



Edsel Cotter

March 27, 2017

Edsel Allen Cotter 80, was promoted to glory March 27, 2017 AD at 5:44 am. He was born in Springfield, Ohio to Godly parents Russell Lincoln Cotter and Rebecca Elizabeth Baldwin Cotter. He is survived by wife Shirley Kay Mahar Cotter, 4 children, and 12 grandchildren: Steven Cotter, Laura (Victor) Melfe, Alex, Molly, Mitchell, Thaddeus, Debra (Chris) Staggs, Jack, Whitney, Macy, Courtney, Mark (Rachel) Cotter, Grace, Marshall, Julian, Genevieve, and sister Nancy (Robert) Rice, many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. He served as hospital administrator at OSU Hospitals for 20 years and Ohio Health for 15 years. He currently was serving on the preschool patrol, leading devotions for Men's Prayer Breakfast, working with the Church Farm Committee, and singing in the Church Choir. He is known for his sense of humor, wise counsel, being a good listener, and a gentle man. Visitation is Thursday night, March 30th 6-9 pm at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home 515 N. High Street Worthington, Ohio 43085; also one hour visitation Friday, March 31st 9:30am-10:30am at Overbrook Presbyterian Church 4131 N. High Street Columbus, Ohio 43214. Celebration of Life Service to follow. After grave-side service at Union Cemetery a light lunch will be served at Overbrook Church in Fellowship Hall. Memorials may be given to Overbrook's Church Choir or Church Farm (John Beltz Retreat), or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 267-5471

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
(614) 885-4006
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

MAR 31. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Overbrook Presbyterian Church
4131 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43214

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 10:30 AM (ET)

Overbrook Presbyterian Church
4131 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43214

Tribute Wall



“ *Edsel Cotter*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I don't have to tell you what an amazing, good man Ed was, and how much he will be missed by so many. He was a wonderful friend and mentor to me, and as Clerk of Session, I often sought his counsel. He was encouraging during difficult times and during the years we served on session together, he provided valuable insight and a wonderful presence that included his beautiful sense of humor. He was a delight and could manage to make one feel good just by sharing his patented greeting "Hi ya kid". He shared his love for God, church, family, friends and his coffee and donuts.*

Ed is in a beautiful place with our Lord. We will miss him until the day comes that we meet again. Keith's and my thoughts and prayers are with all of the Cotters. May your many, many wonderful memories of him ease your hearts and hold you close to him.

*With deepest sympathy,
Jennifer Keplinger*

Jennifer Keplinger - March 31, 2017 at 03:33 PM

PD

“ I send my heartfelt sympathy to Shirley and Steve Cotter in particular and to the rest of the Cotter family. I worked with Ed for many years and I always considered him to be one of my mentors in my early career. I remember when I would go into the Administrative Suite of the hospital when I was the Administrator for Cardiology and Ed would throw spit balls at me! He would always ask me: "what did I want now and how much was it going to cost the hospital?". He knew me well! He will be missed as a kind, considerate, wonderful human being. The world will weep for his absence.

Pinky Davis

Pinky Davis - March 30, 2017 at 07:14 PM

CS

“ Ed's deep faith was always visible to everyone he worked with or knew. He truly let his light shine for all to see. An honor to know and work with him. *Charlie Stearns*

Charlie Stearns - March 30, 2017 at 06:15 PM

MF

“ I worked with Ed for a number of years at OSUMC: a great administrator and always appreciated his mild mannered – yet very effective administrative style. He was so respectful of the individual, had a great sense of humor and just an overall great guy. He will be missed. *Mary Jane Fellers*

MJ Fellers - March 30, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



March 30, 2017 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



March 30, 2017 at 07:37 AM



“ *We are so sorry to hear of Ed's passing. He was a true man of God and was an example of His love to all that he met. Ed treated everyone with respect, dignity, compassion, and love. No one was a stranger to him. It was only an opportunity to meet someone new. I admired Ed's sense of humor and love as he touched everyone he met. My husband and I worked with Ed at Grant and our hearts would smile whenever we thought or spoke of him. We are all better people because we knew and loved Ed Cotter.*
Karen and Brian Saul

Karen and Brian Saul - March 30, 2017 at 06:45 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



March 30, 2017 at 05:23 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



March 30, 2017 at 12:16 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



March 29, 2017 at 08:45 PM



“ *Love, Bryan, Amy, Samantha, and William Whitson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



Love, Bryan, Amy, Samantha, and William Whitson - March 29, 2017 at 04:13 PM

BS

“ *Barbara McAllister & Ed Schottenstein purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



