



Mr. Spence Cotton

August 17, 1937 - January 29, 2022

COTTON, Mr. Spence - Age 84, passed away Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Divine Caring in Grand Blanc, MI. Family hour 1:30 PM Monday, February 7, 2022 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM, Pastor Lynn Jackson, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Association, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 PM Monday. Mr. Cotton will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Sunday with family present from 1:00PM-3:00PM.

A Time to be Born..." Mr. Spence Cotton was born August 17, 1937, in Macon, Mississippi to the late Grant and Ida (Goodwin) Cotton.

"A child..." Spence was the youngest of his siblings and pampered by his parents and older siblings but taught strong spiritual values and responsibility. His mother even hosted bible study in their home. He attended Macon public schools where he was a star football player during his high school years. After high school, he relocated to Flint, Michigan for job opportunities and became an employee of General Motors Corporation. He retired after 41 years of service with numerous accolades and recognition for his outstanding loyalty, work ethic, and contributions.

"Love and Marriage"... Spence married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Ruby K. Porter on May 12, 1957. To this union two sons were

born, Spence Cotton, Jr., and Derek Cotton.

Spence was a very strong, compassionate, and loving husband, son, brother, father, father-in-law, grandfather, uncle, and friend. “To know him was to love him.” He dearly loved and was devoted to his family and friends—especially his wife, sons, and grandsons.

He was a faithful member of Quinn Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church for over 50 years, serving on the Men’s Usher Board.

On January 29, 2022, Spence went home to be with the Lord. He leaves in God’s loving care: his wife of 65 years, Ruby; son, Derek (Lorri), Columbia, TN; 2 grandsons, Leland Yarborough-Cotton of Smyrna, DE and Derek Cotton II of Atlanta, GA; 2 step-granddaughters, Meghan Carter of Murfreesboro, TN and Morgan of Columbia, TN; sister, Agnes May of Alliance, OH; 2 sisters-in-law, Delois Porter of Macon, MS and Ida Porter of Jackson, MS; 2 brothers-in-law, Paul Porter of Macon, MS and John (Katherine) Porter of Chicago, IL; many nieces and nephews to cherish his memory, along with special friends, Joe Webb and Alphonzo Bowe, Sr.

Spence was preceded in death by his son, Spence Cotton Jr.; father, Grant Cotton Sr.; mother, Ida Cotton; 6 brothers, Lee, Anderson, Kellar, Grant Jr., Merrick “William” Sr., and Sammie Cotton; 2 sisters, Mary Cotton and Herron Winston.

The family would like to extend special thanks to his nieces and nephews, Ida Stewart, Merrick and Thrisa Cotton, Gloria and Charles Banks, Estina and Tina L. Mosley, Sharon Cotton and Linda and David Gibson; neighbors, Michael and Ashley Coleman; McLaren Neuro ICU, Divine Caring Hospice, The Medical Team and Heavenly Hope Home Care.

Our beloved, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, uncle, and friend will forever be remembered in our hearts for his kind and loving spirit, and the legacy and great example of family devotion that he has left with us all; and everyone he touched while here on earth.

The family is asking in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Divine Caring Hospice (4161 McCandlish Rd. Grand Blanc, MI 48439), Heavenly Hope

Home Care (8308 Office Park Drive, Flint, MI 48532) or The Medical Team (4400 S. Saginaw St., Suite 1300, Flint, MI 48507).

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Association

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Family hour

FEB 7. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton* ”



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - February 07, 2022 at 12:21 PM



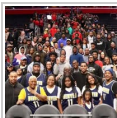
Beautiful service my dear uncle Spence love you Farwell

Paula Porter-Moore - February 07, 2022 at 03:23 PM



Sending my prayers and condolences to the family.

