



Howard H. Cottman Sr.

February 17, 1931 - August 27, 2013

Howard Henry (Cottom) Cottman, Sr. was born on February 17, 1931 in Abington, Pennsylvania to the late John Cottom, Sr. and Mary Ellen Cottom-Thomas. On August 27, 2013, he surrendered to God's perfect will surrounded by his family. Howard grew up in Maryland, where he later met and married Virginia. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and later moved to Smyrna, Delaware; where he retired from Bombay Hook Fish and Wildlife Refuge after working over 35 years.

Howard was a kindhearted man who loved the outdoors and his family. In his spare time, he could be found sitting on the porch. He was a well respected man in the community being known as Mr. Howard and even Pop-Pop to many. He faithfully attended and supported St. Paul's U.A.M.E. Church in Smyrna, where he was known as a Watch Care. He loved helping wherever he was needed, including the kitchen.

Howard was preceded in death by his siblings, John Cottom, Jr., Leon Cottom, Oscar Cottom, Helen Cottom-Peterson, and Magdaline Cottom-Hill-Williams; his son, Howard Cottman, Jr. and daughter, Barbara Bryant.

He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife of sixty years, Virginia Cottman; children, Helena Bryant, Gloria Cottman, Leon Cottman, and Crystal Cottman; grandchildren, Tamu Boyd (Eugene), Jeneen Cottman, Donise

Cottman, Tasha Scott (Jermaine), Leon Bordley (Tracy), Shirelle Austin (Anthony), Thawn Seth, Alesia Garrett, Keyara Cottman, Gregory Henry, and Kenneth Cottman; thirteen great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Ellen Woolford; brothers-in-law, Brodes Mason (Lola), Basel Mason (Vandola) and Truman Mason (Tanya); sister-in-law, Maxine Savage (Robert); and a hosts of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Tribute Wall

CC

“ I am sorry to read about the passing of Mr. Cottman. Someone so special will never be forgotten, and will the happiest of times always be remembered. Trust in God and he will comfort you.

Celestine Mears Copes - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Please accept my condolence. My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow. May you find comforting Job 14:14, 15, which says, “If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? You will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.”

Sherry - September 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My sincerest condolences to the Cottman family. May you find peace in the father and rely on his strength to carry you through the tough days ahead. - Minister Dalieta Mears

Minister Dalieta Mears - August 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Caring thoughts and prayers to the Cottman family. Take comfort in God.

Gina Summers Sullivan - August 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We are sorry to hear about your loss. Just know that you are in our prayer that God will sustain you through your bereavement.

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard H. Williams, Sr. - August 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Our prayers are with your family! May you continue to find comfort in the Lord!

Mr. & Mrs. Cameron Williams - August 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Bro. Cottman will never be forgotten. May God grant you the courage and strength for this our and for days to come, and know He will not put any more on you than you can bare. Trust in the Lord with all thy heart and lean not on thy own understanding in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path. Be bless is my prayer.

Rev. RuthC. Evans - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry to read of the passing of your loved one. Words don't always ease the pain when you are grieving the death of a loved one, but I hope you will find comfort in Jesus' promise of the resurrection hope(Acts 24:15)of restoring all those sleeping in death back to life, on the renewed Paradise earth(John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43) what a wonderful blessing to look forward too. Until then, may God grant you peace and comfort during this grievous time.- Matthew 5:4.

Mattie Jones - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM