



## Thomas Gerard Benedict

August 12, 1936 - May 7, 2014

It is with deep and heavy sadness that our family announces the death of Thomas Gerard Benedict, who passed away from cardiac arrest on May 7, 2014 at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in LaPlata, MD.

Tom was born in Baltimore, MD in 1936 and as a Catholic, baptized at St. Wenceslaus Church. He lived in Baltimore during his childhood before moving to Newburg, MD where he's lived for the past 60 years. He was the beloved son of the late Lillian Troch and Joseph Daniel Benedict (a Baltimore police officer slain in the line of duty on February 13, 1948).

Tom joined the United States Marine Corps as a young man and was immediately recognized by his commanding officer for his sharp shooting abilities of the M1 rifle and .45 caliber pistol. He was asked by Colonel Walter Walsh to join the pistol team where he proceeded to win many top awards at meets across the United States bringing honor and recognition to his Corps unit as well as his family. Upon honorable discharge in 1959, he built his career at Washington, DC's Navy Yard, and then at Indian Head's Naval Ordnance Station as a Quality Control Inspector for various projects such as RAPEC, Rapid Accelerator Pilot Ejection Canisters.

Upon retirement he remained active and never wavered in his esprit de corps,

a member of the American Legion Post 82, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10081 in Bel Alton, MD, and Southern MD Leathernecks (a detachment of the local chapter of the Marine Corps League). Semper Fi!

He loved playing cards and looked forward to his weekly pitch nights at the VFW, often proudly reporting to family of his high standings and regular winnings. He loved watching college football, the Colts (as a Baltimore team), the Ravens, and the Orioles. He enjoyed deep sea fishing and had a talent for cooking that was appreciated by anyone fortunate enough to sample his creations. But above all he deeply loved his family and cherished the time he spent with his three children and three grandchildren. He was so very loved and will be greatly missed but will be carried in the hearts and spirit of all those who knew and loved him. And with his words of encouragement will always be remembered for his motto, "Try your best...that's the only thing that you can do."

He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia; his daughters Chris and Laura; his son Michael; his grandchildren Trevor (13), Morgan (11), and Alexa (7); his two brothers, J. Donald and Robert; and his sister, Jo-Ann.

Friends and family received on Monday, May 19, 2014 from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM with Prayers at 7 PM at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, LaPlata, MD 20646. Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 201 St. Mary's Avenue, LaPlata, MD 20646. Interment with full military honors by the US Marine Corps Guard on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 11:30 AM at the MD Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623.

Memorial contributions can be made to Sacred Heart Church, 201 St. Mary's Avenue, LaPlata, MD 20646.



# Cemetery Details

## MD Veterans Cemetery - Cheltenham, MD

11301 Crain Highway  
Cheltenham, MD 20623

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 19.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

**MAY 19.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Wake Service

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MAY 19. 7:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel

5635 Washington Ave.

La Plata, MD

[business.office@raymondfuneral.com](mailto:business.office@raymondfuneral.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *A Baltimore Czech through and through. And, Semper Fi*



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**Justjo** - June 13, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ *Hey, Tommy, Seems like yesterday you were here with us. Then again, it seems like forever ago. Love always, your littlest sister, Jo.*  
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**Justjo** - June 13, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ *Thomas Gerard Benedict*

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October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Thomas Gerard Benedict*

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October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM

KB

“ On behalf of my dad, Bill Eggers, our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family. We have many fond memories of Tom's kind and gentle nature from his time working with dad at Indian Head, and members of the American Legion and the Southern Maryland Leathernecks - Semper Fi!

*The Eggers Family*

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**Karen Bitterman-Hall** - May 19, 2014 at 11:48 AM

RG

“ Dear Jo-Ann,  
The Staff at Eldercare are holding you and your family in the Light of God as you mourn the loss of your beloved brother, Thomas.  
Please accept our sincere condolences at this time.

*Sincerely,  
Your colleagues and friends at Eldercare of Damascus*

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**Rebecca Gatwood** - May 19, 2014 at 07:47 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Thomas Gerard Benedict.



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May 19, 2014 at 07:44 AM

CP

“ Canon Jim And Sharon Pendorf sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Gerard Benedict



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Canon Jim and Sharon Pendorf - May 17, 2014 at 07:04 AM

CP

*Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you all. Although we did not know Thomas, we love his sister, Jo-Ann and her family. We believe that their faith will provide great comfort to them and Tommy's family in this profound and personal loss. Our prayers and those of their many friends will, we hope support and sustain them.*

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Canon Jim and Sharon Pendorf - May 17, 2014 at 07:09 AM

CS

“ Canon Jim And Sharon sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas Gerard Benedict



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Canon Jim and Sharon - May 17, 2014 at 06:59 AM

LA

“ What a beautiful life! Prayers and peace to his family and friends.



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Linda Anderson - May 15, 2014 at 04:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Thomas Gerard Benedict.



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May 15, 2014 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Thomas Gerard Benedict.



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May 15, 2014 at 10:21 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray* was purchased for the family of Thomas Gerard Benedict.



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May 15, 2014 at 09:01 AM

MS

“ Tom and I shared a lot of good times. A \$5 trip to the Bahamas, many sick days spent at Bowie, Laurel, and Pimlico race tracks. Just before the baseball strike, when you could get a beer at the old ball park for four bucks, Tom looked at me and said: "that's \$96 a case." Loved that corned-beef at the Lexington Market.

*A good man. A great friend. Thank you Tom.*

*Mike Sikora*

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**Mike Sikora** - May 14, 2014 at 05:24 PM

LB

*Thank you for sharing your memories, Mike. I recall how much my dad enjoyed his outings with you.*

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**Laura Benedict** - May 15, 2014 at 07:32 PM

SH

“ Sandie Huntt lit a candle in memory of Thomas Gerard Benedict



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**Sandie Huntt** - May 14, 2014 at 01:13 PM

LC

“ Love, Jeanette and Chuck purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Gerard Benedict.



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**Love, Jeanette and Chuck** - May 14, 2014 at 07:30 AM

TB

“ *The Burnette's lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas Gerard Benedict*



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**The Burnette's** - May 13, 2014 at 07:43 AM