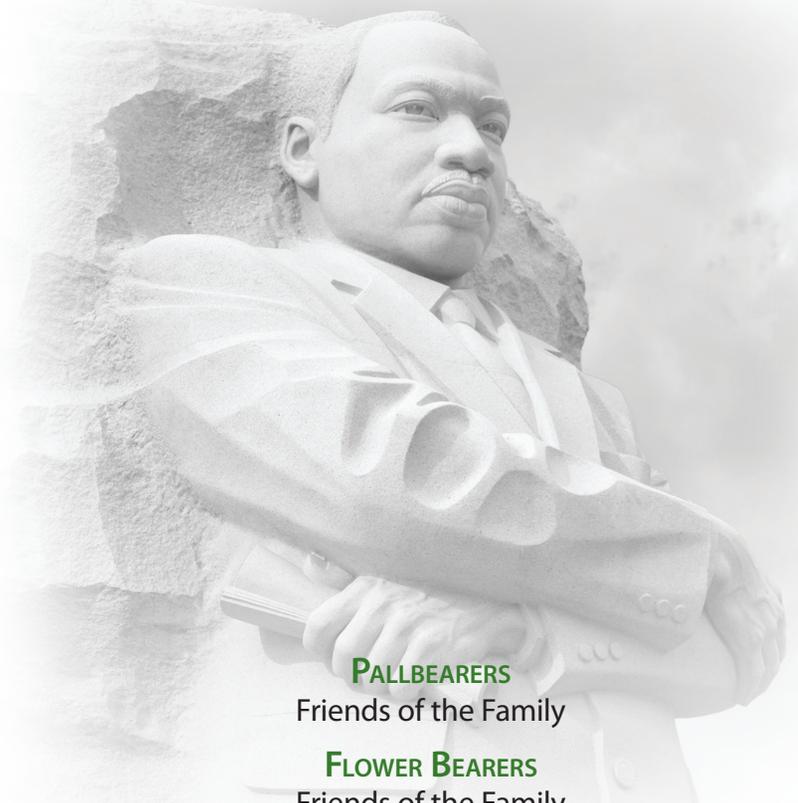


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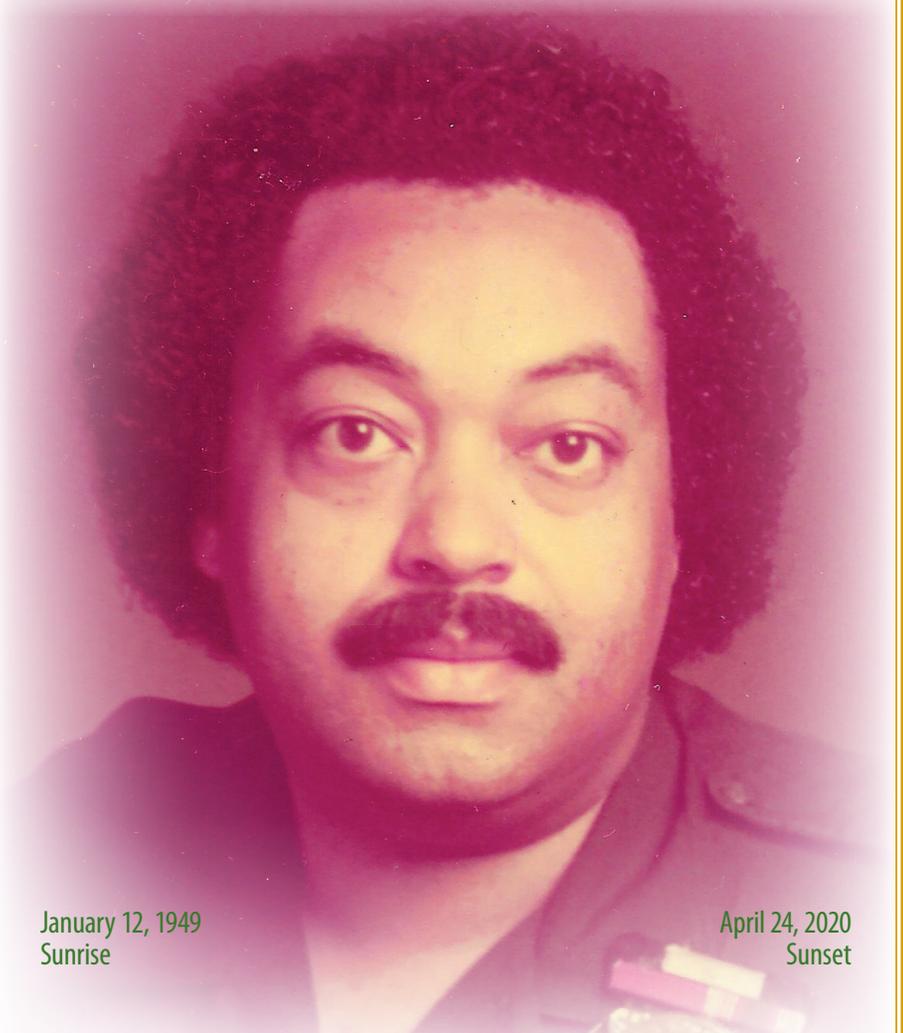
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With sincere appreciation, we wish to thank our many friends & family for their expressions of kindness during our bereavement for our loved one. May God bless each of you!

