



Richard Cottom

September 21, 1940 - May 24, 2026

No obituary found for this tribute.

Cemetery Details

Whitemarsh Memorial Park

1169 Limekiln Oike
Ambler, PA 19002

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

New Covenant Church of Philadelphia
7500 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19119

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of *Richard Cottom*.



June 05 at 10:23 AM

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“*Monique’s written memory honoring your Great Uncle Richard, capturing the beautiful bond we shared and the incredible legacy he and Aunt Mildred left behind.*

In Loving Memory of Great Uncle Richard D. Cottom

Some people preach the word of God, but Great Uncle Richard D. Cottom lived it. He didn’t need an altar or a microphone; his life was the sermon. Through his devotion to Christ, his unshakeable integrity, and the quiet, charismatic charm that drew everyone to him, he showed all of us what it truly means to walk in faith.

From my childhood all the way into my adulthood, Uncle Richard was a steady, loving anchor in my life. He had a gift for making ordinary moments feel deeply special. I will always cherish the memories of sitting in his backyard, roasting marshmallows and laughing under the open sky. He was a protector and a provider at heart—a truly great father figure. Whenever his only daughter, Charmayne, and I were out shopping at Acme and needed a lift, Uncle Richard was always the one we could count on to come and get us, no questions asked.

He knew the value of fellowship and brotherhood. Mondays were reserved for the golf course, where he, my late father Charles W. Rivers, and my husband Ron B. Johnson Sr. shared rounds of golf and endless laughs. Those days were anchored by a simple tradition: breaking bread together over sandwiches from Joe’s Market, a testament to the love and community they shared.

Uncle Richard never missed an opportunity to connect. Even while cutting his lawn, he would pause his work just to have a real, heartfelt conversation with me. Without even needing to say a word, he taught me the supreme importance of living a life dedicated to Christ. His faith culminated in one of the most sacred moments of my life: standing by our side to offer his blessings and prayers when Ron and I were married on August 4, 2001.

Of course, Uncle Richard’s beautiful life was completed by his lavishing, loving wife, my Great Aunt Mildred. Together, they were the ultimate blueprint. Aunt Mildred became my model of



motherhood and education. A true fashionista, she carried herself with grace and style, while teaching me the vital pillars of dedication, discipline, and devotion to Christ.

Thank you, Uncle Richard, for your prayers, your guidance, and your endless love. Thank you, Aunt Mildred, for being the shining example I needed. Your legacy lives on in me forever.

*With all our love, devotion, and gratitude,
Mr& Mrs.Ron B Johnson Sr.
Monique D. Rivers-Johnson
&Family*

Monique Dinell Johnson - June 05 at 09:40 AM