



## Myra A. Cotton

December 9, 1949 - January 20, 2023

Myra Anastacia Plaskett-Cotton, transitioned into eternal rest on January 20, 2023. Myra was born December 9, 1949 to the late John Alexander Plaskett and Audrey Dolores Sheen-Plaskett in Christiansted, St. Croix U.S. Virgin Islands.

Myra was predeceased by her husband Melvin Cotton Sr., father John Alexander Plaskett, brother John Anthony Plaskett and sister Maria Indiana Plaskett who passed away shortly after birth on July 9, 1956.

Myra graduated from Portsmouth Catholic High in 1967. She attended Old Dominion University pursuing a degree in Book Keeping/Accounting. Myra's first job was in the Book Keeping/Accounting department at the Ledger Star. She left the Ledger Star and Old Dominion University to welcome her first child. Thereafter, she was a housewife spending her days tending to the daily needs of her family. Myra and Melvin Sr. were married for over 40 years until his unexpected passing on March 28, 2013. Myra truly enjoyed her motherly duties of providing unconditional love and support to her children. She always cheered them on in all of their recreation and extra-curricular activities, however; she most enjoyed being a band parent. As a band parent with the I.C. Norcom High School Versatile 100 Marching Greyhounds, she developed some life-long relationships and treated all of the children in the band as her own. Later on in life Myra served in various areas of food service to stay busy.

As a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 190, Myra served as a chair person for various committees during her 18 year membership. She also enjoyed her time spent with the Oakmont North Seniors. For many years Myra was a member of The Basilica of Saint Mary of Immaculate Conception. When her son was called to serve as the Senior Pastor of the New Genesis Baptist Church Virginia Beach, she created a new partnership there. During COVID-19 protocol she stayed connected virtually on Facebook Live earning the status of a Facebook Anniversary Member until her last service on January 15, 2023.

Myra was a kind and loving person. She was a person of few words who spoke through actions of love. She will truly be missed.

Myra leaves love and cherished memories with her daughters Shawn Marie Cotton, Ebony Michelle Cotton, and only son Dr. Melvin Cotton Jr. (Lakeesha)

Myra was a loving grandmother to Tymetria, Tyrone, Shanice, Quanté, Alexis, Yazmine, Melvin III, Keyana, Amani, Tyree and Caleb.

She will also be missed by her siblings Dr. Rochelle Jackson (John), Alena Plaskett, Gregory Plaskett (Lorrie), 94 year old matriarch of the family Audrey D. Sheen-Plaskett, two nieces, five nephews and the entire family.

# Cemetery Details

## Olive Branch Cemetery

2 Cpl J M Williams Ave  
Portsmouth, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church  
5910 W Norfolk Rd  
Portsmouth, VA 23703  
(757) 484-4149

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Myra A. Cotton*



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - February 13, 2023 at 10:11 PM

CT

“ *My heart is heavy...we were inseparable at one time ( lol), we had some good times, but most of all I knew your children played a very special part of your life  
..u will truly be missed...for all your memories will forever live on*

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**Cathy Taylor** - February 01, 2023 at 12:13 PM

SH

“ *May your sweet memories of your mother help comfort you at this time. I was blessed to have Myra as a room mother for my class two times. She wanted to be involved in the school and her children's lives. She was always available to help with school projects, class parties and field trips. She was a talented crocheter. I still have a beautiful blanket she made me.*

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**Susan Gillenwater Hutton** - February 01, 2023 at 09:45 AM

JC

“ Joann Cooper lit a candle in memory of Myra A. Cotton



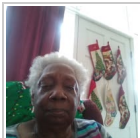
Joann V Cooper - February 01, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - January 31, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ Myra my friend I will miss you I really enjoyed our times together when you where over here on Oakmont dr sleep on my sister we shall meet again

Modell Whitehead Lewis - January 31, 2023 at 12:23 PM

LA

“ Love, Tiffany, Adrian, Alan, and Alex!! purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Myra A. Cotton.



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**Love, Tiffany, Adrian, Alan, and Alex!!** - January 31, 2023 at 07:31 AM

AB

“ Antonio Brickhouse lit a candle in memory of Myra A. Cotton



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**Antonio Brickhouse** - January 31, 2023 at 03:35 AM

ES

“ To the Cotton Family - our heartfelt sympathy extended to you at this difficult time when you have lost one so dear. May the happy times and many memories sustain you today and in the future.  
The Edward Fortson Family

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**Edward Earl Fortson, Sr.** - January 31, 2023 at 01:48 AM

FF

“ From Rochelle's DMV Church Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Myra A. Cotton.



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**From Rochelle's DMV Church Family** - January 30, 2023 at 01:16 PM

TA

“ *The Simon A-Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Myra A. Cotton.*



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**The Simon A-Team** - January 29, 2023 at 09:30 PM

CG

“ *Sending sincere condolences to the Cotton family. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Carolyn Joyner Gay and the Norview Senior Club*

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**Carolyn Joyner Gay** - January 29, 2023 at 05:52 PM

CG

“ *Carolyn lit a candle in memory of Myra A. Cotton*



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**Carolyn Joyner Gay** - January 29, 2023 at 05:45 PM

AC

“ *Sending my sincerest condolences and prayers to Pastor Melvin Cotton and Lady Lakeesha Cotton and the family of Ms. Myra. My God comfort you in knowing that Ms. Myra was a beautiful soul who loved her family and friends. Love you'll. Anita and Marvin Colley* 🙏🏻🙏🏻❤️



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**Anita Colley** - January 29, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Myra A. Cotton.*



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January 28, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to The Cotton Family. Pastor Cotton gave the home-going eulogy for my Mother Adell Eaton on January 20th even after his mother's passing that day. Although we were in a time of need, his passion and task at hand never wavered. For this you will forever be in our hearts and prayers!! God bless you and The Cotton Family during your time of need.*



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**Tresa Channell** - January 27, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the Cotton family.*



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**Rondalyn Gibson Mills** - January 26, 2023 at 11:17 PM

LC

“ *Lydia Campbell lit a candle in memory of Myra A. Cotton*



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**Lydia Campbell** - January 25, 2023 at 06:04 AM