THE FAMILY

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



January 12, 1949
Sunrise

April 24, 2020
Sunset

Willie Charles Cotton III

TUESDAY, MAY 5TH, 2020

10:30am Family Hour, 11:00am Service

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THE OBITUARY

WILLIE CHARLES COTTON III

January 12, 1949 – April 24, 2020

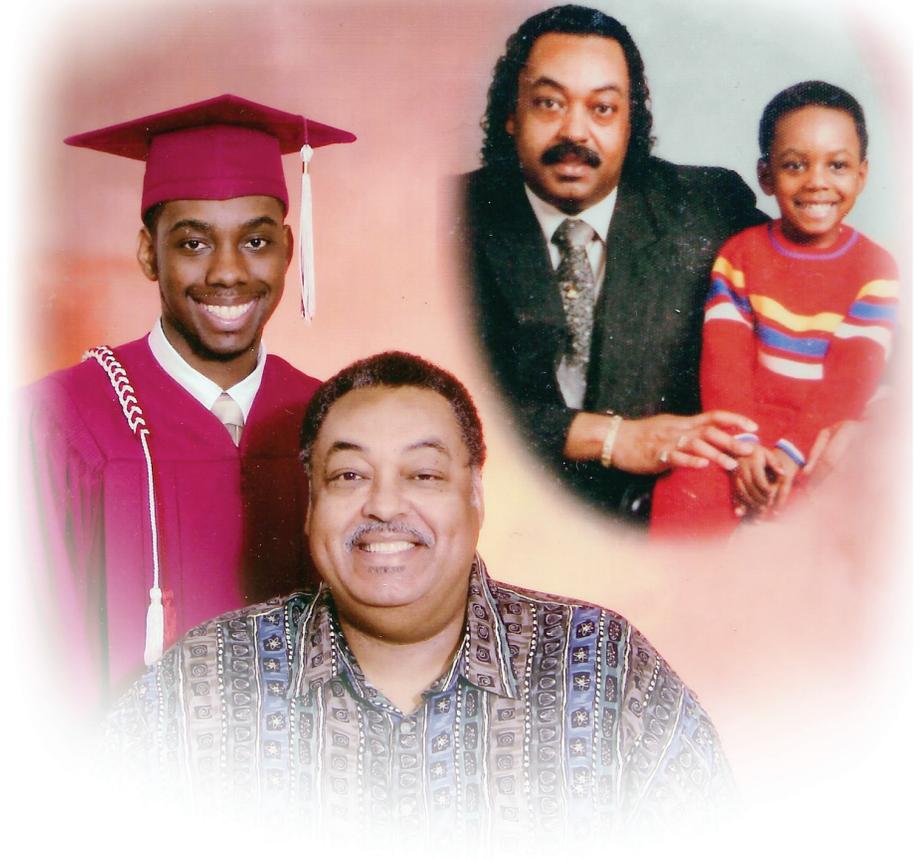
Willie Charles Cotton III was born on January 13, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to the Late Willie C. Cotton Jr & Ruby Lee Cotton.

Willie loved the Lord and accepted Christ at an early age. He graduated from Northern High School, of Detroit, MI in 1967. He loved sports; as a student athlete he lettered in both football and baseball.

Willie was drafted into the US army August 22, 1968, where he served and executed his tours of duty, until he received an honorable discharge. His valor and love for his community lead him to pursue a career in law enforcement; he was appointed to the Detroit Police Department, on March 10, 1977. In 1980, he moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where he served as a Jefferson County Police Officer. His diligence led to a promotion to Detective as he returned to the Detroit Police Department in that role. Among his assignments, he worked as a Aide, bodyguard and driver to the late chief William L. Hart and Mayor Coleman A. Young. He retired June 25th, 1987.

Willie was called home April 24, 2020. He leaves to cherish his memory: his son, Willie Charles Cotton IV of Detroit, MI; 1 sister, Janie Fuller, of Macon, GA; 1 brother, Abrey Cotton, of Coldwater, MI; 1 aunt, Lydia Ellington of Dublin, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

TRIBUTES & REFLECTIONS



YOUR NAME

You got it from your father. 'Twas the best he had to give,
And right gladly he bestowed if – it is yours the while you live.
You may lose the watch he gave you and another you may claim.
But remember, when you're tempted, to be careful of his name.

It was fair the day you got it and a worthy name to wear.
When he took it from his father, there was no dishonor there;
Throughout the years he proudly wore it, to his father he was true,
And that name was clean and spotless when he passed it on to you.

Oh, there's much he has given that he values not at all.
He has watched you break your playthings in the days that you were small,
And you've lost the knife he gave you and you've scattered many a game,
But you'll never hurt your father if you're careful of his name.

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GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me". With tearful eyes, we watched you and saw you pass away; and although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay.

A Golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest.
"God only takes the best".

THE PROGRAM

- Organ Prelude
- Processional
- Solo Gloria Black
- Scripture..... Minister
- Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences Patricia Clark
- Obituary..... Shannon Pugh
- Eulogy..... Minister
- Recessional
- Organ Postlude.....

