



## Robert Van Cottman Jr.

May 21, 1968 - June 19, 2021

### Obituary

Robert Van Cottman, Jr., at the age of fifty-three (53), passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Tidal Health Hospital in Salisbury, Maryland. Born on Tuesday, May 21, 1968 in Salisbury, Maryland, he was the son of Robert Van Cottman, Sr. and Evalee McCleese.

Robert attended Wicomico High School, graduating with the class of 1986. He was employed by Shore Distributors and also by Wor-Wic Community College as a driver instructor.

On May 31, 1991 he met the love of his life, the late Mordeen Marie Cottman. They married on February 19, 1999 and made their home in Salisbury, Maryland where they loved entertaining family and friends. Robert unfailingly loved his family and was deeply devoted to his wife and two sons. He enjoyed passing on knowledge and giving great advice. His infectious laugh always got others to laugh along with him and his smile was charming and warm. Robert enjoyed watching Baltimore Ravens football games with family and unknown fans as he never met a stranger, no matter the generation. He showed strength and love for his family, friends, colleagues and community and was always there for everyone, right up until his last day with us.

Unforgettable memories of Robert's life and legacy will be cherished by: his father, Robert Cottman, Sr. (Carol) and his mother, Evaleee McCleese; two sons, Brooks (Kim) Cottman and Tyler (Tyneisha) Davis; one granddaughter, Maya Cottman; mother-in-law, Jeanette Cottman and father-in-law, Omar Cottman (Joyce); six brothers, Dean McCleese, Jr. (Ebony), Leon Moore, Robert Cottman III (Nichelle), Bruce Cottman (Alicia), Bryant Cottman and Kendall Perkins; two sisters, Denise Cottman and Roben Cottman; two brothers-in-law, Robert Cottman (Barbara) and Reginald Deshields (Shay); four sisters-in-law, Naomi Fontaine, Annette Maddox (Charles), Sherell Brady and Gayla Deshields; two uncles, Irvin and Tommy; three, aunts, Jannie, Iris and Novella Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mordeen Marie Cottman, step father, Dean McCleese, four aunts and three uncles.

Lovingly Submitted,  
The Family

# Cemetery Details

## Spring Hill Memory Garden

27260 Ocean Gateway  
Hebron, MD 21830

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

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JUN **30**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Van Cottman Jr..*



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June 29, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *Robert was a wonderful person. Working with him was such a pleasure he was always smiling and could make anyone else smile. He was a hard worker and always willing to help anyone he could. He will be deeply missed. Prayers to all of his loved ones during this time.*

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**Jillian Ennis** - June 24, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Van Cottman Jr..*



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“ When I first meet Rob him and Mordeen were living on Overbrook Dr. in Salisbury. Rob was always kind when I would go to visit. He loved Mordeen and Tyler with all his heart. He provided for them and raised Tyler as his own and I respected him for loving my cousins. Again he was a very kind and friendly person who would help you with anything. He will be missed and I know that he and Mordeen are together again smiling and laughing. So with that said family my prayers are with you and Tyler if you need me I am just a phone call away.

*Love Faith White Gattis*

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**Faith W Gattis** - June 24, 2021 at 01:29 PM