



Robert Darnell Cottrell

March 6, 1951 - May 14, 2020

Robert Darnell Cottrell was born on March 6, 1951 in Northampton County, Virginia to the late Flenoia Jay Cottrell and Pearl Elizabeth Fitchett Cottrell.

He was educated in both the Northampton County and Philadelphia public school systems.

Robert joined and was baptized in New Israel Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, under the leadership of Reverend Otis G. Reynolds.

On November 27, 1982, Robert married his soul mate, the former Audrey Kellam and moved to Salisbury, Maryland. That is when he got the name "Philly." Robert worked at the Holly Center for fourteen (14) years until his health failed. He joined St. James A.M.E. Zion Church in Salisbury, Maryland and was a faithful doorkeeper in the house of the Lord.

Robert had the utmost respect and love for pastor David McClendon who is God's servant, full of compassion and wisdom. Robert had a lot of acquaintances, but his friends you could count on one hand and have some fingers left. Those were the ones who came by, talked to and helped him when he was unable to get out and freely go.

Robert's signature was a toothpick and whenever you saw him, he had a

toothpick in his mouth. When he was in the hospital, the nurses were afraid he might swallow it, but he didn't amazingly. He took pride in his clothing. When he got dressed, you could spot him in a crowd. Oh, and don't forge his hats. Robert loved children, joking, playing cards and shooting pool. He even won tournaments in Las Vegas shooting pool. Whenever Robert was around, he could turn a frown upside down. If anyone needed a helping hand, he never turned them down and was always willing to assist others.

Robert leaves to cherish precious memories: his wife, Audrey Cottrell; son Rodney Cottrell; two brothers, Alphonso and Craig Cottrell (Latticia); one sister, Phyllis Mitchell (Michael); one aunt, Marian Cottrell; six sister-in-law, A'nita, Sindra and Pamela Kellam, Carolyn Johnson and Paula McBride (Anthony) and Joyce Mack; three brothers-in-law, Kenneth, Bunny and Buggy Kellam; six grandchildren; best friend from childhood, Larry Solomon; several nieces nephews and a host of relatives.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

Tribute Wall

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“ Audrey, While there is no way we feel your pain, we do feel your loss as we have known Robert as being humble, soft-spoken and kind
Peace and love to you and your family during this sorrowful time.
Love, Wayne and Aundra Roberts

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