



Mother Sandra Cotten

January 6, 1949 - January 5, 2020

Mother Sandra Bruton Cotten, born January 6, 1949, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 5, 2020. Mother Cotten was a native of Wilmington, North Carolina and the daughter of the late Willie Arthur and Mary Jane Bruton.

She graduated from Williston High School, Wilmington, North Carolina. She also graduated from Stone Academy, New Haven, CT, where she learned business administration. Mother Sandra Cotten worked for Union Trust Bank in downtown New Haven, CT. She was a long-time employee and retired from Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Anthem) in North Haven, CT.

On August 1, 1970, she married her childhood sweetheart, Deacon John Edward Cotten, Sr. From this union was born two sons, John Jr. and Steven. She joined St. Matthew Unison Freewill Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Lloyd Taylor. While at St. Matthew Church, she served on the Youth & Young Adult Choir, Intermediate Choir, Young People Christian League (Y.P.C.L.), the food pantry, and Angel Tree Christmas.

In 2003, Mother Cotten joined Gospel Mission in Bridgeport, CT. and in 2011 became a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in New Haven,

CT, where she continued to serve. Mother Cotten served in the following capacities: Deaconess ministry, Mothers ministry, Administration Ministry and Financial Secretary. Also, she was very active and responsible for starting the

outreach ministry for Gospel Mission and New Hope.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband of over 49 years, Deacon John Edward Cotten, Sr.; two sons, Rev. Dr. John Edward Cotten, Jr. (Danielle) and Steven Troy Cotten (Kim); one brother, Deacon Jerome E. Bruton(Annette); 6 grandchildren, John III (Kiara), Matthew (Raeven), Clarissa, Najee, Tiannah and Ki'Sandra; 4 great-grandchildren, Zoe, Lailah, John IV, and Jaiden; godchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by one sister, Gwendolyn Louise Bruton, and one brother Willie Arthur Bruton, Jr.

Cemetery Details

Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue
New Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews UFWB Church
400 Dixwell Ave.
New Haven, CT 06511

Service

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Burial

JAN 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Beaverdale Memorial Park
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Sandra Cotten*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Grace and peace be unto you, to John Jr and the entire Cotten family my prayer are sent to you from Little Rock Arkansas. I am but yet rejoicing for the life and service that your mother gave to the body of Christ. I believe that God will continue to give you comfort from above, just know that is is in the presence of our creator. And you will see her again, like I will see my mother again. God Bless your sister in Christ Mrs. Regina Warren-Knight aka Regina Carmichael. Ps John John keep playing the tambourine!!*

Regina Warren-Knight - July 16, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ *Prayers of comfort in your time of loss.
We will miss you.
Love from the Wilborne and Carter Family.*

L.w. Carter - January 18, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ *I would like to send my heart felt condolences to the Cotten Family for their loss. May God continue to be with you all through this trying time.*

Diane Gomes Sylvester

Diane Sylvester - January 11, 2020 at 10:05 PM

JE

“ Jessica Spann Erkard lit a candle in memory of Mother Sandra Cotten



Jessica spann Erkard - January 10, 2020 at 10:32 PM

NA

Rev. Cotten and Deacon Cotten, May I express my deepest condolences. As you know I already know the pain of loss of a loved one. No, it is not easy but as you know Faith will see you through! Your mother was indeed one classy and God fearing woman. May she rest in well deserved peace. Sincerely. Jean Austin

Norma Jean Austin - January 13, 2020 at 11:18 PM

JC

“ James Clayton lit a candle in memory of Mother Sandra Cotten



james clayton - January 10, 2020 at 08:37 PM

BH

“ Praying for the Cotten Family!!❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

BARBARA HILL - January 10, 2020 at 03:22 PM

TF

“ *The Woodard, Murray & Sono families purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mother Sandra Cotten.*



The Woodard, Murray & Sono families - January 10, 2020 at 02:32 PM

BM

“ *To The Cotten family,
May you find comfort during this time of bereavement
Knowing that memories last a life time
Be blessed
Pastor Betty Marks & New Growth Praise Center family*

betty marks - January 10, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Sandra Cotten.*



January 10, 2020 at 11:10 AM

PH

“ *Words cannot be uttered. I'm so very sorry about her passing, what a lovely lady in every way. My condolences to he family, God bless her soul.*

Patti Heyer - January 10, 2020 at 10:23 AM

PF

*Good afternoon Bishop Cotten Pastor Ford and Nehemiahs Day would like to offer our condolences to you and your family
Pastor Ford*

pastor Pearlene Ford - January 10, 2020 at 05:59 PM

GH

“ *To the Cotton family my condolences to you at this difficult time in the lost of your love one praying for you comfort and peace as God continue to be with you. Evg Gloria Hicks-Harris* 🌹



Gloria Hicks-Harris - January 10, 2020 at 04:40 AM

DD

“ *Dorothy DeShields & Brian DeShields purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mother Sandra Cotten.*



Dorothy DeShields & Brian DeShields - January 09, 2020 at 11:02 PM

DD

“ *May God keep and strengthen you as you celebrate a life well lived. My sincere condolences and prayers for you all*

Deborah Dozier - January 09, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Sandra Cotten.*



January 09, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *Tawanna Pemberton And Angie Pemberton beautiful person earth has know sorrow that heaven can't heal you will be miss but never forgotten RIP .*

Minister Angela Pemberton - January 09, 2020 at 03:56 PM



“ *Minister Angela Pemberton lit a candle in memory of Mother Sandra Cotten*



Minister Angela Pemberton - January 09, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *Mother Sandra Cotten was a humble beautiful person when you greet her always have a smile she love her family especially her husband Deacon John Cotten and her sons Pastor John Cotten and Steven Cotten. When I heard of her passing it was shocking to me and my family Too be absent from the body be present with the Lord Mother Quicksey and family is praying for the family have our sincere condolences*



Colette Beamon - January 09, 2020 at 03:16 PM

ET

We the Christian Union F.G.O.M. Were sad when we heard about mother Cotton, what an awesome woman of God, always a smile, we are praying that God strengthen you always.

Eunice Tucker - January 09, 2020 at 04:14 PM

RC

My beautiful sister, it is your time to rest may you rest in peace my beautiful sister God loves you and so do I amen amen amen Shalom peace!

Ronnie Cotten - January 09, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mother Sandra Cotten.*



January 09, 2020 at 02:44 PM

GJ

“ *To the Cotten Family*

I was sadden to hear of the passing of Mother Cotten. Just know God will be with you during this time and as days go by. I will keep your family in prayer.

Georgetta Jackson

Georgetta Jackson - January 09, 2020 at 12:55 PM

OC

May God keep you in His care during your time of sorrow. Keep looking to the hills for there's your help. God bless you. Oral and Linda Coleman.

Oral and Linda Coleman - January 09, 2020 at 02:53 PM

CG

Condolences and prayers to family of Pastor and Deacon John Cotton.....Judge Clifton E. Graves,Jr.,Probate Court

Clifton E. Graves,Jr.,Judge - January 09, 2020 at 05:09 PM

JC

To the Cotten Family,

My prayers are with you and the entire family during this time of lost. I pray day by day, may the light of your memories heal your sorrow and bring you peace. Jacqueline Coleman

Jacqueline Coleman - January 09, 2020 at 11:41 PM