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The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of Sadness. May God Bless you.



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*Celebrating the Life and  
Spirit of*

*William Henry Cotton JW*



**Sunrise - August 21, 1954 - Sunset - June 29, 2021**

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

Viewing: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM • Service: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

**Metropolitan CME Church**  
2815 Melrose Place • Cincinnati Ohio 45206  
Reverend Ian Gibson - Officiant

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude .....	
Parting View.....	The Family
Prayer .....	Reverend Ian Gibson
Scripture.....	Reverend Ian Gibson
Selection.....	Veronda Gibson
Remarks.....	(2 Minutes Please)
Acknowledgements .....	Sonia Deliane
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Selection.....	Bridgette McGruden
Eulogy .....	Reverend Ian Gibson
Benediction.....	
Recessional .....	

## Interment

VINE STREET HILL CEMETERY  
3701 VINE STREET  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45220

## Repast

New Generation Banquet Hall  
4595 Paddock Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229  
Corner of Paddock/ Tennessee Avenue

# The Obituary

**William Henry Cotton IV**, best known as Cotton, was born on August 21, 1954 in Cincinnati Ohio to the late William Henry Cotton III and Pearl Cotton. Cotton was the middle child between two sisters, Deborah Brock, and Ronda Cotton. During his early years, Cotton learned and love the knowledge of playing sports. Cotton favorite sports to play was football, baseball, and basketball. Cotton learned the knowledge of competitiveness while growing up. He also wanted to make a positive impact on the world. Graduate of Hughes High School, in 1974, Cotton decided to join the Navy. Cotton will spend the next 4 years serving his country. With an honorable Discharge in 1978, Cotton was listed as a hero in many people eyes. Not only that he served his country but also his community. In 1995, Cotton became a Hamilton County sheriff. Not only Cotton loved his job, but he also lived what it represents to him every time he puts on his uniform. In between of being in the Navy and being a sheriff, Cotton took on a challenge that would change his life, fatherhood. Cotton loves his children and stepchildren. Cotton was a true father figure to all children that touches his heart. After 25 plus years, Cotton retired as a deputy, but the love he has for the department always stayed with him. Cotton was a smooth gentleman by how he dressed, how he spoke and his sense of humor.

# Obituary Continued

Cotton can brighten your day up with his smile or make you laugh with his own laugh. Cotton memories will always, forever be with us and will always and forever be miss.

Cotton was preceded in death by: William Henry Cotton III (father) Pearl Cotton (mother) Chad Brumette (son).

He leaves to cherish his eternal memories His sisters Deborah Brock and Ronda Cotton. His kids Catrina Smith (daughter), Tila Harris (daughter), William Jenkins (son), James Cotton (son) and Anthony "Blake" Cotton (son). Ten grandchildren, many Stepchildren and step Grandchildren. He also leaves to cherish his memory is special friend Angel Allen.

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name' sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil:  
For thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou annointest my head with oil;  
My cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.