



Thelma Ruth Cotman

July 30, 1927 - December 23, 2008

Our beloved mother, Thelma "Tee Tee" Cotman was born on July 30, 1927. She was the oldest child of the late Eugenea and Ruth Johnson. On December 23, 2008, she departed this earthly life. June 2, 1946 Tee Tee married the first and only love of her life, Nathaniel Cotman, Sr. They were married for 48 years. During their union, two sons Nathaniel, Jr. and Larry were born. Tee Tee and Nat were hard workers and had a vision in the late 50's to be successful Black business owners. In 1961 they purchased Joneses Restaurant in Providence Forge, Virginia. They were known in the County for the best fried chicken, potato salad and the coldest beer around. Baptized at an early age, Tee Tee was a long-standing member of Union Baptist Church under the spiritual guidance of Reverend Tommy Drayton. In her later years, after Nat passed, Tee Tee moved to Richmond, Virginia and joined Great Hope Baptist Church, pastored by Reverend Dr. Bledsoe. She will always be remembered for her love of conversation. She talked a lot. Her smile, laughter and the love she had for her family was a backbone of her personality. She had a strong will to live. Her heart was strong, but her body was tired. After years of suffering with a lingering illness, we are comforted knowing that she is in a better place and to have a better life. She'll be truly missed and never forgotten. She leaves to bereave two sons, Nathaniel H. Cotman, Jr. and devoted son, Larry E. Cotman, Sr. (Patricia); 7 grandchildren, Jade Cotman, Wayne Pugh (Paris), Tarrence Cotman (Angle), Kevin Jackson, Tracey Gurien (Tony), Larry Cotman, Jr. (Bonica), and Tamera Williams (Roger); 16

great-grandchildren;one brother,Reginald Johnson(Thelma);two sisters,Dorothy Williams and Delores Samuels all of Richmond;39 nieces and nephews;5 sisters-in-law,Delores and Estelle Cotman of Charles City,Eunice Grady of Richmond,Olga Battle of California and Marian Cotman of New Kent;a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Ruth Cotman*

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“ *To the family and friends, I offer my condolences. It truly is unfortunate that we experience the sorrow associated with the loss of one we love. May you find comfort and strength from the "God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) who promises at Isaiah 66:13, "Like a man whom his own mother keeps comforting, so I myself shall keep comforting you people."##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##*

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“ *To The Family of Ms. Thelma Cotman, I would like to offer my deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Times like these are never easy but the Bible encourages us to throw our burdens on God and he will sustain us (Psalm 55:22) in our sorrow. John 5:28-29 also speaks about a time when there will be a resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in death. Continue to lean upon the God of all comfort (1Cor1:3-5) to gain the strength needed to endure. Warmest regards, Chandra Murphy##imported-begin##Chandra Murphy##imported-end##*

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. Acts 24:15 lovingly tells us that there is going to be a resurrection. May you receive much comfort and strength from this wonderful hope found in the Holy Bible.###imported-begin##Sharon Hill##imported-end##

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“ To The Family and Close Friends: I send my condolences on your loss. Many believe it is God's wish that we lose our loved ones, and thus suffer heartache. But, the Bible shows that Jehovah God has a different plan in mind. Acts 24:15 tells us "there is going to be a resurrection". So, we do have the chance to see our loved ones again on this earth! May this scripture and many others prove to be a source of comfort for you.###imported-begin##Kendra A##imported-end##

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