



Catherine Elizabeth Brown

July 29, 1945 - April 16, 2021

On April 16, 2021, Catherine Elizabeth Cotman Brown fondly known as "Buddy" peacefully slipped into eternal rest. She was born on July 29, 1945 to the late Henry W. Jones, Sr. and Annie Hampton Jones. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved son, Kyle M. Cotman, Sr. and her sister, Gloria Pugh.

At an early age, Buddy confessed Christ as her Lord and Savior and became a member of Little Elam Baptist Church, Charles City, VA. She graduated from Ruthville High School located in Charles City, VA. Buddy was united in holy matrimony to Leroy M. Cotman ("Boo") on Christmas day 1963. This union was blessed with two loving sons. She later married Samuel J. Brown.

Buddy was employed as an Administrative Assistant with the State of Virginia at both the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) and the Department of Information Technology (DIT) for a combination of 25+ years. As a gifted woman of many talents, she was employed with Hertz after which she ventured into entrepreneurship as the owner of 'Buddy's Crafts' specializing as a wedding coordinator and interior decorator.

Buddy was a 'glamour girl' known for her style and fashion. She enjoyed

researching the latest trends to elaborately decorate her home and yard as well as the homes of others. She never missed an opportunity to shop and in later years continued to do so via catalogs and online. While not an avid television viewer, Buddy was Judge Judy's #1 fan. She would promptly tell family and friends to call her back later if anyone called during Judge Judy. She loved entertaining family and friends and welcomed any chance to cook one of her fabulous meals for others. Buddy whole-heartedly embraced the saying "Fun, Food and Family." Above all else, Buddy had an unwavering love for her family, especially her sons, daughter-in law (Monica), and grandchildren. She gladly and frequently shared how 'perfect' they were and dared anyone to disagree.

After experiencing health challenges later in life, Buddy was blessed to have Maude Claiborne, Sallie Fauntleroy, and Reitha O'Neal dedicate their time to serve as faithful and compassionate caregivers. Buddy was grateful for their thoughtfulness and treasured their friendship.

Buddy leaves to cherish her memories her husband, Sam Brown; her "Precious" son, Craig L. Cotman (Monka); loving grandchildren, Alexander (Alex), Andrew (Drew), Kyle Jr. (her "Puddin"), Kyla and Chole; siblings, Bertha Jones, Iva Johnson (Rev. James H. Johnson); Henry Jones, Jr. (Evangelist Melissa Jones); and Jeanette Jones; daughter-in-law, Christina Cotman; stepchildren, Tori Higgs, Brittany Jones, and Tasheka Jones-Saunders; one uncle, Oliver Hampton (who gave her the nickname "Buddy"); one aunt, Hilda Cotman (Stanley); a devoted niece, Jennifer Harris who shared her talent for gifts and decorating; nieces and nephews Calvin, Patrice, Joi, Jamie, Marcie, Henry, Eleschia, Malcolm, Marcus and Maya; In-laws: Kim, Kyle, Daryl and Thomas Brown, Jr. and Frances B. Jefferson, A host of cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives, and friends,

including devoted friends Rev. Charlene Gresham, laFran Wooten, Maude Claiborne, Bettie Gresham, and Yvonne Baylor.

The family of Catherine "Buddy" Brown would like to express their heartfelt and sincere gratitude to Dr. Michael Sheehan (Bon Secours) and Emily Monn, RN CC (United Healthcare) for their years of dedicated service to ensure Buddy received optimum health care.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

APR 23. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life with live streaming

APR 24. 1:30 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Catherine Elizabeth Brown, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - April 21, 2021 at 11:41 AM

AC

the link to view is not working

ashanti cotman - April 23, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ Catherine Elizabeth Brown

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

YB

“ Yvonne Bradby sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine Elizabeth Brown



Yvonne Bradby - April 24, 2021 at 01:55 PM

YB

“ *My sincere sympathy and condolences to the family. Praying God will give you all some peace and understanding during this trying time.*

Yvonne Bradby - April 24, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Craig, Henry, Bertha, Iva, Jeanette and their families.*

Catherine was one of my lifelong friends. We didn't get the chance to see each other often, but were able to maintain a loving relationship for well over 60 years.

I always admired her desire to make things beautiful, whether it was her own makeup or a room makeover, she had great pride and confidence in her artistic talent.

I shall miss her presence in this realm and pray for her passage into eternity.

*All my love,
Evelyn Miles Giebel*

Evelyn Temple-Giebel - April 24, 2021 at 11:59 AM

NC

“ *I will always Love You beautiful... Love always your beautiful !!*

Neena Cotman - April 23, 2021 at 03:44 PM

AC

“ To my cuzin BUDDY!

I will miss your laughs and sweet hugs your would give me, U would always ask me am i behaving yourself , i would say yes lol but i wasnt , I hope you can kiss MY GRANDMA LENA (your aunite) and MY MOTHER (your cuzin) for me. I know everyone is glad to see you ! Until we meet again Ashanti



ashanti cotman - April 23, 2021 at 02:32 PM

BC

To the Family

Praying God bless will dry your tears and restore joy in your lives as you reflect on. Mrs. Catherine's life. Hold onto God's unweaving love and everything will be alright.

Deacon Ronnie and Deaconess Brenda

Brenda A Jones Cotman - April 24, 2021 at 02:49 PM

YF

“ *Your Cousins--Lois, Linnie, Michael, & Fred purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Catherine Elizabeth Brown.*



Your Cousins--Lois, Linnie, Michael, & Fred - April 22, 2021 at 02:06 PM

VG

“ Sam, Craig and all the sisters, words cannot express my sorrow on learning of Catherine’s passing. She was such a special person and I loved her deeply. Since high school we have been friends and she was always the same lovely person. I pray God will give you peace and joy with your shared great memories. She will be missed. Sending much love and prayers.
Veora Glenn.

Veora Glenn - April 22, 2021 at 12:30 PM

YB

“ Sam, Craig and family, my heart was broken when you informed me of Cathy's passing. We have been friends for more than 50 years. She will be truly missed. May God wrap his arms around you at this time of bereavement.

Yvonne Baylor

YVONNE BAYLOR - April 22, 2021 at 11:19 AM



HC

“ Sam and Family. We are very sorry to hear of the passing of your wife. You all are in our thoughts. Harry and Michele Collins

Harry and Michele Collins - April 22, 2021 at 10:35 AM

HC

“ Harry And Michele Collins lit a candle in memory of Catherine Elizabeth Brown

Harry and Michele Collins - April 22, 2021 at 10:34 AM



EC

“ We are so sorry for your loss of your love one Catherine. May God continue to bless you. May He give you the strength and comfort you need at this time. You have our condolences and prayers.
Eugene and Judy Crump



Eugene and Judy Crump - April 22, 2021 at 09:45 AM

MJ

“ *Montell Jones lit a candle in memory of Catherine Elizabeth Brown*



Montell Jones - April 21, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *6 files added to the album Buddy and Family*



Joi Alana - April 20, 2021 at 01:03 PM

RC

“ *Rev Sheila Crump lit a candle in memory of Catherine Elizabeth Brown*



rev sheila crump - April 20, 2021 at 02:26 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 - April 19, 2021 at 12:19 PM