



Deborah Ann Cotman

March 3, 1960 - December 28, 2014

Deborah Ann Cotman was born in Richmond, VA on March 3, 1960. Deby departed her earthly body and entered her eternal home on December 28, 2014 after 8 year courageous battle with cancer. She was the daughter of Phyllis M. Cotman.

She graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1978. She accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. She joined The St. Paul's Baptist Church in 2005 by Christian experience.

Deby was employed at MCV/VCU Health Systems for 32 years, beginning in the Department of Anesthesiology and ending in Central Sterile Processing with dedicated service.

Her past times including cooking, listening to music, laughing, shopping, journaling, and being with family and friends. Deby touched the lives of many people with her generosity and maintained her trademark sense of humor all the way to the end. She will forever be remembered for her selflessness and the words of wisdom she shared.

She leaves to cherish her memories a beloved son Corey Cotman(Shasoki);loving mother Phyllis Cotman;loving grandson;Shacor Cotman;two devoted sisters, Wanda Simmons(James) and Sandra Crenshaw;

three nieces, Kimberly Jordon(Jermaine),Shemia Porcher(Byron),and Brittani Crenshaw; nephew Devon Simmons; great aunt Dixie Brown(Shedrack);devoted cousins,Wyoma(Dee)Staten, Earl West, and Harry West; devoted friends; Deborah Bolling,Patricia Chiles,Marie Easley, Earl Jackson, Rosalyn Matthews, Julius Pittman, Tyrone Simmons, Elvin Ward, Sharon Westington,Sam White, and the late Lee Dabney, and countless other family and friends who were blessed to know her.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 2. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JAN 2. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Richmond, VA 23222

Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church
4247 Creighton Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Deborah Ann Cotman*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Ms. Deby, was such a wonderful woman, she was so welcoming. I always loved being around her. Whenever I entered her home my kids & I never felt out of place. I could tell that family was very important to her. She has touched so many lives. She was a strong woman bc she raised a boy into a man. She fought her battle long & hard until God said it's time. My prayers for comfort & strength to her family & friends will continue.*



LaTonya Sims & Family

LaTonya Sims - January 03, 2015 at 04:07 AM



“ *You truly will be missed. Rest In Peace. I send my condolences to the family. Pearlene Epps.*

Pearlene Epps - January 02, 2015 at 11:33 PM



“ *Aliyah Z Staton lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Cotman*



Aliyah Z Staton - January 02, 2015 at 05:42 PM

AS

“ In the words of Albert Einstein, "Our death is not an end if we can live on in our children and the younger generation. For they are us. Our bodies are only wilted leaves on the tree of life". He is alive in you.

I will miss you!!!!

Aliyah Z Staton

Aliyah Z Staton - January 02, 2015 at 05:34 PM

GS

“ You're Really Gonna Be Missed. Many People In The Operating Room Love You. Rest In Peace.

Gloria Scruggs - January 02, 2015 at 04:53 PM

LD

“ Cotman Family,

God loves all his children, He just wanted the best to come home.

lunetta dais

lunetta davs - January 02, 2015 at 03:01 PM

MF

“ Cory,

My thoughts are with you and your loved ones during this difficult hour.

My sincerest regards,

Marti Flinn

Marti Flinn - January 02, 2015 at 09:50 AM

TR

“ *Although your work on earth is done
Your life in heaven has just begun.
Your struggles here were hard and long
But they're over now, you're finally home.*

*I know you at a place where there's no tears
nor sorrow, only laughter and smiles, and
there will always be a tomorrow. Your fight to
the finish ,always strong .Rest easy Deby, you're
finally home.*

Tracey Ruffin

Tracey Ruffin - January 02, 2015 at 09:40 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the
family of Deborah Ann Cotman.*



January 02, 2015 at 08:46 AM

DA

“ I am so sorry for your loss . John 5 : 28,29

Delores Allen - January 02, 2015 at 04:02 AM

EP

“ Evelyn Page lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Cotman



evelyn page - January 02, 2015 at 02:04 AM

MW

“ Ms. Debbie, you will be truly missed. Such a sweet soul. May God comfort your family..



Melissa Webster - January 01, 2015 at 05:34 PM



“ Deb, you will be sorely missed by those close to you and afar. Like I told you, I admire the long battle with cancer that you fought. I love you and you will be terribly missed.