Earline McFadden - February 10, 2022 at 01:34 PM



Sending my prayers and condolences to the family

Earline McFadden - February 10, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ *Mr. Spence Cotton* ”

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

MT

“ I just found out Spence has passed I am so sorry, we were co-workers at the old Yankee Store back in the day. He was a nice guy and hard worker once the store closed I never saw him again I did not know he was still in Flint. Its too bad we never had a reunion with our Yankee Store employees it was talked about, but never happen. My deepest condolences to his family. RIP

Michel Taylor - March 09, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ Paula Porter-Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton



Paula Porter-Moore - February 08, 2022 at 07:53 AM

OG

“ Ondria Kirksey Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton



Ondria kirksey Gillespie - February 07, 2022 at 06:10 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton



Cynthia Higgins - February 07, 2022 at 11:15 AM

VW

“ *Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton*



Velma Williams - February 07, 2022 at 11:03 AM

DB

“ *Deborah & Joe Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton*



Deborah & Joe Banks - February 07, 2022 at 08:29 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



The Porter Family - February 06, 2022 at 10:16 PM



“ *The Porter Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton*



The Porter Family - February 06, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ *The Porter Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton*



The Porter Family - February 06, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ *The Porter Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Spence Cotton.*



The Porter Family - February 06, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ *Sending condolences to the family The Chambry Family*



Betty Perkins - February 06, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton*



Jesse Kirksey - February 06, 2022 at 09:15 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Spence Cotton.*



February 05, 2022 at 06:30 PM



“ *Alvin, Michele (Kirksey) & Caleb Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton*



Alvin, Michele (Kirksey) & Caleb Parker - February 05, 2022 at 04:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Spence Cotton.*



February 05, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Sending condolences and prayers to the family, sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Bonnie Bowman and Family*



Bonnie Bowman - February 04, 2022 at 10:07 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Spence Cotton.*



February 04, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *My sincerest condolences and prayers goes out to you Mrs. Cotton, Derrick and immediate family. May God give you strength and comfort during bereavement.*



Vickie Broome - February 03, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *Sending deepest condolences to Mrs. Cotton, Derrick and family. May the memories of Mr. Cotton keep him alive and close to your heart. Rest in Heaven Mr. Cotton.*



Sharon Webb-Williams & Marshall Williams - February 03, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ *My condolences and prayers for the family 🙏*



Madeline Brown - February 03, 2022 at 12:01 PM

AS

“ *Deepest condolences and prayers for the family 🙏*



Alesia Summers - February 02, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Spence Cotton.*



February 02, 2022 at 09:58 AM

NC

“ *I just want to send my sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Spence Cotton. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Norm Clement*

Norm Clement - February 02, 2022 at 04:17 AM

TS

“ *Alvern and Theresa Lock*



Theresa Stephens-Lock - February 01, 2022 at 11:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Spence Cotton.*



February 01, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ *May God help the family thru this moment in time., especial Linda. Prayers being sent to give you strength and peace. God bless our dear departed Spence. May he rest in peace.*

Maria Crothers - February 01, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *So sorry to learn of cousin Spence's passing. Praying for the entire Cotton family.*



Sheila Johnson-Toins - February 01, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ *Sheila Johnson-Toins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton*



Sheila Johnson-Toins - February 01, 2022 at 09:37 AM

MT

I just found out Spence passed my deepest condolences too you and his family. I met Spence back in the day when we worked at the Yankee Store on Dort Highway. That was the last time I saw him when the store closed. I had know idea he was still in Flint.

Michel Taylor - March 09, 2022 at 03:50 PM

SD

“ *Stephanie Dixon-Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton*



Stephanie Dixon-Cotton - January 31, 2022 at 01:20 PM

SD

“ *My deepest condolences to the Cotton family. Sending peace and comfort during your time of bereavement.*
Stephanie Dixon-Cotton

Stephanie Dixon-Cotton - January 31, 2022 at 01:08 PM

SP

“ *Sheila Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Spence Cotton*



Sheila Phillips - January 30, 2022 at 06:27 PM