



## Gladys Elizabeth Cotman

April 9, 1935 - March 11, 2024

Gladys Elizabeth Cotman, 88, of Charles City County, Va, departed this life on Monday, March 11, 2024, at VCU(MCV) Medical Center peacefully surrounded by family.

She was born April 9, 1933, to the late Elizabeth Green Cotman and Johnnie Cotman. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Hydellia Cotman, Janice Cotman and brother, Alaska Cotman. She leaves to cherish her memory, sisters, Alice Allen, Donnice Jones, and Indiana Cotman; five children, Gail Cotman (Albert Crewe) devoted, Charlene Flemming (Kenneth), Haley Cotman (Janice), Shivawn Cotman devoted caregiver, and Valerie Cotman; three devoted grandchildren, Sherod Jones (Sheena), Maurice Jones (Rene), and Chatita Saunders; eleven great grandchildren, Erick, Mikayla, Gynai, Alexis, Richard Jr., Kobi', Lyncoln, Maon, Maddux, Chance, and Zoé; honorary devoted sons, Wilbert Brown, Howard Jones, Jr., and Abraham Jones (deceased); and devoted friend, Ella Barnes, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Gladys accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Little Elam Baptist Church, Charles City, VA. She was a devoted mother and grandmother. She held many positions throughout her life, most notably with Virginia Forest Tree Farm in New Kent, VA, and as a beloved long time caregiver for the family of Attorney Henry Massey in Richmond, VA.

“Granny or Sweetie” as many people affectionately referred to her had an infectious spirit and brought smiles to anyone who came to know her. She undoubtedly loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren and cared for all of them just as she did her own. If you were down, Granny would find the words to put a laugh in your spirit and a smile on your face.

Gladys will be remembered for her kind and gently nature and generous heart. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

A funeral service will be held 12Noon, Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Little Elam Baptist Church, Charles City, VA. Viewing will be 2 hours prior to services.

# Cemetery Details

## Little Elam Church Cemetery

8840 Church Ln  
Charles City, VA 23030

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Little Elam Baptist Church  
8840 Church Lane  
Charles City, VA 23030  
(804) 829-2053

## Funeral Service

MAR 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

Little Elam Baptist Church  
8840 Church Lane  
Charles City, VA 23030  
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# Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Linwood & Hattie Evans lit a candle in memory of Gladys Elizabeth Cotman*



Linwood & Hattie Evans - April 10, 2024 at 10:52 PM

SA

“ *Susan Adkins lit a candle in memory of Gladys Elizabeth Cotman*



Susan Adkins - March 17, 2024 at 07:35 PM

ST

“ *Condolences to the family. Keep the memories of your mom close to your heart and she will live forever.*

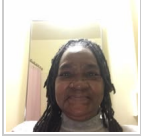
Sharon Charity Taylor - March 17, 2024 at 02:17 PM

MM

“ *My condolences to the Cotman Family.*



Marilyn Morton - March 17, 2024 at 01:20 AM



“ *Rest In Peace, Ms. Gladys*

Felicia Otey - March 16, 2024 at 03:51 PM

SC

“ *Auntie I love you and never forget you*



Senorita cotman - March 16, 2024 at 12:21 PM

SC

“ *Auntie love you gone but I will forget you*



Senorita cotman - March 16, 2024 at 12:18 PM

PC

“ *My condolences to the family..*



Parnella Cotman - March 16, 2024 at 11:39 AM

AJ

“ Love & will miss u Granny. Was a pleasure to know you, all the laughs and conversations will be missed. Condolences to the family.



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**Ameka johnson** - March 16, 2024 at 10:10 AM

CW

“ Ceda Williams-Cosby lit a candle in memory of Gladys Elizabeth Cotman



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**Ceda Williams-Cosby** - March 16, 2024 at 08:24 AM

GL

“ Gail, I am SO sorry to read of your mother's passing. If your sweet, kind and thoughtful personality is a testament to your mother's raising you, then I know she was a wonderful person. I have retired from MCV Pathology where we worked together and have end stage congestive heart failure. I am wheelchair bound and unable to be at your mother's service today. Did you see where Mary Fadool-Duty passed away 2 weeks ago? God bless you dear Gail. May the knowledge that you are in the thoughts and prayers of so many people bring you some type of solace. I will always remember you with great fondness and affection. -Garry Land, Richmond (Carytown) Virginia.

