



Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton

December 12, 1946 - October 10, 2024

Geraldine Cotton, 77, passed away on October 10, 2024, in Hixson, Tennessee. Born on December 12, 1946, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, she was a cherished member of the community and a beacon of kindness and humor. Geraldine graduated from Riverside High School in 1965 and furthered her education by becoming a certified CCU Monitor Technician. She dedicated 35 years to Erlanger Medical Center, where she was respected for her professionalism and cherished for her compassionate nature. Geraldine's approach to her work and her interactions were marked by a blend of humor and straightforwardness, earning her deep admiration from colleagues and friends alike. She was a devout attendee of Shiloh Baptist Church until her health declined. Her faith and the community she found there remained a significant part of her life. Geraldine was preceded in death by her parents, James and Zettie Mae Cotton; her brothers, Bobby and Billy Cotton; and her sister, Barbara Stockdale. Geraldine was a loving mother to her only devoted child, Angel (Rodney, Sr.) Benford, a doting grandmother to Ashley and Rodney Benford, Jr., and a great-grandmother to Londyn Bolton. She is also survived by her siblings, sister, Mary L. Cotton; brothers, Larry (Marilyn) Cotton and William Cotton; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Geraldine leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and service, which will be cherished by her family, friends, and all who knew her. Geraldine will lie-in-state on Sunday, October 27, 2024, from 12:30-5:00 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Graveside service will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024,

at 11:00 a.m. in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East with Minister Alan Coker giving words of comfort.

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

OCT **27**. 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Graveside Service

OCT **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lakewood Memory Gardens East
4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Dirria Bell lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton*



Dirria Bell - October 27, 2024 at 08:27 PM

VD

“ *On behalf of the Bereavement Support Ministry of Olivet Baptist Church, we extend our sincere condolences during this time of bereavement.* 🙏🌹🙏



Viola douthit - October 27, 2024 at 05:55 PM

MR

“ *My condolences to the Family, I pray for strength and comfort to the Family.*



Margaret Ryan - October 24, 2024 at 08:57 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton.*

October 24, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton.*



October 24, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ *Sending Our Condolences from the Kelly and Gilbert Family*



Kathy Kelly-Sligh - October 18, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ *Marva Taylor lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton*



Marva Taylor - October 17, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ *Constance Shelton lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton*



Constance Shelton - October 17, 2024 at 07:29 PM

CW

I was so saddened to hear that she had passed. We spent some wonderful days gossiping about what was happening in and around the hospital. Those fun memories that I will continue to cherish. She was kind, friendly, funny, and a beautiful soul. I will miss her and will keep her family in my prayers.

Christal Westfield - October 24, 2024 at 08:27 AM

CB

“ *Comm. Greg And Pat Beck lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton*



Comm. Greg and Pat Beck - October 17, 2024 at 07:23 PM

LR

“ *Luella G Reed lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton*



Luella G Reed - October 17, 2024 at 06:31 PM

AC

“ *Alan Coker lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton*



Alan Coker - October 17, 2024 at 03:40 PM

CB

“ Carolyn Bailey sent a virtual gift in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton



carolyn bailey - October 17, 2024 at 03:33 PM

LM

“ Lindia Mathis lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton



Lindia Mathis - October 17, 2024 at 02:34 PM

TH

“ Tahia Hunter lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton



Tahia Hunter - October 17, 2024 at 01:24 PM



“ Jennifer Thompson-malone lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton



Jennifer Thompson-malone - October 17, 2024 at 01:23 PM

LW

“ *Louvenia Watkins lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton*



Louvenia Watkins - October 17, 2024 at 01:18 PM

MJ

“ *MICHAEL A JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton*



MICHAEL A JACKSON - October 16, 2024 at 06:18 AM

YC

“ *This is from the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church Choir we are praying that God will continue to comfort and strengthen you doing 🙏❤️ this time 🙏🙏❤️💖🙏*



