

### Pallbearers

Melvin Wade | Christopher Ethridge | Lowell Wade  
Darian Draper

### Honorary Pallbearers

Anthony Cotton | Rickey Cotton | Curtis Cotton  
Donnie Cotton | Stanley Cotton

### Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

### Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the medical teams, caregivers, and cherished friends whose steadfast support carried Connie through her journey. To the countless loved ones – family and friends alike- who surrounded her with unconditional love, kept her in their prayers, shared words of encouragement, and offered compassion in her time of need: your kindness will forever be remembered.



### Paradise Funeral Chapel & Arrangement Services

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# A Celebration of Life for



Sunrise  
February 14, 1969

Sunset  
May 24, 2025

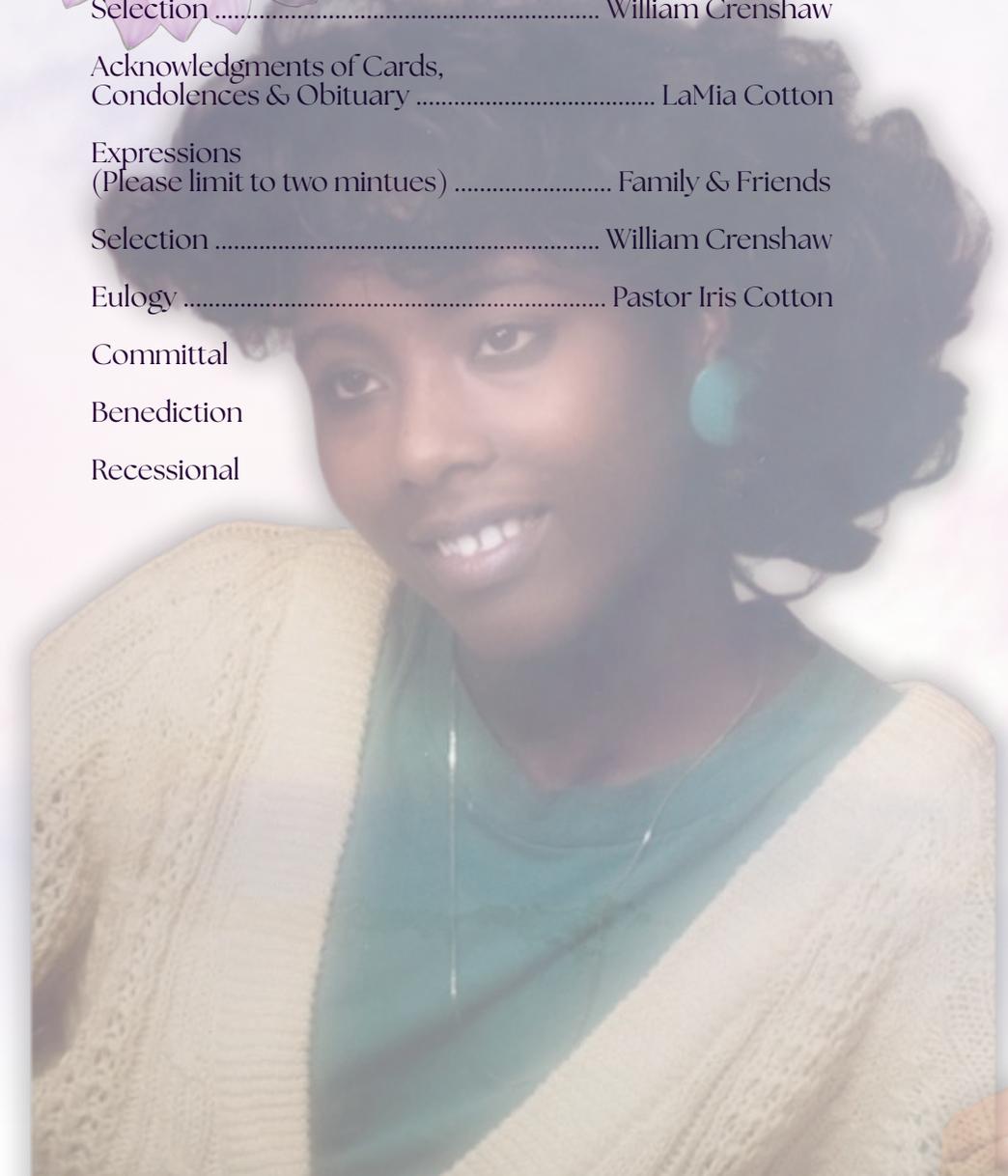
Funeral Service: Saturday, May 31, 2025 11:00 A.M.

