



Dorthea Cottingham

August 2, 1926 - August 11, 2005

DORETHA COTTINGHAM, daughter of the late Winfield and Willie Lee Merritt, was born on August 2, 1926 in Baltimore, Maryland. On August 11, 2005 Doretha was called by her Heavenly Father and quietly went home to rest. Doretha was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. Doretha worked several jobs during her early years. On October 2, 1945, Doretha was united in marriage to Llewellyn Percy Cottingham. God Blessed this union with two loving children, Roxie and Craig, who were a testimony of the strong family bond that endured through the years. A long time member of the New Psalmist Baptist Church, Doretha attended the early morning services, thoroughly enjoying the sermon and the choir ministry. When her health failed, preventing her from attending church, Doretha enjoyed the television ministry. Affectionately known by several names, "Sister Ree", "Reba" and "Moja", Doretha will always be remembered for her great fashion style, her natural sense of humor which was shared by everyone who had the pleasure of meeting her. Doretha enjoyed the company of family and friends. However, in her later years, after thirty minutes or so, you often heard Doretha say, "Okay, you can go home now". The only exceptions to the time allowance were her grandchildren, Donald Jr., Tifani, Craig II and Marc. In her later years Doretha enjoyed arts and crafts and became a gifted painter. Doretha leaves to mourn: daughter, Roxie Cooke; son, Craig L. Cottingham; son-in-law, Donald P. Cooke; daughter-in-law, Vivian "Weiji" Cottingham; four grandchildren, Donald Jr., Tifani, Craig II, and Marc; one great grandson,

Jason Alexander; one brother, Cleveland Merritt; one sister, Doris "Rabbit" Day; four sisters-in-law, Lois Merritt, Jeannette Jackson, Vera Maddox, and Muriel Goins; two brothers-in-law, Theodore Maddox and Clarence Goins; one uncle, Carey Hines; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends. A loving, kind-spirited, and classy lady, Doretha was well loved, and will be missed by all.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorthea Cottingham*

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“ *Dorthea Cottingham*

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“ *Roxy and Craig & Family, I just Like to let you know that your MOM was a Beautiful person inside and out and I was honored to get to know your mom. God bless you All.##imported-begin##Butch & Barbara##imported-end##*

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“ *My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##*

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