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**Garry Land** - March 16, 2024 at 07:41 AM

AC

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Gladys made everyone feel like family. Would keep me laughing.*

Angela Crawley - March 15, 2024 at 09:42 PM

SM

“ *Sharon Miffin lit a candle in memory of Gladys Elizabeth Cotman*



Sharon Miffin - March 15, 2024 at 09:01 PM

WJ

“ *Many fond memories.*

*William W. "Bubba" Jones, Jr. (Cousin)*

William W. "Bubba" Jones, Jr. - March 15, 2024 at 08:56 PM

SC

“ *Silene Crawley-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gladys Elizabeth Cotman*



Silene Crawley-Johnson - March 15, 2024 at 04:14 PM

YB

“ Yvonne Bradby lit a candle in memory of Gladys Elizabeth Cotman



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**Yvonne Bradby** - March 15, 2024 at 03:16 PM

JU

“ To Cotman Family we are so sorry to hear of your Mom passing Ms. Gladys was a beautiful lady inside & out .i love our conversation when i came down there.we just laughed & carry on .we are gonna to Miss your Mom.Cherish your precious memories with Heartfelt sympathy.love Julia logan Hall & Family



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**Julia** - March 15, 2024 at 02:47 PM

MC

Condolences to the family

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**Marsha Charity** - March 17, 2024 at 09:36 PM

SC

“ To my auntie you will be miss but god took and angel home on March 11 . My oldest auntie gone but I will never forget all the talks you , me and shivawn had. Aunt Gladys kiss my mom and tell her all about what's going on with me . I love you and it's hurt me all over again when you pass I was hurting like you was my mom not my auntie. Rest In Peace auntie love you but god love you more but god only took the best.

Love your niece Senorita

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**Senorita cotman** - March 15, 2024 at 05:29 AM

CW

“ Our condolence to the Cotman Family:  
Rod and Reese (my sons) always remember  
precious and loving grandma, you cared for  
so deeply. Your grandmother had so much  
love, she welcome my son Chuckie (her  
grandson)with open arms and she treated him as one of her babies.  
She were so kind and her love was sooo special  
by all that knew her.  
God Bless (your mom)Cookie & Charles



Cookie Wallace - March 14, 2024 at 08:09 PM



“ Deitra Crewe lit a candle in memory of Gladys  
Elizabeth Cotman



Deitra Crewe - March 14, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ Glayds was a very special person who would give you her heart.  
She took me in when I had nowhere to go. Absent from the body  
you present with the lord. I will continue to pray for the family my  
heart know how you feel but keep the faith 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Deitra Crewe - March 14, 2024 at 07:59 PM

KT

“ Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Gladys Elizabeth Cotman



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**Kenneth Tabb** - March 14, 2024 at 03:51 PM

HE

“ Hattie C. Evans lit a candle in memory of Gladys Elizabeth Cotman



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**Hattie C. Evans** - March 14, 2024 at 11:13 AM

RF

“ My prayers goes out to the family of Miss Gladys Cotman her wings was ready but our hearts wont love on one another and my God continued to bless the family I'm going to miss your smiling face and laughter.

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**Robin bradby and Minns family** - March 14, 2024 at 03:00 AM

TT

“ Condolences to the family of Gladys Cotman, and know that she is now at rest with GOD. May GOD bless all of you who took care and loved her.

*From Larry and Carolyn(Pat) Tyler*

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**The Tylers** - March 13, 2024 at 10:17 PM

AB

“ *My condolences to the family, A beautiful angel has gained her wings, R.I.P,*



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**Ann Bledsoe** - March 13, 2024 at 07:00 PM

AG

“ *Angela S Greene lit a candle in memory of Gladys Elizabeth Cotman*



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**Angela S Greene** - March 13, 2024 at 04:56 AM

AJ

*To the Cotman family sorry for your loss praying for strength and comfort*

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**Amanda Jones** - March 13, 2024 at 12:20 PM