Love, Joyce Mason

Joyce Mason - January 01, 2015 at 04:09 PM

TT

“ *My Cousin Deby,
The sadness is overwhelming...but I find
solace in knowing that your pain and suffering
are over. You fought a long hard battle. You
did it "your way" on your terms. Rest well my
beautiful cousin.*

*I keep with me the lifetime of memories we have shared. But what
truly stays in my heart are the deep conversations we had, so many
special moments together, your giving and welcoming spirit, your
wonderful sense of humor and the love I felt every time we were
together.*

*I will miss you always,
-Love Tanya*



Tanya Thompson - January 01, 2015 at 06:05 AM

AS

“Where do I begin Cousin Deby, On my 42 years on this earth you have always been a vital part of my life.. Words cannot express the sadness and pain I feel of loosing you, but I know your in a better place now. My Dear Cousin, you was truly the rock and glue to our entire family and I just don't know what we are going to do without you!! Everyone that knew you knew that “Your Family” meant the world to you, and all you ever wanted was for the family to be family and to have that special bond that all families should have. Dearest Cousin, I promise you that I will do everything in my power to fulfill what you wanted for our family “I WILL NOT LET YOU DOWN”...

Our house will never be same anymore, especially on our “Friday Night Pow Wow's” LOL. Relaxing, having our “Adult Beverages” and debates- cousin we are surely going to miss you! Even through the rough patches in life, you always let your light shine.. My wish for myself is to instill in my son the same traits and qualities that you instilled in Corey. You raised Corey to put God first, to be humble, to share with others, to fulfill his dreams, to be the best man that he could absolutely be, and to be a leader not a follower. You definitely achieved everything you set out to do as a “Mother” and as I continue my journey with Aleynde, I will strive and aim to do the exact same as you did..

Again, I am going to miss your energetic, strong, dynamic, lively, thoughtful, hospitable, honest, unselfish, considerate, wonderful, spirited and uplifting SOUL! You will always and forever be in my “HEART” Deby!

LOVE YOU ALWAYS!
YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

Antonia

Antonia Staten - December 31, 2014 at 10:26 PM

WS

Awww, Toni. My sister loved you very much. She always worried about Aleynde, she wants the best for him Deby loved being at you and Grandma Dee's house. You are so right she always put her family first, regarding of what was going on. I know you loved my sister and she loved you with all her heart. You were more than a cousin.

Wanda Simmons - January 01, 2015 at 06:23 AM

EP

Wanda where do I begin I am so sorry for your lost you all was like family back in the days she will be missed but never forgotten and her pain and suffering is over we loved her but god loved her best Evelyn hagood page

evelyn hagood page - January 01, 2015 at 07:33 PM

BI

“ TO FAMILY & FRIENDS:

I just want to say the sense of loss I feel at this time is more than words can explain. In my cousin Deby, I had a friend/buddy, words of wisdom, someone to share and someone to care. In her honor, I will continue to hold up the "Family Banner" that she believed in wholeheartedly.

Deby believed, "God is always there when you need him. If you stand upon His word and believe, He will do it." I believe that God received Deby into His loving arms on Sunday, December 28, 2014.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR HE HAS DONE GREAT THINGS!

*Rest-n-Peace Deby.
Love Bitsie.*

Bitsie - December 31, 2014 at 05:13 PM

SJ

To God be the Glory. May Debie soul rest in peace she will be miss by lots of us Peace my friend. To the family hold on to God's unchanging hands.

Sherma Jones - January 02, 2015 at 04:45 AM

PA

“ *Ms. Phillis, Corey Sandra, Wanda & Family*

*I would like to express my condolences to
The Cotman Family*

(Debbie) you are going to be truly missed by all that was in your life.

*God granted me the serenity to accept the things, I cannot change;
The courage to change the things I can; And the wisdom to know
the difference.*

*while sitting here writing this I'm trying so hard not to cry. you know I
think about the crew all the time and all the fun we shared. (Debbie).
Jack in the Box was the spot after a late night out on the town. :)
back in the days. love every minute of it. We laughed together and
cried together we did it all.*

*Pam Anderson & Family
Love and Will miss you
Your sis Pammie :)*

Pamela - December 31, 2014 at 10:22 AM



MR

*I remember our school days, sleepovers and the friendship of our
moms. These memories will be treasured always. May God continue to
watch over you and your family. Marshall Pollard Robinson and Family*

Marshell Pollard Robinson - January 02, 2015 at 07:49 PM

ME

“ Marie Easley lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Cotman



Marie Easley - December 31, 2014 at 09:40 AM

ME

“ Debbie you were truly a "best friend." Love you girl. Your long battle has ended rest in peace. You will always be near to my heart. Don't worry about Corey and Mommy I got your back. Love you always.....Marie E

Marie Easley - December 31, 2014 at 09:35 AM

SW

“ Words cannot express what I am feeling at this time. Debbie was a co-worker, a supervisor but above all she was my BEST friend. Debbie fought a tough battle and did it with grace. I will miss your laughter and words of encouragement. I simply will miss You (Debbie) and I love you with all my heart. Your work here is now done and you can take your rest. I love you but the Lord loves you best. Rest in peace my friend ~ you were a friend til the end.

