



## Mrs. Sharon Gay Cottom

March 7, 1957 - March 15, 2025

### Obituary

Sharon Gay was born to the late Otis Gay and the late Velma Rambus at Queens

General Hospital in Queens, New York in March of 1957. Sharon was a talented and intelligent child known for her artistic ability. A product of New York City public schools, Sharon graduated from Benjamin N. Cardozo High School in 1975. She attended some college in New York before following her mother and younger siblings to Baltimore, Maryland. In Baltimore, she enrolled in classes at the Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville campus. Sharon had aspirations of becoming a nurse.

In 1982, she was introduced to the younger brother of her downstairs neighbor. A bearded, athletic mailman affectionately called Herbie, and formally named Herbert Cottom. The pair married in August of 1988, and raised three daughters together in Baltimore City. Sharon dedicated her life to providing a comfortable home and loving environment for

her husband and children. In addition to family, education was a priority for Sharon. Sharon was an involved parent and was well known at the local school her children attended. Her love of children eventually burgeoned into her becoming a licensed daycare provider. Sharon Cottom, also known as “Mommy” by her young clients, operated a daycare out of the family home for 15 years.

Herbie and his beloved Sharon enjoyed a quiet retired life together until her body succumbed to illness March 15, 2025. Herbie was by his wife’s side at the time of her passing.

Sharon was preceded in death by both her parents and brother, Kevin Brown.

Sharon leaves to mourn: her devoted husband, Herbert J. Cottom, three daughters Tomika Gay, Jasmine Cottom, and Tanisha Palmer; son-in-law, Cornelius Palmer; siblings: Brenda Palmer, Kenneth Brown, Darryl Brown (Timphony), Jacqueline Brown, Otis Gay, Tammy Gay, Timmy Gay, and Perry Taylor. She also leaves behind her step-father, John Green and a host of loving nieces, nephews, extended family, best friend Lynne Tilley, fond acquaintances, and bonus babies.

# Previous Events

## Visitation Prior to Service

MAR 26. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (est)

March Funeral Home - West  
4300 Wabash Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

## Wake

MAR 26. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (est)

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## Funeral Service

MAR 26. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Sharon Gay Cottom*



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**March Funeral Homes** - March 17, 2025 at 12:32 PM

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“ *Auntie you'll forever be in our hearts !! We loved and truly enjoyed spending time having endless laughs and creating lasting memories with you all everytime we visited Baltimore. I know whole heartedly that your legacy will live on thru your beautiful daughters loving husband family and friends !!!!*



*Sending love from your Philly family*

*love you Auntie !!!!* 💕💕💕💕💕

*Kasha, Kali, Will, Misha, Karon, Kasii*

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**Kasha Wilson** - March 26, 2025 at 12:09 PM

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“ *Fannie Whitfield A Cousin. Shoron Cotto lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sharon Gay Cottom*



Fannie Whitfield a cousin. Shoron cotto - March 26, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sharon Gay Cottom.*



March 24, 2025 at 02:46 PM

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“ *The Hairston & Brown Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Sharon Gay Cottom.*



The Hairston & Brown Family - March 24, 2025 at 04:26 AM

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“ *My beautiful and humble cousin, we are going to miss you here in MS. God knew that you were tired and you needed rest and for that reason, we are ok. You are now resting in his arms and with Aunt Velma, Kevin, and the rest of the family. Take your rest. We LOVE YOU Sharon!*

Tina Donald Horton - March 19, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sharon Gay Cottom.*



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March 18, 2025 at 04:21 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - March 17, 2025 at 12:30 PM