



Phyllis Maxine Cotman

November 27, 1939 - January 23, 2016

Phyllis Maxine Cotman, 76, transition to her heavenly home on the morning of January 23, 2016. Her devotion to her family and her faith in God supported her doing her struggle with illness and ultimately gave her peace. She was surrounded by family, friends, and caregivers doing the last days of her life.

She was born to the late Doris Davis in Richmond, Virginia on November 27, 1939. Phyllis was educated in the Richmond Public Schools. At an early age, she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. There, she served as a youth usher and a member of the Youth Missionary Society. She attended St. Paul's Baptist Church in her later years of life.

Doing her career, Phyllis was employed at MCV Hospital, where she first served as a nursing assistant and then a clerk in the emergency room. She dedicated her service for over 25 years, retiring in 1995. After retiring, she gained part-time employment as a housekeeper at Covenant Woods Healthcare Center, where she enjoyed fellow shipping with the residents.

Family friends were Phyllis's passion and joy. She was a loving mother to her daughters and matriarch to her family. She loved to cook and entertain, and frequently held family gatherings at her home. Countless hours of her time was spent being entertained by Wheel of Fortune, Jerry Springer, Young and

the Restless, Ellen, Steve Harvey, and shows on the Investigation Discovery channel. Phyllis also loved the beach. She will be remembered for her nurturing spirit, caring personality, and her natural sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Doris Davis and her youngest daughter, Deborah Cotman. She is survived by her daughters Wanda Simmons(James) and Sandra Crenshaw; grandchildren: devoted Corey Cotman(Shasoki) Devon Simmons, Kimberly Simmons- Jordan(Jermaine), Shemia Porcher(Byron), and devoted Brittani Crenshaw; great-grandchildren :Kyuntae Simmons, Shacor and Dior Cotman, Brytton and Brooklyn Porcher, Devyn Simmons and Jordyn Holt; aunt: Dixie Brown (Shedrack); devoted cousins: Wyoma Staten, Earl West, and Hassan Hameen; devoted friends: Melvin Jones, Lillian Cotman, Annie-Christian, Lou Ellen Jones, Geraldine Easley, and Wilma Andrews; pet: Dahli.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 1. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Family Hour

FEB 1. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

FEB 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Phyllis Maxine Cotman*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sandra and Wanda, I was deeply saddened to hear of your mom's passing, she was so nice to me whenever I came around. She's with Debbie now and I know they are rejoicing together. God will take care of you both, he's already taking care of Ms Phyllis and Debbie. My Deepest Sympathy*

Margie Henderson

Margie Henderson - February 02, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ *Rest in Peace from The Hobbs Family.....Sandra, Randy and Felecia. Those who have given of themselves to others will live forever in every single heart they have touched. Sharing in your sorrow at the loss of someone so special.*



Felecia Hobbs - February 01, 2016 at 05:25 PM

DE

“ Wanda, Sandra and our late Debbie, I will never forget us meeting at Jefferson Townhouse Apartments. Your mom was so sweet and special to all of us and Lillian, Melvin and Granny were always around and so very sweet to me, Moose and my late Abby. I want you ladies to know that I love you and miss those times. We will always be family and I plan to see you soon. With heartfelt sympathy Donna Ghee Ewell

Donna Ghee Ewell - February 01, 2016 at 04:22 PM

SH

“ Psalms 34:18 tells us that Jehovah is near to those broken at heart and those crushed in spirit he saves. Praying for and with the family.

SHEILA HILL - February 01, 2016 at 03:40 PM

DC

“ God only picks the best. Rest on piece Ms Phyllis. Always treated me like was one of your girls.



Dot Crenshae - January 31, 2016 at 01:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis Maxine Cotman.



January 31, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ You left me beautiful memories,
your love is still my guide
And although I can not see you,
you're always at my side.
My grandmother, my Queen, my guardian
Angel. I never thought I'd would lose you so soon. I hope I continue
to make you proud. Kyuntae and I love and miss you so much.
Continue to rest in peace. No more pain no more suffering. My God
will take great care of you ❤️🙏.



Kimberly Simmons-Jordan - January 31, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Phyllis Maxine Cotman.



January 29, 2016 at 02:29 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, 2016 at 11:02 AM

WS

To my beautiful mother. I never imagine this day would come. I had hopes that you would never leave us. But, I know you are with our Heavenly Father. I miss you more and more each day. I miss our laughs and talks. Just know that I love you with all my heart. I have a lot of memories that I will always cherish. I am praying for strength from God to get me thru this. You will always be dear to my heart. Love and miss you very much.

Your daughter,

Wanda 🧑🏻‍🦱🧑🏻‍🦱🧑🏻‍🦱🌹🌹🌹🌹

wanda simmons - January 30, 2016 at 07:25 PM

SI

We will mis you forever!

Simmons - January 31, 2016 at 09:02 AM

KK

I worked with Ms. Cotman many, many years ago in the MCV ER - she was a great person. My condolences to her family.

Kathy O'Kane Kreutzer

Kathy O'Kane Kreutzer - February 01, 2016 at 05:55 AM

BE

i can hear you saying "GIRL LOOK AT THEM HIPS" and i would say they want go away. we wil miss you bea and family

bea - February 01, 2016 at 07:27 AM

ME

You fought a hard battle. You loved life to the highest. You were always the sweetest person known. I will always miss you and Debbie you were family to me, but I know you are in good hands now with Debbie. She will take care of mommy she always did. You will always be special in my heart.

Rest in peace and know you were loved to the fullest.

Love always Marie Easley

Marie Easle - February 01, 2016 at 08:05 AM

L-

My wonderful and dear aunt, I will miss you so much, whenever you Call me you would always at the end our conversation, you would tell me that you LOVED me, LOVE you too. Tiny.

Leatrice Dance -Tiny - February 01, 2016 at 09:34 AM

TC

Rest in peace, we love you. Hydalia, Gladys, Janice (AppleJack), Bummie, and Donnice, the Cotman Family Charles City, VA.

The Cotman Family- Charles City - February 01, 2016 at 09:49 AM

CS

True friends are the ones who never leave your heart, even if they leave your life for a while. Even after years apart, you pick up with them right where you left off, and even if they die they're never dead in your heart. My Pray are will the Family From Minister Claudine Smith old Co-Worker --

claudine smith - February 01, 2016 at 10:39 AM

KS

In the early 70's I was employed by MCVH -ER where I first met Phyllis, she was always a friend to me. I was sadden to hear of her passing. My prayer is that those of us that remain upon this earth will draw strengeth, comfort, and encourangement from each other. To the Cotman family, stay together, stay strong in the Lord, and look to the hills, which cometh your help. Minister Katie (McFail) Studifin

katie studifin - February 02, 2016 at 09:01 AM