



Ronnie Cotten

August 23, 1956 - December 3, 2025

Ronnie Earl Cotten was born August 23, 1956 in New Haven Ct at Yale Hospital to the late Shirley and Bud Weaver.

Ronnie enjoyed being with loved ones, and he felt that family members were everything to him. He loved bowling which he thought he was the best. He enjoyed karate movies. One of Ronnie songs he liked to sing was "Watching you". He worked a few jobs but his favorite job was KFC. He also served in the army for two years.

Ronnie was a part of Gods Prophetic Ministries of Hamden, Connecticut. His daughter Trina Strickland is the Apostle. He really loved his church family. He also enjoyed singing gospel songs. He attended Lee High School and his favorite football teams was the Raiders.

Ronnie leaves to cherish his 5 children Trina Strickland (Mitch) , Tanya Smokes, (John Smokes), Kelly Tate, Tanika Council, and Jerome Brown. Grandchildren; Trayshana Spears, Shantell Brooks, Quaneil Brooks, Sharnice Brooks, Harlem Smokes, Christopher Groomes, Mitchell Strickland Ire Andre Unelsky, Joshua Broom, Aaliyah council, Tavon Council, Asia Tate, Tanasia Tate. He leaves to cherish 13 great grandchildren and four special cousins; Bo Whitley, Harold Whitley, Cousin John Cardell Cotten and Gloristine cotten, and a host of relatives, Aunts,

uncles, and friends.

Ronnie was predeceased by His parents Shirley Staton, Bud Weaver, and his fiancée Delores Brooks.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

DEC **19**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RF

“ *My sincere and heartfelt condolences to you and family. Becky and Matt Ford.* ”



Rebecca Becky Ford - December 23, 2025 at 08:59 PM

KF

“ *Kelvan Fitzpatrick lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Cotten* ”



Kelvan Fitzpatrick - December 16, 2025 at 12:57 AM

GR

“ *My condolences and prayers for the family 🙏🙏* ”

Gary Ross - December 10, 2025 at 09:55 PM

GR

“ *Gary Ross lit a candle in memory of Ronnie Cotten* ”



Gary Ross - December 10, 2025 at 09:53 PM

MA

“ I met Ronnie mid spring this year while working at Trinity Church in New Haven. Ronnie was a joy to be around. He was a chapel on the green parishioner and loved being there. Ronnie had names for all the trees on the green and would love to tell me stories about them. Ronnie will be missed but you will forever live on in our hearts

Mike Alfano - December 10, 2025 at 07:01 PM

DI

“ Ronnie was a good friend who loved the Lord he was always talking about God and how much he loved GOD AND HOW GOD LOVED HIM HE LOVED TO SING HE ENDURED A LOT OF HARDSHIP BUT NOW HE CAN TRULY REST MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY SLEEP WELL MY LONG TIME FRIEND !

DianeDoward - December 10, 2025 at 03:30 PM

BG

“ Two weeks ago we talked I told him at the social security office that another acquaintance of ours have passed away Mickey. He expressed sadness Am sad about his passing it hurts some at least you have faith in God Ronnie rest in peace we all have a day in time no one escapes



Bobby Griffin - December 10, 2025 at 10:54 AM

JG

“ Old high school friend thanks for all the great times on goffe st basketball court

Jimmie Greene - December 09, 2025 at 09:22 PM

CT

My condolences to the Cotton family 🙏 - Mrs Clara Tate - Tiiley

clara tate tilley - December 12, 2025 at 04:11 PM

CB

“ I remember the day I met him, it was the day he met his son, Jerome, for the first time. It was a beautiful reunion. They hugged tightly and I couldn't get over how much they looked alike. I will always remember his smile and how much he loved his son. Dad you will always be in my heart. Rest easy, you're finally in your permanent home. Your real home. I love you.



Caroline Beltre - December 09, 2025 at 07:56 PM

PS

*Pastor Calvin Jackson, Sr. 🙏
Where do I begin, Ronnie aka R.C. to me from 250 Ashmun Street. We had nothing but respect for each other from the time we met and up until this time. We have been talking about how the Lord had changed our lives, and forgave us of our sins. Rest now my brother 🙏.*

Pastor Calvin Jackson Sr - December 10, 2025 at 10:17 PM

KR

“ My deepest condolences to my beautiful friend Trina and the entire family. Love Karen Lee-Reid



Karen Y Reid - December 09, 2025 at 07:33 PM

BH

“ These are a few photos of Ronnie while I was a summer seminarian this year at Trinity On The Green. He is with me and Mike, who works for the church.

It was a pleasure getting to know Ronnie and witnessing his deep faith in God and his inspiring knowledge of scripture. He prayed every day - beautiful prayers - and even though he experienced great hardship being unhoused in New Haven, especially as it turned cold, he was filled with love and optimism, and God's grace.

I am sad that we lost him, but I know that he is at peace and with God, rejoicing in heaven with a great choir of angels...because I know he loved to sing. I am a better person for knowing Ronnie. We texted and talked almost every day these last few months. Just before Thanksgiving, he came to a service and dinner at the Divinity School. He met some of my classmates, and they enjoyed talking to him. I am glad Ronnie was my friend, and I will always remember him. We love you and miss you until we meet again!

*Bryan Hiott
Student at Yale Divinity School*



Brysn Hiott - December 09, 2025 at 04:36 PM



We Love Brother Ronnie, and enjoyed him each time he would come to visit, Upright Ministries. Love Senior Pastor Wayne and Pastor Wendy and the entire Upright Ministries Family.

Senior Pastor Wayne and Wendy - December 10, 2025 at 04:32 PM