



Sherwood Cottman Sr.

June 29, 1938 - October 24, 2025

Obituary

Sherwood Cottman Sr., affectionately known as Lightning Joe (his CB handle), Big Dada to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and Soup to his friends, was born the fourth of seven children to the late Henry and Mary Cottman of Allen, Maryland.

He received his education at Allen Elementary and Salisbury High Schools. From an early age, Sherwood developed a love for driving, which led him to become an over-the-road trucker. For more than sixty years, he worked faithfully in the trucking industry, driving for Glascoe & Davis, W.P. Hearne, and Perdue, which he retired from all three. He also worked for several privately owned companies. His final place of employment was with American Fabric Company, from which he retired. We applaud Sherwood for the years he dedicated to helping FEMA with natural disaster relief programs, driving to and from Florida, Georgia, and other states to render aid.

Sherwood loved to dance and he danced well. He called it finger popping and swinging. He was known for his cheerful, comical spirit, always ready to share a laugh and brighten the day of those around him. When something was funny, he truly got his laugh on.

A proud Mason for over sixty-three years, Sherwood rose to the rank of 33rd Degree Grand Inspector General. He was also a member of Friendship United Methodist Church in Allen, Maryland. A generous, easygoing, and lovable man, Sherwood met and married Delilah Barkley-Cottman of Allen, Maryland,

who preceded him in death.

Cherished memories will remain with his five children: Ms. Pandoria Barkley, Ms. Lauren Barkley, Ms. Bonnie Chandler, Mrs. Judy Majette (John), and Mr. Sherwood Cottman Jr.; one brother, Mr. Randolph Cottman of Baltimore County; four nieces, Mrs. Rhoda (Dalbert) Savage, Ms. Norma Banks, Ms. Deborah Farlow, and Ms. Arlene Moore, all of Salisbury, Maryland; and one nephew, Mr. Norman (Janice) Farlow of Georgia. He is also survived by eighteen grandchildren, fifty-nine great-grandchildren, and a host of loving relatives and friends.

Sherwood was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Ella Mae Farlow, Maria Cottman, and Henrietta Cook Cottman; two brothers, Sherman Cottman (his twin) and Rudolph Cottman; two grandsons, Stephen Elmore and Kaavon Purnell; two nieces, Bertha Farlow and Angeline Farlow.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 8. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SM

“ *My Thoughts And Prayers go out to the Family. I will always remember our many over the road trips together , to and from Florida . Until we meet again , rest easy .* ”



Steven (Travlin Man) Morris - November 23, 2025 at 11:09 PM

JJ

“ *Janice L Jones lit a candle in memory of Sherwood Cottman Sr.* ”



Janice L Jones - November 07, 2025 at 10:25 PM

TF

“ *The Farlow's Nieces Nephews and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sherwood Cottman Sr..* ”



The Farlow's Nieces Nephews and family - November 07, 2025 at 08:32 AM

TW

“ *To the family I'm so sorry for your loss I'm praying for your family to receive strength and comfort during this difficult time* ”



Tammy waters - November 06, 2025 at 10:26 PM

SD

“ *Sidney Deale lit a candle in memory of Sherwood Cottman Sr.*



Sidney Deale - November 06, 2025 at 09:03 PM

AJ

“ *Annette Jones lit a candle in memory of Sherwood Cottman Sr.*



Annette Jones - November 05, 2025 at 11:10 AM

YN

“ *Yvette Northam lit a candle in memory of Sherwood Cottman Sr.*



Yvette Northam - November 05, 2025 at 05:32 AM

SS

“ *Shirley Sanders lit a candle in memory of Sherwood Cottman Sr.*



Shirley Sanders - November 04, 2025 at 05:13 PM

SS

My condolences and prayers to the family

Shirley Sanders - November 04, 2025 at 05:15 PM

EF

“ *Ella Fisher lit a candle in memory of Sherwood Cottman Sr.*



Ella Fisher - November 04, 2025 at 11:17 AM

SW

“ *Shaleeta Wright lit a candle in memory of Sherwood Cottman Sr.*



Shaleeta Wright - November 04, 2025 at 10:16 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - October 31, 2025 at 07:31 AM

JM

“ *Judy Barkley Majette purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Sherwood Cottman Sr..*



Judy Barkley Majette - October 30, 2025 at 06:25 PM

JM

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



Judy Majette - October 30, 2025 at 06:02 PM

JM

WEeping MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT, BUT JOY WILL COME IN THE MORNING...LOVE YOU DAD...RIP ❤️❤️👊

Judy Majette - October 30, 2025 at 06:06 PM

YA

“ To my dear friend Sherwood it's hard to find the words to say sorry for your loss. We all know that God has a plan sometimes we understand and sometimes we don't. Your dad fought a good long hard fight but you have to understand his reward and that's resting in Jesus arms. If you and the family need anything please let us know.



Yvonne M Armwood - October 30, 2025 at 10:41 AM

GR

Sherwood I always enjoyed being around you were a very special gentleman, I really enjoyed picking you up and taking you for a ride on all the back roads giving you and Randy time to be together and laugh, no matter where we went we always ended up in Allen you pointing out all the places you traveled, it was fun but knowing you are now in a much better place gives us peace. Will miss your smile my friend.

Gloria Reddish - November 04, 2025 at 05:59 PM

GR

A very dear friend

Gloria Reddish - November 04, 2025 at 06:01 PM