



Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton

June 7, 1934 - April 25, 2015

COTTON, Mr. Hershell Joseph - Age 80, passed away Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Genesys Convalescent Center - Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 10 a.m. Monday, May 4, 2015 at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 1226 Beach St., with funeral service commencing at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Ezra L. Tillman Jr. officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Bedford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Monday. Mr. Cotton will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton (80) peacefully took his last earthly breath and joined our Lord in his Heavenly Home, on April 25, 2015. Family hour 10 a.m. Monday, May 4 2015 at First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church with funeral service commencing at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Ezra Tillman, Jr. officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford, Holly, MI. Mr. Cotton will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 7, 1934 the only son born of Joseph Cotton and Minnie (Wynn) Cotton, Joseph, attended Cincinnati public schools and spent most of his adult life in Michigan. He served in the United States Navy, active duty and Naval Reserves, from 1968 to 1993, having attained the rank of Commander, at the time of his retirement. Joseph also had many years of varied vocational and

educational experiences. Joseph received his Midshipman's training from the U.S. Naval Academy, BA—University of Cincinnati, MS— Central Michigan University, and pursued a Masters of Education at Xavier University. He was employed at General Motors in various supervisory positions from 1956 to 1993. He was an instructor at Baker Junior College and served as a substitute teacher for both the Beecher and Flint School Districts up until his health prevented him from working any longer. Joseph accepted Christ at an early age. He was a devoted member of First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church for more than 50 years – a member of the Senior Choir and Male Chorus, Silverliners and former bowler. In 1993, Joseph and Bertha Amerson were united in holy matrimony. Together they sustained twenty-two (22) years of marital bliss. He truly loved his wife, children and his church and did not hesitate telling everyone he met. Joseph was a very kind, devoted husband who enjoyed living. His humor remained until the last days of his life. Boy did he love to joke and laugh. Joseph was a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, INC. Cherishing the memory of Joseph is his lovely wife; "My Bride": Bertha Amerson Cotton; his children: Melissa A. Cotton, Donna (Alex) Rogers, and Joseph (Sarah) Cotton; grandchildren; Blake, Iris and Sawyer; 1 sister, Mary (Sonny-deceased) Suggs, Springfield, OH; 2 sisters-in-law, Fairy (Charles) Ross, Flint, MI and Lucy (Willie-deceased) Roberts, Dayton, OH, 3 nephews, LaMar (Dana) Boyd and Curtis Boyd, Flint, MI, Frederick Boyd, Charlotte, NC; 4 nieces, Dr. Maria (Ernest) Boyd-Springer, Flint, MI, Keishia (Edward) Barber, Cincinnati, OH, Willayna (Brandon) Banner, Charlotte, NC and D'Chandra Ross, Flint, MI; and a host of other relatives and friends Joseph was preceded in death by his parents.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 3. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
1226 Beach Street
Flint, MI 48502

Service

MAY 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

First Trinity Missionary Baptist Church
1226 Beach Street
Flint, MI 48502

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *My students and I will miss Mr. Cotton's smile. I enjoyed him subbing for my student's with special needs. I think he really enjoyed working with my preschool class. He was a good friend to work with during UTF negotiations. Glad he helped me sell those yellow shirts.*

Brian Welch - May 04, 2015 at 12:28 PM



“ *Linda Booth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton*



Linda Booth - May 03, 2015 at 10:46 PM



“ *Mrs. T. Bey-Woodson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton*



Mrs. T. Bey-Woodson - May 03, 2015 at 03:40 PM

JC

“ Dear Daddy,

I will miss you so much. I cannot wait to see you, my siblings, and my children who never made it here on earth who are now in glory worshiping the Lord. It gives me comfort that they have a loving father taking care of them in heaven.

Love,
Your son Joe

Joseph Cotton - May 03, 2015 at 01:43 PM

YV

“ Your Sister Melody Vassar purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton.



Your Sister Melody Vassar - May 02, 2015 at 05:27 PM

FC

“ Fannie and Maurice Cox purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton.



Fannie and Maurice Cox - May 01, 2015 at 03:52 PM

RM

“ Regina Madison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton



Regina Madison - May 01, 2015 at 12:52 PM

JY

“ Dear Bertha and family,
Praying You find Peace,in GOD's Comforting
Love

GOD Bless You,
Sandra Ridley and Judy Young
(Lucy's friends)



Judy Young - May 01, 2015 at 08:44 AM

JY

“ Judy Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton



Judy Young - May 01, 2015 at 07:58 AM

JM

“ Joycelyn Muse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton



Joycelyn Muse - April 30, 2015 at 11:10 PM

TH

“ Tommy Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton



Tommy Horton - April 30, 2015 at 10:43 AM

BH

“ Beatrice Horton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton



Beatrice Horton - April 30, 2015 at 10:41 AM

LW

“ Linda J. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton



Linda J. Williams - April 29, 2015 at 02:51 PM

NF

“ Nikki And Greg Williams & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton



Nikki and Greg Williams & Family - April 29, 2015 at 01:48 PM

EC

“ *Elnora Crutchfield-Urquhart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton*



Elnora Crutchfield-Urquhart - April 28, 2015 at 08:36 PM

LC

“ *Lillian Chandler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton*



Lillian Chandler - April 28, 2015 at 02:01 PM

JW

“ *Janice Womack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton*



Janice Womack - April 28, 2015 at 11:32 AM

PB

“ *My condolences to my family in the loss of their father. May only the memories of his love heal any hurt and take away any sorrow. And may the God of peace rest in each of you in the days to come with only gratefulness because of him we have the blessing and continued heritage of you.*

Love, Pam (Irving) Blair & Langston Blair

Pamela (Irving) Blair - April 28, 2015 at 08:59 AM

TS

“ *Trina Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton*



Trina Stewart - April 27, 2015 at 10:12 PM

AM

“ *To the Cotton family,
I am sorry for the loss of your dear love one. Soon it will be a time where death will be done away with. In the Bible, Rev 21: 4 says: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning, nor outcry, nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed." I hope these words give your family comfort. With Sympathy*

A Mabry - April 27, 2015 at 09:07 PM

MB

“ *Maria Boyd-Springer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton*



Maria Boyd-Springer - April 27, 2015 at 06:55 PM

AW

“ *Alfredia Shelton Wingate lit a candle in memory of Mr. Hershell Joseph Cotton*



Alfredia Shelton Wingate - April 27, 2015 at 06:08 PM

DB

“ *The Lord has assured us that...
" the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" Philemon 4:7*

*We will all miss Uncle Joseph's kind and fun loving personality. I can
hear him telling his "corny" jokes now. His humor and laughter will
be sadly missed. Our family will continue to lean on the Lord for
strength, guidance and understanding. Uncle Joseph make sure
you tell my granny hello for me and keep her laughing until I see
you guys again. Aunt Bertha you are always in my prayers. I love
you.*

Dr. MARIA BOYD-SPRINGER - April 27, 2015 at 05:21 PM

DB

“ *Aunt Bertha:
The Lord has assured us that: ...the peace of God, which surpasses
all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus. Philemon 4:7 Uncle Joseph was a kind and fun-loving man. I
can hear him now telling those "corny" jokes. His humor and laugh
will be truly missed. I love you and our family will continue to lean on
the Lord for strength and wisdom. He fought a good fight. Tell my
granny I said hello Uncle Joseph and keep her smiling until I see
you guys again. Rest in Heaven.*

Dr. MARIA BOYD-SPRINGER - April 27, 2015 at 04:59 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Mixon lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Hershell Joseph Cotton*



sharon mixon - April 27, 2015 at 01:24 PM