Fearless Faith Church Ministries  
1119 W. Maple St.  
Lansing, MI 48915

Pastor Iris Cotton, Officiating

# Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional ..... Family
- Scripture ..... Joseph Alexander
- Prayer ..... Joseph Alexander
- Selection ..... William Crenshaw
- Acknowledgments of Cards,  
Condolences & Obituary ..... LaMia Cotton
- Expressions  
(Please limit to two minutes) ..... Family & Friends
- Selection ..... William Crenshaw
- Eulogy ..... Pastor Iris Cotton
- Committal
- Benediction
- Recessional



## Mama

Her heartbeat was my very first sound,  
 Her kiss my first affection,  
 Her loving arms brought security,  
 Her instruction, clear direction.  
 I owe the person I've become to her unselfish love.  
 There's comfort knowing she's not gone.  
 She lives with God above.

Our mom was a woman  
 Who taught us to never lose sight  
 Though times may seem helpless  
 She taught us how to fight

She has shown us how  
 Through times of much sorrow  
 To look to the future  
 And new days of tomorrow

Even though times may be hard  
 And all we feel is pain  
 Remember, this too shall pass  
 Even the clouds and the rain

So, it is with heavy hearts  
 And tears in our eyes  
 That we lay her down to rest  
 And say our last goodbyes



# Obituary

Constance “Connie” Cotton of Lansing, Michigan, was a proud graduate of Sexton High School. She continued her education at Davenport College and Lansing Community College. Connie dedicated much of her career to serving others, working with the Lansing School District, Dr. Tucker’s Sports and Psychological Consultant Services, and most recently at Peckham, where she was employed until April 2025.

Family was everything to Connie. She cherished every moment spent with her children (whom she was very protective over), grandchildren, brother, sister, her beloved “sister cousins” and close friends. One of her greatest joys was bonding daily with her father—a connection she held dear.

Connie’s faith was a quiet strength throughout her life. She found peace in prayer and was uplifted by her mother’s everlasting words: “Take it to the Lord in prayer.”

She had a gift for making people feel seen and loved. Whether it was sharing a laugh, dancing to old-school tunes, or offering a warm hug, Connie left a lasting impression. Known for her calm and easygoing spirit. She loved watching Lifetime movies, and embraced all kinds of music—from the soulful “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” to the timeless rhythm of “Regulate.”

“To know her was to love her.” Her legacy of love, laughter, and loyalty will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memory children, Shatele Richardson, LaToya Richardson, and Marius Richardson; grandchildren, Kevin Price, Jr., Skai Ethridge, and Mariana Richardson; father, Curtis Cotton; sister, Marcella Cotton; brother, Anthony Cotton; nieces, LaMia Cotton, Mercedes Cotton, Desiree Foy, and Darielle Draper; nephews, Nankiem Cotton and Adonis Cotton; aunts, Barbara (Lonzo) Greenwood, Josephine Lewis, Sandra Cotton, and Mary Ann Johnson; great aunt, Martha Williams; uncles, Rickey (Marie) Cotton, Stanley Cotton, Donnie (Linda) Cotton, Houston Wilson, Phinis Jones, and Bruce Cotton; many cousins, including special cousins, Teresa Williams and Tina Anderson; and special friends, Kisha Beard and Yuvet White.

She was preceded in death by her mom, Bessie Cotton; grandfather, Nelson King; and additional family members, including cousins.