Yahunna Wadley (Cricket) - October 15, 2024 at 08:17 AM

GM

“ My heart goes out to the Cotton family and friends. I first met Cotton is what I called her at Erlanger. We would work together at different times when she was pulled to our floor because we needed her help. She had a friendly presence that you would never forget. I later met her in the grocery store after she had retired and I nearing retirement and she helped guide me to the person who would guide and help me with my retirement process. She was haven sent for that purpose to me and I thank her. I will keep you all in my prayers. May many memories of happiness give you all peace and comfort you need during this most challenging time. Please accept my sincere condolences on the behalf of my family. May she rest in eternal peace. 🕊



Gracelia Moore - October 15, 2024 at 07:56 AM

PP

“ Pamela Pointer lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton



Pamela Pointer - October 14, 2024 at 10:09 AM

PP

“ *My sincere condolences to the Cotton family, remember Bae Bae from elementary school, she was someone if you knew her you never forgot her, it's been many years since I saw her, but I shall always remember her,
May The Lord Comfort You, Bless & Keep You is My Prayer 🙏*

Pamela Burch Pointer

Pamela Pointer - October 14, 2024 at 10:09 AM

VI

“ *Vincinetta lit a candle in memory of Geraldine
"Bae Bae" Cotton*



Vincinetta - October 14, 2024 at 09:02 AM

TS

“ *Sending my condolences to the family.*



Tajuana Bumpass Sterling - October 14, 2024 at 08:15 AM

KK

“ *Sending Condolences from the Kelly and Sligh Family. You will be missed.*



Kathy Kelly-Sligh - October 13, 2024 at 08:41 PM

WW

“ *I am so sad to hear of Cotton passing I will miss her. I first met Cotton in 1978. Working on WW4 at Erlanger Hospital. I learned a lot from working with her. She was a very dear friend. Angel my heart goes out to you, I know you will miss your Mother.*



Wanda Woodard - October 13, 2024 at 06:13 PM

VD

“ *On behalf of the Brydie family we send our love, thoughts, and prayers to the family. We all grew up in the same neighborhood. During those years we were more like a big family! Love Cookie*



Viola Douthit - October 12, 2024 at 05:17 PM

AM

“ I have Bae Bar since Elementary school , she was always a very warm, sweet and hilariously funny!! She always had something funny to say, there were no sad times whenever she was around.

I remember when we were in the 9th grade @ E. 5th Street school, and we all got suspended bc she said , “ I’ll go home before I let J.L. beat my thighs with that paddle”!!! We were partners so naturally we followed her, after Mr. Jenkins suspended us for 2 weeks, she laughingly said, “Ya’ll fools stupid, we shoulda took that paddling, now Zettie gone kill means Nita you know Ms.Ruby gone stomp you!!!!!! I loved her and I know her family’s going to miss her. I want you to know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers! May God be to you, whatever you need Him to be. Earth has NO sorrow that Heaven cannot heal!!! GOD BLESS YOU!!



Alice (Kilgore) Montgomery - October 12, 2024 at 09:55 AM

AM

“ Alice (Kilgore) Montgomery sent a virtual gift in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton



Alice (Kilgore) Montgomery - October 12, 2024 at 09:36 AM

LC

“ Linda Cox Carter lit a candle in memory of Geraldine "Bae Bae" Cotton



Linda Cox Carter - October 11, 2024 at 10:06 PM

CD

“ I have missed my dear friend for several years now. She can rest peacefully. I am so proud of Angel for caring for her mom with grace and dignity. I miss sharing our stories together. Cotton was a one of a kind friendship and I was lucky to experience it.

connie deloach - October 11, 2024 at 07:23 PM

AW

“ Condolences to the Cotton family. I remember Geraldine when we were children growing up in the same neighborhood. May God give you strength during this time of sorrow.



Allene Ward - October 11, 2024 at 03:48 PM