



Mrs. Cotenzie Black

December 2, 1959 - June 11, 2025

Cotenzie was born on December 2, 1959, in Kansas City, Missouri to Ernest Lee and Thelma Mae Briscoe. Both parents preceded her in death. She transitioned from this earthly life on June 11, 2025, at her home in Kansas City, Missouri surrounded by her family.

She married the love of her life, Marvin Black, Sr, on December 2, 1989, and three beautiful children were born to this union. She received her education from Central High School. She held various positions throughout her life, always known for her dedication, kindness, and strong work ethic. A dependable and compassionate individual, she consistently went above and beyond to help others. For much of her life, she maintained multiple jobs to support her family, ultimately ending long-term employment with the Kansas City School District, where she worked faithfully for over 20 years before retiring due to health reasons.

Cotenzie was preceded in death by grandmother, Nora Mae Cowan; grandparents, Jewel Lee Briscoe and Lee Briscoe; one brother Calvin Fortenberry; and one sister, Beverly Ann Briscoe Clark.

She leaves to cherish her memories a loving and devoted husband, Marvin Black, Sr.; one son, (twin) Marvin Black, Jr.; two daughters, Jasmine Black;

and (twin) Makayla (Travis) Richter; all of Kansas City, MO; one grandson, Cayden James Richter; and one granddaughter, Olivia Rose Richter; two goddaughters, Nevaeh Shaw; and Sylvia Shaw; one brother, Jerry (Anita) Briscoe of Searcy, AR; four sisters, Ernestine (Darrell) Winston of West Helena, AR; Josephine Dupree; Sebrina Briscoe; and Reorelo Briscoe; all of Kansas City, MO; three sisters-in-law, Jannella Jones; Lorraine Black; and Tango Black; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday June 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Watkins Heritage Chapel 4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. KCMO 64130. Private Disposition. Visitation: 10-11:00 a.m. at the Chapel. For further information call Watkins Heritage Chapel at 816-861-3030. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Watkins Heritage Chapel
4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.
Kansas City, MO 64130

Funeral Service

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ I am so sorry for our loss family! Cotenzie has been a part of my life since my college days. I have known this kind hearted and beautiful soul for a long time. Our children were born months apart for each other. We could talk for hours and never missed a beat. This was my sister and dear friend and I will miss her but never, never forget her! My condolences to the family and much love!!

Denice McCullough - June 20, 2025 at 08:56 AM

LA

“ I'm Luz Arias (Lucy, as Mrs. Cot used to call me). We met when she started working at Liberty Middle School in 2019. From the first moment we became good friends. She was always willing to help me with your advice

I will always carry her in my heart.

May God have her in his holy glory and give spiritual peace to her family.

Luz Arias - June 19, 2025 at 10:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



June 19, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.

June 19, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



June 19, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



June 19, 2025 at 08:26 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



June 18, 2025 at 09:23 PM

MP

“ Michael Pizzato purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



Michael Pizzato - June 18, 2025 at 08:33 PM

ER

“ Eric and Jilvania Ross purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



Eric and Jilvania Ross - June 18, 2025 at 08:17 PM

SF

“ Shean Fletcher purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



Shean Fletcher - June 18, 2025 at 12:30 PM

SF

“ Shean Fletcher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.

Shean Fletcher - June 18, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.*



June 16, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.*



June 16, 2025 at 10:17 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.*



June 16, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.*



June 16, 2025 at 10:05 AM

LB

“ *Cotenzie Black, A very Beautiful soul, She was a Fun,Loving ,Extra Strong, Caring friend and Sister in law she Encouraged Many in this Life, Very Thankful for all the Love she Gave, God Bless Our Entire Family only God can Heal All Broken hearts 💔 I Love you Black Family,Your Sister and Aunt; Ms.Lorraine Black 🙏💔🙏🌸...*

Lorraine Black - June 13, 2025 at 10:28 PM

FR

“ *Fredphillips lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Cotenzie Black*



fredphillips - June 13, 2025 at 05:57 PM

SF

“ *Simms & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.*

Simms & Family - June 13, 2025 at 05:04 PM

SF

“ *Simms & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.*



Simms & Family - June 13, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



June 13, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.

June 13, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ Brad, Pam, Drew, Eleese, and Cal planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.

Brad, Pam, Drew, Eleese, and Cal - June 13, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ Brad, Pam, Drew, Eleese, and Cal purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



Brad, Pam, Drew, Eleese, and Cal - June 13, 2025 at 11:15 AM

RA

“ Mrs. Black was the nicest woman! I was a student at LCPA and she was the only reason I went up to that lunchroom. We later worked for the City of KCMO together and she was a joy to have on my team. She will be missed 💕💕

Ra'Anne - June 13, 2025 at 08:10 AM

JF

“ Jarrell and Lucy Veasley and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



Jarrell and Lucy Veasley and family - June 13, 2025 at 07:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.

June 12, 2025 at 11:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Cotenzie Black.



June 12, 2025 at 11:41 PM

JV

“ Rest well Cot you were genuinely a very good person and you will get your reward.

Jalena Verner - June 12, 2025 at 09:35 PM

SJ

“ You were a good, sweet friend. The best friend anyone could ever have. You were there for me whenever I needed a friend. I'm gonna miss talking to you and texting you little happy thoughts. ☐ RIP love you ❤️

Selena Johnson - June 12, 2025 at 07:34 PM

CS

My condolences to you and your family may Allah the Lord of all the worlds make it easy on you and your family

Chadwick Stevenson - June 12, 2025 at 08:50 PM

CS

Call me please if I can help in anyway please thank you

Chadwick Stevenson - June 12, 2025 at 08:51 PM

FP

“ miss you ms cot. i enjoyed working with you. may god bless you and keep you rip.

fred phillips - June 12, 2025 at 06:04 PM