



## Elva Anna Rae Cotman

November 25, 1949 - August 26, 2021

ELVA ANNA RAE COTMAN, 71, of Silver Spring, Maryland, was called to her heavenly home on August 26, 2021. Born on November 25, 1949, she was preceded in death by her parents, Timothy Cotman and Hortense Jones Cotman, stepmother, Lorene Bradby Cotman, and brother, Vernon S. Cotman.

Elva accepted Christ at an early age. She graduated from Ruthville High School in 1968 and continued her education at Hampton University where she received a bachelor's degree in Business in 1972.

Elva had an extensive career at the Metropolitan Area Transit Authority in Washington, D.C., as an office administrator until she retired in 2015. She continued to work on weekends at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital as a lab technician. She enjoyed conversing regularly with her family and spending time with friends.

Elva leaves to cherish her memories brothers Timothy, Sr. (Sammie) and Christopher Cotman of Charles City, VA, and Elwin Cotman of Pittsburgh, PA; three stepbrothers, Henry, Sr. (Maria) Bradby of Richmond, VA, Robert, Jr. (Anna) Bradby of Charles City, VA, and Steven, Sr. (Tonya) Bradby of Durham, NC; and a devoted stepsister, Pamela Bradby-Matthews of Henrico, VA. In addition, several nieces, nephews, cousins and relatives; devoted friend JoAnn Freeman, Goddaughter, Ashley Freeman; and devoted

coworkers, Ann Hunter and Belinda Press.

There will be a private graveside service for the immediate family at Gilfield Baptist Church, 6640 Church Lane, Charles City, VA, 23030 on September 25, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Rev. Michael L. Jones, Sr. will be officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## **Gilfield Baptist Church Cemetery**

6640 Church Lane  
Charles City, VA 23030

# Previous Events

## **Private Family Graveside Service**

SEP **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Charles City, VA 23030

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elva Anna Rae Cotman*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *As Elva Cotman is laid to rest this week I will remember and miss her very much. During the forty years when we were first hired at Georgetown Hospital, Laboratory Medicine we became close friends. Elva would enter the office with a smile, a gesture sometimes to make us laugh and a vivid reader, She would accept other work responsibilities, assist other co-worker and our overnight weekend snow details. We visited each other ,attend special events, luncheons and exchanging gifts. At the time she was notified of her illness we had an intense conversation. I was her mentor, I took her to the hospital, doctor appointments, treatments, visits at the hospitals and home. Elva was truly blessed by God for her strength and courage. She continue to come to work with her smile and no complaints. You are no longer in pain and may God grant you peace and I will always cherish our friendship.*

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*

**Arquilla T, Tillman** - September 24, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ *As Elva Cotman will be laid to rest th*



**Arquilla T. Tillman** - September 24, 2021 at 05:49 PM

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“ *To Elva Cotman's Family*  
*Poem Author David Harkins*  
*SHE IS GONE*

*You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back, or you open your eyes and see all she's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared, You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her only that she is gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*Arquilla T. Tillman*

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**Arquilla T. Tillman** - September 24, 2021 at 05:35 PM

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“ *To Elva Cotman's Family*  
*Poem Author Unknown*  
*A STOPPING PLACE*

*Life is but a Stopping place, a pause in what's to be, a resting place alone the road to sweet eternity. We all have different journeys. Different paths along the way, we all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay. Our destination is a place, far greater than we know.*

*Extending my condolences to your family.*

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**Annie Twyman** - September 20, 2021 at 11:10 PM

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“ As Elva Cotman is laid to rest this week, I will remember her gentle spirit and soft spoken voice. During the more than twenty years she was under my supervision, I had the opportunity to work closely with her in the Laboratory at Georgetown Hospital, and we attended events outside of work. She was a very dedicated and loyal employee who was always willing to extend herself. You could depend on her if she made a commitment for she was a woman of her word. Her coworkers were her extended family who was supportive of her especially when she was confronted with serious challenges. I am so thankful for the opportunity of knowing Elva and the time God allowed her to be with us. Elva presence will be missed but know that she fought a good fight and have finished her race here. I will cherish those memories of my time with Elva. Farewell Elva rest on ...



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**Annie Twyman** - September 20, 2021 at 10:59 PM



“ Elva, you are very missed by your Georgetown Hospital family. We worked together so long and I learned a lot from you. I loved your dry sense of humor and I wish you had gotten the time to kick your shoes off and enjoy. RIP.

*Amy Dahm*

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**Amy Dahm** - September 17, 2021 at 07:09 PM

HB

“ To the Cotman family My thoughts & prayers are with you. We have lost another classmate but good memories of a very sweet and loving person . Just know that God has a special place in his kingdom and you will shine very bright and all can look to the sky at night and wonder what is Elva wondering have we changed are we still clowning. Oh well Elva I am still taking life easy and praying for better days. Until we meet again keep looking out for us. God Bless the classmate who never forget. Love Hattie Christian Brooks. Until we meet again.



Hattie C Brooks - September 17, 2021 at 02:19 PM

AP

“ I'm so sad that I wont see you anymore. I looked forward to the weekends we worked together. I'm so grateful to have gotten to know you and consider you a friend. It's hard to write this. I miss you so much. I hope you are on a beach drinking your chardonnay and at peace and no longer in pain.



Adriana Perez - September 11, 2021 at 03:13 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 - September 08, 2021 at 11:22 AM