



## Bernette Elizabeth Barnes

April 12, 1970 - March 7, 2016

Bernette Elizabeth Cotman Barnes, (Cake) of Richmond, Virginia was born April 12, 1970. She transitioned her physical existence on March 7, 2016. She was preceded in death by her father, Bernard Cotman Sr., and brother, Bernard Cotman Jr.

Bernette Elizabeth Cotman Barnes (Cake) graduated from Highland Springs High School in 1988. She then went away to join her husband in the Military where they lived in Alaska for several years. Bernette decided to return home and came back with her daughter Paris.

Upon returning home, she completed further studies at Fortis School of Nursing and graduated. After graduation, Bernette was hired at Chippenham Dialysis Center where she worked for several years. Later on, she took a position with the Bank of America.

Bernette was a devoted mother, daughter, and friend, who always put the interests of her family first, who saw to it that her children were given the best she could provide, in loving care, spiritual nourishment and material comforts. The example she lived day by day will forever be a goal for her family to strive to reach.

She leaves to cherish her memories three daughters, Paris and London

Cotman and Lashawnda Barnes; son, Sterling Barnes Jr., mother, Molly Charity (Melvin); brother, Lewis Cotman; niece; Hyacinth Dunlap; Nephew, Marcus Cotman; six aunts, Dora Bowman(Harry), Nancy Turner, Bettie Gresham, Joan Cotman(Richard), Pearl Greene(McArthur), Julia Dickerson(Wesley), Betty Hampton; uncles, Arthur Cotman, Daniel Quivers(Liza) and Jessie Quivers(Gail); one great aunt, Eva Bell; one great uncle, Isaac Hampton and a host of other relatives and

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### viewing

MAR 11. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

### Family Hour

MAR 11. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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### Service

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PC

“ *I miss my mom so much*

Paris Cotman - August 08, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Bernette Elizabeth Barnes*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

GJ

“ *To Bernette's family and children. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and I pray that each day gets easier and the memories of Bernette remain forever in your heart. Memories are the greatest gifts we could ever ask for.*

Geri Jones - March 15, 2016 at 08:09 AM

JB

“ *Warren and I extend our heartfelt sympathies to Molly and the entire Cotman/Barnes families. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers! JoAnne C. Bell*

JoAnne C. Bell - March 11, 2016 at 06:33 PM

LM

“ *To The Family of Bernette Cotman Barnes. Our thoughts of love and prayers are with you. We all will miss you Bernette. Bernette was our neighbor, a sweet and loving friend. During middle school and high school. We will truly miss you.*

*Love you forever,  
Lisa Morris Marquez  
Class of 1990 H.S.H.S.*

Lisa Marquez - March 11, 2016 at 06:01 PM

LM

“ I certainly enjoyed working with Bernette. As I pass her desk, I am reminded of her beautiful smile and that infectious laugh. Please know that she will be missed and may your precious memories provide comfort during this difficult time.

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**Lynne Mota** - March 11, 2016 at 03:41 PM

 Toia Brown

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Bernette Cotman, She was a beautiful person inside and out.. I first met Betnette at Kindercare.. I will always remember her smile, so beautiful.. May you all find comfort in each other and your memories..

*Heartfelt sympathy*

*Toia Brown & Family (Henrico, VA)*

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**Toia Brown** - March 11, 2016 at 12:11 AM

JA

“ Bernette was one of the sweetest woman that I have ever met..she will be truly missed!! I m going to miss our talks at work

*RIP B*

*Jackie*

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**jackie** - March 10, 2016 at 10:07 AM

AC

“ Bernette and I got close very fast and began supporting each other in life as well as in studies. I will miss her spirit for fun, love of family, beautiful grin and infectious laugh the most. May all her family and friends be given strength. Love you and yours, Bernette!

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**Amy Taylor Cooper** - March 09, 2016 at 07:33 PM

AP

*My thoughts and prayers are with Molly, the Hamptons, Barnes, Bells, Greshams and others at this very trying time. May memories sustain all of you.*

*Agatha (Aggie) Porterfield*

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**Agatha (Aggie) Porterfield** - March 13, 2016 at 10:47 AM

AF

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Bernette's family. She was a ray of sunshine each day and kept me laughing. Rest peacefully <3*

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**Alex Francis** - March 09, 2016 at 05:09 PM

TK

“ *One of the best and brightest students I have ever had. She loved to learn and help anyone else who needed encouragement. It was truly a pleasure knowing you and calling you friend. Love Mrs. K*

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**Tina krevonick** - March 09, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of your passing, immediately I was broken to tears just thinking of all the memories we shared throughout the years!*

*To your family I offer my condolences! I love you Bernette and always will!*



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**Monica Howard** - March 09, 2016 at 02:57 PM

TR

*Child hood sister and Friend. Will miss you dearly. RIP Beautiful. May God comfort and bring peace to the family. Love you'll.*

*Terri Richardson  
Class of 89*

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**Terri Richardson** - March 10, 2016 at 07:14 PM

SF

“ *She was such a jewel! She had such a wonderful glow about her and I loved her style and charm. God has just added another angel in heaven!, She will be greatly missed and my prayers are with her family and friends at this time.*

*Sasha Foster*

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**Sasha Foster** - March 09, 2016 at 02:14 PM

JB

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**Jennyka Nicholson Bailey** - March 09, 2016 at 10:01 AM

TF

“ *My prayers go out to the family, Bernette was such a sweet person always smiling and will be deeply missed...*

*Tysha Funn(Tee)*

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**tysha funn** - March 09, 2016 at 09:42 AM

TB

“ My deepest thoughts and prayers are with your family. Bernette was a beautiful person and I treasure all of memories of her smiling face.

*Peace be with your family.*

*Terry Barsalou*



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**Terry Barsalou** - March 09, 2016 at 07:17 AM

DA

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one . How comforting to know that Almighty God has not only the power but the desire to reunite us with our loved ones by means of the resurrection hope Jesus spoke of in the Bible at John 5 : 21,28,29

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**D Allen** - March 09, 2016 at 06:05 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 08, 2016 at 03:37 PM