



Stanley "Sam" Cotman

March 4, 2022

Stanley Samuel "Sam" Cotman, 91, Charles City, Virginia claimed his eternal reward on Friday, March 4, 2022. He leaves many to cherish his memory, his wife of 67 years, Hilda J. Cotman, along with their five children, Stanley Cotman, Sr., Angela Cotman, Cathy Cotman Brown (David), Crystal C. Wells (Brian) and Jewel C. Wells (Edward); seven grandchildren, Tabatha, Stanley Jr., Brian, Benjamin (Allison), Jacqueline, Jasmine and Rafael; three great-grandchildren, Devron, Lavon and Samir; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and relatives share in his loss.

Devoted family - Estelle Crenshaw, Portia Jones, Robin Bradby, Larry Tyler, Gladys Hawkins, Edith "Bert" Craddock, Dawn Cotman, Patricia Johnson, Kenneth and Patricia Tabb. Emmett Wimbush and Joyce Hanvey introduced as his children but no blood ties, only of the heart.

A mechanic in the Korean War led him to overseas travels to Germany and Hawaii. He returned home to marry the love of his life. He was a good provider, a wonderful father, friend, grandfather, uncle to those who knew him or even just meeting him. He and his brother built his home that now cherishes our fond memories. God always provides what we need when we need it.

Sam always shared his love of gardening and the yield that it produced. He

could grow anything, from string beans, tomatoes, cantaloupe and watermelon. He had fruit trees and walnuts. Hilda makes the best black walnut pound cake. He retired from Westvaco now known as Westrock in 1996. He stayed in touch with his former co-workers and continued to check on them. His philanthropic spirit consumed him, he would help anyone, he shared what he had, and God multiplied what he had. He was blessed to be a blessing. He visited the sick, he sent birthday surprises in your birthday card, and he genuinely cared.

Although, he stopped attending Little Elam Baptist Church to be a caregiver to his wife; he faithfully listened to BBN to make sure he got the Word (Sharper than any two-edged sword). His daily devotions with his brother's well used and comforting Bible guided his footsteps to walk with Jesus. Have a little talk, with Jesus makes it right. We can't tell the future, but Sam knew who holds our future and our hand -- God, Our Father.

His cousins and nieces loved to cook for him, and he loved to eat. He never gained a pound but that could be because he was Poppa Stopper. You could not stop him. He was always on the go. When his brother's health declined, he was found cooking and taking care of him. He found creative ways to make things work; it must have been the mechanic in him. Projects he completed from his Grease Rack to the Jiffy Sam to work on cars. He loved his "John Deere", you would see him cutting the grass, then polishing that "baby". Nothing runs like a Deere, and Nothing Compares to the Love of Christ. Sam has received his heavenly reward, will you? Do you know Jesus Christ? He is the author and finisher of our faith. Trust Him, Know Him and Believe Him. His word is True. Oh, Taste and See that The Lord is Good.

Thank you to the staff at the Bon Secours Hospice House.

Funeral services to be held 11 AM, Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA. Burial to follow services at the Little Elam Baptist Church Cemetery, Charles City, VA. To God

Be the Glory Great Things He Has Done.

Cemetery Details

Little Elam Church Cemetery

8840 Church Ln
Charles City, VA 23030

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Tribute Wall

RC

“ *Rev Sheila Crump lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Sam" Cotman*



rev sheila crump - March 10, 2022 at 02:20 AM

PD

“ *My condolences from my family to yours in this trying time he was a great man.*

Philip Dunlap - March 09, 2022 at 01:47 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. May the many happy memories bring you much comfort in your time of bereavement.*

Silene Johnson - March 09, 2022 at 01:24 PM

EL

“ *Elnora Lightfoot lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Sam" Cotman*



Elnora Lightfoot - March 09, 2022 at 12:09 PM

EL

Condolences to the family.

Elnora Lightfoot - March 09, 2022 at 12:11 PM

EL

Comfort and Hugs to the Family!

Elnora Lightfoot - March 09, 2022 at 12:12 PM

LH

“ *Prayers and Sympathy to the family. Leila Christian-Holmes*



Leila Christian Holmes - March 08, 2022 at 08:47 PM

RN

“ *Richard And Teresa Nice lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Sam" Cotman*



Richard and Teresa Nice - March 08, 2022 at 05:14 PM

AB

“ *Antoinette Brown lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Sam" Cotman*



Antoinette Brown - March 08, 2022 at 02:01 PM

WB

“ *Condolences to the family. R.I.P. Mr. Cotman.*



Warren and JoAnne Bell - March 08, 2022 at 11:56 AM

YB

“ *Yvonne Bradby lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Sam" Cotman*



Yvonne Bradby - March 08, 2022 at 09:34 AM

LC

“ *Lloyd & Elaine Carter lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Sam" Cotman*



Lloyd & Elaine Carter - March 08, 2022 at 08:37 AM

AG

“ *Angela Greene lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Sam" Cotman*



Angela Greene - March 08, 2022 at 12:53 AM



“ *Elwin Black lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Sam" Cotman*



Elwin Black - March 08, 2022 at 12:52 AM



“ *Lois & Michael Jones & Fred Adkins*



Lois Jones - March 07, 2022 at 08:47 PM



“ *Thomas & Hazel Wynn lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Sam" Cotman*



Thomas & Hazel Wynn - March 07, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Kenneth Tabb lit a candle in memory of Stanley "Sam" Cotman*



Kenneth Tabb - March 07, 2022 at 05:20 PM

KT

To the family - Sam was my dear friend and I will miss him and our enlighten conversations and visits to family and friends. He was a very kind and loving person who knew the meaning of family and friends. He loved the LORD and ready to be welcomed into GOD's kingdom.

Kenneth

Kenneth Tabb - March 07, 2022 at 05:36 PM

GF

Sending prayers for comfort to the Cotman family

George Floyd - March 09, 2022 at 06:22 AM