



Ada Mae Cotman

January 11, 1914 - September 5, 2012

The Legacy of Ada Mae Cotman

Ada Mae Cotman was born on January 11, 1914 in Charles City County, Virginia to the late Sarah Elizabeth Hampton and Jarad Cotman. She passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 to have eternal life. Ada is preceded in death by her husband, John D. Cotman; son, Spencer Earl Cotman; 12 siblings, Emo, Herbert, Matilda, Vernon, Cora, Virginia, Issac, Grace, James, William Henry, Martha, and Rose.

She grew up in Charles City where she was the 7th oldest of 15 children and was educated in the Charles City school system. At an early age, she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and united with Little Elam Baptist Church.

As a young woman, she worked for several years at the Holly House, but the job for which she was most proud was being a devoted wife to John "Steven" and loving mother to her babies, "Sally" "Gla", "Jimmy", "Bert" and "Cup". She also assisted in raising her siblings children, Edward C. Cotman, Carrie Cotman, and Patricia Jones, as well as several of her grandchildren, Rosalyn White, Marvin Hawkins Jr. and Erica Hawkins-Wilson.

She was a sharp witted woman who could always make you laugh and loved

nothing more than talking with friends and being surrounded by family. She loved living in Charles City and cherished the life she made there. She was an avid gardener of both flowers and vegetables. Ada always delighted in making large home cooked meals for family and friends, most times with vegetables straight from her garden. She truly enjoyed receiving vegetables from her brother Sam. They would often reminisce of the good old days while having lunch.

Later in her life, her children were blessed to be able to reciprocate the love she always showed them by caring for her up until the end of her life. Her wisdom, sweet spirit and love for the Lord are all things that she has passed on to her children. Her memory will live on through her children, grandchildren and friends she has made along the way of her long and richly blessed life. Ada always had a love for her family, and her church family. She will be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many. She was loved and will truly be missed.

She leaves to cherish and carry on her legacy, three devoted daughters, Christine Bradby (Robert), Gladys C. Hawkins (Marvin Sr.), and Edith Craddock (Ronald Sr.); one devoted son James W. Cotman (Brenda); 14 grandchildren, Rosalyn (William), Kim, Rodney (Robin), Erica (Cory), Marvin Jr., Provonda (Antonio), Joi, Joseph (Sylvia), Jade, Ronald Jr., Cindy, Ray, Tameka and Steve; 13 great-grandchildren, Dana, Deona, Derrick, Bryant, Donté, Sky, Madison, Tyler, Devon, Tony, Nia, Camille and Tony; 4 great-great-grandchildren; one devoted brother, Stanley "Sam" Cotman (Hilda); daughter-in-law, Jean Cotman; loving friend, Doris Atkins; nieces, Cathy Brown, Crystal Wells and Jewel Wells; a host of other loving relatives and friends.

In Loving Memory

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. He put His arms around

you and whispered "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you, watched you fade away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Cemetery Details

Little Elam Baptist Church Cemetery

8840 Church Lane
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP **9**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Little Elam Baptist Church
8840 Church Lane
Charles City, VA 23030

Tribute Wall



“ *Ada Mae Cotman*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss and would like to offer my condolences to your family. Death is such a terrible thing for a family to go through, I actually lost my mom about 3yrs ago. I'm truly grateful that I have the truth about death and look forward to the future when there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.”— ACTS 24:15. I'm sure you would love to see your loved one again in the coming Paradise here on earth! Again so sorry for your loss!!*

Ms Springer - September 18, 2012 at 10:00 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - September 07, 2012 at 01:46 PM