 PM

RS

“ Ray and Jeanne Sullivan purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



Ray and Jeanne Sullivan - January 10, 2025 at 03:47 PM

RW

“ Ron Weinberger planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Brown.

Ron Weinberger - January 10, 2025 at 02:29 PM

RW

“ Ron Weinberger purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



Ron Weinberger - January 10, 2025 at 02:29 PM

FB

“ From Nate, Patrick, Tyler, and Bryce purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



From Nate, Patrick, Tyler, and Bryce - January 10, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Ellen Brown.

January 10, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



January 10, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ I would get a call from Mrs. Brown every year to remind me to come by and pick up my special birthday cake. An amazing woman full of love, kindness and sharing. Rest in peace Mrs. Brown. You always knew how to make others feel special.

Buddy Gibson - January 10, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ Lee Ann Holt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Ellen Brown.



Lee Ann Holt - January 10, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ Lee Ann Holt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ellen Brown.

Lee Ann Holt - January 10, 2025 at 12:56 PM