



## John R. Cotter

May 1, 1933 - July 12, 2019

John R. Cotter

Passed away peacefully on Friday, July 12, 2019 surrounded by his family at Amita Health St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet At the age of 86 years.

Born in Vidette, AR the son of the late Edward and Doxie (nee Shrable) Cotter.

John was united in marriage on November 29, 1958, at United Methodist Church, Channahon, to Aileen Torkelson.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years Aileen (nee Torkelson) Cotter; Cherished Father of Brenda E. (Rick) Cotter-VanAsdlen and Marsha A. Cotter-Simotes; Proud Grandfather of Jessica R. (the late Mark S.) VanAsdlen-Smith, Nicholas A. Simotes, Alex J. Simotes, Jonathan R.(Nicole nee Egizio) VanAsdlen and Jenna A. Simotes;

Great Grandfather of Cora Rae Smith, Livia Grace Smith and soon to arrive Baby VanAsdlen; Dear Brother of Corene Cotter-Hodges of Kansas City, MO and Louise Cotter-Atkinson of Clever, MO

Also left to mourn his passing are several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Mildred Cotter-Foresee and Treva Cotter-Barber; brother, Ransey Cotter and grandson, Mark S. Smith.

John was a distinguished Veteran of the US Army. A long time resident of Channahon. He was the president, general manager and co-creator of Wadsworth

Golf Construction Co. of Plainfield. John retired after 58 rewarding years of service,

He was an integral part of more than 900 golf course projects across the United States.

He was a member of the Channahon United Methodist Church and was chairman of the Finance Committee, donating his time and talents to the community and church.

He served on the board of Channahon Park Foundation and the Minooka Community

High School. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, as

well as a loyal friend. He will be truly missed by all.

The Cotter Family would like to express their gratitude for all the kindness shown

to John by the Doctors, Nurses and Staff at the Joliet Oncology-Hematology Associates, Ltd

John R. Cotter will be lying in state on Friday, July 19, 2019 from 9:30 AM until services

begin at 10:00 AM at the Channahon United Methodist Church located at 24751 W.

Eames (Rt. 6) Pastor Gavin Brandt officiating. Interment Willard Grove Cemetery, Channahon.

Memorial contributions may be sent to United Methodist Church, Channahon, the Channahon

Fire Department, JOHA or the Mark S. Smith Scholarship Program.

Visitation Thursday, July 18, 2019 from 2:00 to 7:00 PM at The Maple Funeral Home

located at 24300 W. Ford Rd, Channahon. For information [www.themaplefuneralhome.com](http://www.themaplefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

The Maple Funeral Home  
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Channahon, IL 60410  
(815) 467-1234  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *John R. Cotter*

January 29, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ *Rita Harris lit a candle in memory of John R. Cotter*



Rita Harris - July 23, 2019 at 11:08 PM



“ *My Uncle John was kind, generous and easy to laugh. I always enjoyed seeing him. I'll miss you and think of you often.*

Janie Alvord - July 19, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ *Aunt Aileen, Brenda and Marsha- I wish I could be there with you to give you strength! Know that I hold you in my thoughts and prayers and heart. I believe Uncle John is already with God - looking down on everyone and smiling because he can see you are surrounded by people who love you so very much! I will miss his kind smile and gentle eyes on my next journey home...but a bit of who he was lives on in all who know and love him. Beth Ann, David, Marc and Alexia Hawkins*

Beth Ann Hawkins - July 18, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of John R. Cotter.*



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July 18, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of John R. Cotter.*



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July 18, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ *Aileen, Brenda, and Marsha, grandkids and great grandkids I am so sorry for your loss. John was a wonderful person. He always had a smile on his face.*

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**Lottie Torkelson** - July 16, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ *My heart breaks for all of John's family. He will be greatly missed! I have such fond memories of spending time with the Cotter family. Prayers and hugs to all!*

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**Trisha Tucker Peterson** - July 16, 2019 at 07:02 PM