Sam White and Family.

Sam White - December 31, 2014 at 08:07 AM

WS

Thank you Sam. You were more than a Best friend you are and always be a part of our family. My sister loved you dearly. We love you too.

Wanda

Wanda Simmons - December 31, 2014 at 08:33 AM

JP

“ To My Big Sister In Law, I will miss u dearly. Through the good n the bad we were always rolling together, from Fridays At Sunset, to the Strip N Vegas we did it Bigger N Better, Stylin N Profilin. We cracked crabs n bar b qued and we always had a xmas toast of eggnogg. I Love U And You Will Always Be My Best Sister In Law. Will C U At The Cross Roads. Jimmy

James Patterson - December 31, 2014 at 07:39 AM

BB

“ Corey, Shasoki, Shacor & the rest of the family my prayers & condolences are with you. Remember God don't make mistakes he needs her more than us. I'm here if u need anything... God bless!!

Barbara Benton-McSweeney - December 31, 2014 at 05:40 AM

ET

“ Earlene Tye lit a candle in memory of Deborah Ann Cotman



Earlene Tye - December 30, 2014 at 10:05 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the Cotman family. Ms. Debbie was a mom too many, and love by many many more. Dance with the angels Ms. Debbie. I love you dearly. Rest now.

Carla Mitchell - December 30, 2014 at 09:26 PM

Moma Crenshaw

“ Rest in peace my friend. Love Dot, Crennie and Robert

Moma Crenshaw - December 30, 2014 at 09:05 PM

DB

“ *To the Family of our beloved friend and co-worker:*

We are saddened by the loss of one of the most cherished members of our health care Family. Her spirit was kind, caring and genuine. During many challenging days, Debbie continued to be an inspiration and role model to each of us. Those wonderful memories will remain with us forever. Thanks so much for sharing Debbie with us. We send our condolences and prayers that fond memories will remain with each of you and give you strength and courage.

Debbie Bolling and the Perioperative Surgical Services Health Care Team.

VCU Health System, Perioperative Surgical Services



Deborah Bolling - December 30, 2014 at 06:41 PM



Thank You Ms. Bolling! She admired & Loved You!

Corey Cotman - December 30, 2014 at 09:17 PM

LF

“ *Our family would like to express condolences to The Cotman Family, May you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible where He assures us at 1Corinthians 15:26 that "death will be brought to nothing". Other scriptures even show us that our dear loved ones will be resurrected right back to a beautifully restored Paradise Earth. Our prayers are with your family.*

linn family - December 30, 2014 at 06:26 PM

DB

“ *Deborah Bolling sent a virtual gift in memory of Deborah Ann Cotman*



Deborah Bolling - December 30, 2014 at 06:11 PM

WS

“ *To My Beloved Sister,*

I love you and will miss you very much. Sandra and I will do our very best to take care of mom and Corey, I know this was worrying you. Like I told you before God called you home we won't be able to be you, but we will do our very best. I saw that you were in pain and it hurt me to see you suffer. I know that you are with our Heavenly Father. You had the heart of gold, you put others before yourself. You and I love to disagree, but I have always loved you. I am preparing myself to be where you are with our Heavenly Father. God was waiting for a beautiful person, he met you at the golden gate and said JOB WELL DONE MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. Your crown was waiting for you and I know it is beautiful. Take your rest sister and I will see your in the rapport.



Love and miss you,

Wanda

Wanda Simmons - December 30, 2014 at 06:05 PM

KH

Wanda, I am so sorry about your sister. God Bless you and the family. I remember all of you from school. A great and funny group of young ladies.

Karen Smith Harris - December 31, 2014 at 07:50 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Cotman.*



December 30, 2014 at 04:22 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Ann Cotman.*



December 30, 2014 at 03:56 PM



“ *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 - December 30, 2014 at 02:01 PM

HV

Rest in Peace. Amen.

Hugh Vandervall - January 05, 2015 at 09:30 AM