



Estelle Cotman

January 12, 1932 - January 27, 2018

On January 27, 2018 at Hanover Regional Memorial Hospital, God called home Estelle Sisley Johnson Cotman, our beloved mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. Her devotion to her family and her firm belief in God supported her as her health declined and God ultimately gave her peace.

Estelle was born on January 12, 1932 to the late James McKinley Johnson of Charles City, Virginia and Sisley Lillian Moore Johnson of Williamsburg, Virginia. She was the third child of fourteen children and was preceded in death by her husband, Harold L. Cotman, siblings Andrew, Samuel, John Henry, James (Jimmy) Johnson, Mary (Elnora) Morning, Missouri (Connie) Davis, Delores Morning and Marice Harris.

At an early age, Estelle accepted Christ and became a member of Union Baptist Church in Charles City, Virginia. She was a member of the Choir, Missionary Board, Pastor's Aide Committee and was an active member of the Senior Usher Board until complications with her health prevented her from attending church services.

In 1952, Estelle was united in holy matrimony to Harold L. Cotman where they raised a loving daughter, Gloria Ann. They were married for 38 years until Harold passed away in 1990. As a young woman, Estelle helped take care of her siblings. She had an open and welcoming door for loved ones to come over and provide them with what she could. Family enjoyed "going to Estelle's to eat some food and have a good time." She always had a warm spirit for

everyone....a quality that was beautiful and so appreciated.

Estelle worked in the cafeteria at The College of William and Mary with some of her siblings for four years. She later worked at The House of Edgeworth for nine years as a production worker. Her hard work lead to a promotion as an office clerk. Her office experience landed her a job at Nabisco as the Packing Department Office Clerk where she retired after 23 years.

She was an avid gardener and cook. She loved to plant a variety of flowers that were always beautiful. All her meals were made with love with which you could clearly taste. Estelle's Christian spirit was evident in her sharing with family and the community. She enjoyed traveling and fishing with her husband on his boat. Estelle being from a large family enjoyed family gatherings where lots of fellowship and love were experienced.

She leaves to cherish her memories, a loving daughter, Gloria Cotman Epps; a devoted son-in-law, Ronald Epps; a loving and devoted granddaughter, Aynsley D. Epps; five sisters, Lillie Wilson, Florence Gary, Beatrice Smith (Joseph), Barbara Otey, and Shirley Crump; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Union Baptist Church Cemetery

5801 Old Union Road
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

viewing

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

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

Wake

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

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Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Baptist Church
5801 Old Union Road
Charles City, VA 23030

Tribute Wall



“ *Estelle Cotman*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To Gloria & family ,just want you to know that you are loved an in my thoughts and prayers.As God begin to start his spring planting he needs a a beautiful tulip to add some lovely color, and he chose your mom. She will do great their and will be well taken care of. Keep the faith and remember all the good times you had together. God Bless much Love Hattie Christian Brooks & Family.*



Hattie Brooks - February 03, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *To family and friends may you find comfort in God's word the Bible at Isaiah 61:1,2 it says "God will bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all those who mourn."*

Sophie Strachan-Moreno - February 03, 2018 at 11:01 AM



“ *LOVE YOU AUNT ESTELLE WE WILL MISS YOU CLARENCE E COTMAN AND FAMILY*

CLARENCE E COTMAN - February 02, 2018 at 07:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Estelle Cotman.*



February 02, 2018 at 02:26 PM



“ *Rest in Peace, Freedom and Tranquility.*

We Love You Aunt Estelle.

Maria, Milt and Mackenzie Robinson.

M, M, & M. Robinson - February 01, 2018 at 10:21 PM



“ *Love Steve & Michelle Harris & Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Estelle Cotman.*



Love Steve & Michelle Harris & Family - February 01, 2018 at 12:22 AM

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“ I am sending my deepest condolences to the family of Estelle Cotman. I hope you find peace in knowing that our heavenly Father is thinking of you at this time of great loss. May you continue to heal as our heavenly Father continues to give you comfort that only he can give. May your hearts continue to heal as you reflect on your precious memories. Also hoping you find comfort in knowing our heavenly Father promises a time when we will see our dead loved ones under better conditions (Rev 21: 3, 4). May your heavy hearts continue to heal.

Kenyetta - January 31, 2018 at 10:11 AM

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“ May the true God continue to comfort you at this most difficult time. Soon there will be a time when sickness and death will end forever and no longer affect so many families and cause so much pain. Proof of this is mentioned at Isaiah 25:8 and Isaiah 33:24. May these verses bring you comfort. Please accept my sincere condolences

C. Prince - January 30, 2018 at 07:56 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 - January 29, 2018 at 05:04 PM