

The Family Tribute

*A smile for all, a heart of gold; one of the finest this world could hold
Never selfish, always kind, these are the memories she leaves behind*

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Ms. Sequoia Chamon Cotton, 26, was born in Charleston, S.C. on June 2, 1996, to the late Bobby Alphonso Cotton and Celeste Lynn Lopez Cotton. She departed this life on Saturday, December 24, 2022, in Statesville, N.C.

Sequoia was affectionately known as “Poodie” by her family and friends. She graduated from Statesville High School with the Class of 2014 and was employed at Outback Steakhouse. She was baptized at Piney Grove AME Zion Church, and she loved to “fire dance” and play games. Poodie was known mostly for her Big Smile and always bubbly personality. She enjoyed video games as well as board games with family and friends. She was a bright spirit who never met a stranger. She was genuine and happy and will forever be missed.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her grandmother, Beneva Lopez; aunt, Stephanie Cotton Allison; and her children, June and Jonah; and Oaklynn.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, her mother, Celeste Lynn Lopez Cotton; grandmother, Mary Cotton of Statesville; one brother, Zazuze “Zac” Cotton of Statesville; four sisters, Camille Cotton of Mooresville, Ebony Dawkins of Fayetteville, Taliah Wilson of Statesville, and Becky Kennerly of Red Springs, NC; aunts and uncles, Montell (Vera)Walker of Green Bay, WI, Albert (Linda) Burrus of Chicago, IL, Venita Webb of Jacksonville, FL, Maria Sykes of Memphis, TN, Eliza (James) King of Memphis, TN, Loniel Lopez of Chicago, IL, Shelia Kennedy of Jacksonville, FL, Yolanda (Fred) Jackson of Memphis, TN, Sharon (Richard) Cain, Joyce (Ronnie) Chambers, Monica Kinney of Statesville, Rodney (Chenille) Garner, Michael Cotton of Concord, Kassana (Anthony) Cotton of Statesville, three nieces, Nakyla Heaggans, Aria Cotton, and Aleysa Hernandez; a nephew, Syncere Heaggans; her dog, Vicious of the home; best friends, Olivia Lee and Rosetta Smitherman; and a host of other family members and friends.

Pretty winged girl you were so many people's world.

Now we have to say goodbye

And stand and look to the sky

Cause we know you're flying high

It hurts but I guess God wanted you back.

Until we meet again I'll look into the sky

and wait for a sign, any sign

Your memory is a keepsake

which will never part

You were like a melody from a beautiful song

God may have you in his arms

but we will forever hold you in our heart.

A Service Remembering the Life of **Sequoia Chamon Cotton**

The Order of Service

Saturday, January 7, 2023

12:00 p.m.

Christian Outreach of the Piedmont

Statesville, North Carolina

Pastor Glenn Usry, Officiating

Bishop Elect – Oliver Phifer, Jr., Eulogist

Processional

The Invocation Minister Thomas Chambers

The Musical Selection Minister Thomas Chambers

The Scripture Reading Brother Kermitt Pearsall

Old Testament: Psalm 15

New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Musical SelectionLatiea Delepaz

The Reflections: *(Please limit to Two Minutes)*

The Prayer of Comfort Mr. Shelton Macgyver

The Acknowledgements and Presentation..... Funeral Director

The Musical Selection Samara Hayes

The Eulogy Bishop Elect Oliver L. Wilder, Jr.

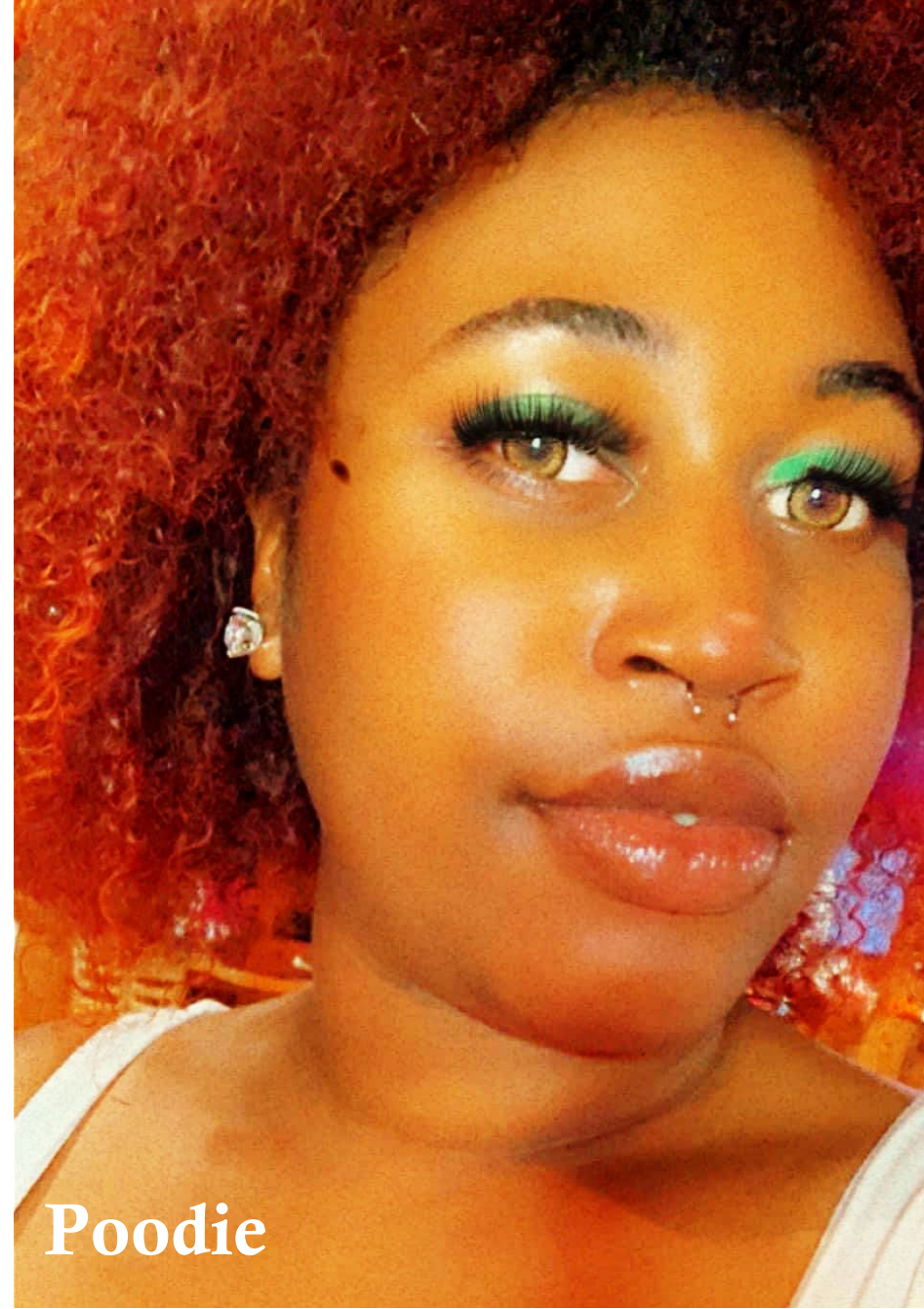
The Committal

The Recessional Selection



Always in our hearts.





Poodie

*You are
so loved*



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