Barbara McAllister & Ed Schottenstein - March 29, 2017 at 03:19 PM

DH

“ *Please accept the Helber family's condolences. Several of us had the pleasure of working with Edsel at OSU. He was always smiling and helpful. One of the best administrators we ever worked with. I remember in my younger days when I wore my hair short and a tail down the back - he'd always give me a hard time about it - with a smile on his face!*

*Deb Helber
Bob Helber*

Deborah Helber - March 29, 2017 at 02:45 PM

HM

“ *I knew Ed as a young attending physician at Ohio State. Ed was a unique individual who was recognized by staff at all levels whom he greeted warmly as he walked through the halls of University Hospital and Rhodes Hall. I was fortunate to work with Ed again when MedFlight was formed as a merger of two air programs at Grant and OSU. Ed's personal credibility was instrumental in the merger, as he was admired by everyone at both institutions. This is a great loss to the health care community in Central Ohio, especially to those of us who were lucky enough to be graced by this man.*

Howard Werman, MD - March 29, 2017 at 02:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



March 29, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



March 29, 2017 at 01:12 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



March 29, 2017 at 12:34 PM



“ *Ed will be very missed by all and Riverside Facilities Group. Ed was a great leader and mentor to a lot of us at Ohiohealth. We will miss his humor, teaching and his belief in the lord. Rest in peace our Friend. To the Cotter family our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sadness. Facilities Engineering Riverside Hospital.*

Facilities Engineering - March 29, 2017 at 12:15 PM

AM

“ *Ed (Mr. Cotter) was a wonderful person who truly walked in the way of the Lord.*

A. Troy Miller - March 29, 2017 at 11:59 AM

WR

“ *With much love, Doug, Dave, Kathy & Rob purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



With much love, Doug, Dave, Kathy & Rob - March 29, 2017 at 11:57 AM

JM

“ *Steve and family, this news has taken me by such a surprise and leaving me speechless. Mr Cotter was such a great man and one who imparted to me during my early years in healthcare. His warm, kind, and professional manner will be missed. Keeping you guys in my thoughts and prayers always with love.*

Joe Moorehead - March 29, 2017 at 11:35 AM

LF

“ *Loving sister, Nancy, and the Rice family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



Loving sister, Nancy, and the Rice family - March 29, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.



March 29, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.



March 29, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.



March 29, 2017 at 08:55 AM



“ Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.



March 29, 2017 at 07:52 AM

JP

“ *John and Michaella Havens & Parker and Dean Panik purchased the Bountiful Rose Basket for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



John and Michaella Havens & Parker and Dean Panik - March 29, 2017 at 07:06 AM

CS

“ *I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of a true gentleman. Ed was truly one of the finest men I have ever met. He was the best boss that I ever had and was a mentor for me. Ed was such wonderful boss that you did not want to let him down. My deepest sympathy to Shirley and the entire Cotter family. Thank you Steve for calling me and letting me know. God is getting a good one and I am sure he is welcoming him with open arms. Rest in Peace Ed.*

Chuck Smith - March 28, 2017 at 08:38 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



March 28, 2017 at 04:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edsel Cotter.*



March 28, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ *Ed was a wonderful man. I say this with a lot of conviction as he was my first cousin. We had an exceptional relationship from the time I was very young through present day. But even more, he had an exceptional relationship with the community. Certainly he will be missed. Leonora's and my most heartfelt thoughts go out to Shirley and the rest of the Cotter family.*

Sam Griffith - March 28, 2017 at 12:07 PM



The Cotter family and i go way back, before Mark and my daughter, Rachell, were born. Shirley and i were pregnant as the same time with those two. I and many other Girl Scout leaders spent countless hours at their house on Dunedin as we planned and provided Girl Scout program for the girls and their leaders in Clintonville. Often Ed would come home and yet another meeting had taken over his home.. He was patient, kind and ever welcoming. A truer gentleman does not exist. Years later, in 1992, he was exceptionally caring to the Whetstone High School family while one of their own was a patient at Grant Hospital. The visitors were countless and endless and each one was made to fell like that was exactly where they should be. Dearest Shirley and family, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. We are never ready to say goodbye, are we? Phylis Crook and family

Phylis Crook - April 01, 2017 at 05:47 PM

LS

Ed Cotter was truly an outstanding person. I had the opportunity to work with Ed for over 10 years. I learned from him on a daily basis as he and I would have lunch together. He is in my prayers every day. I continue to ask for him to guide me as I go through life.

I know he is resting in Christ's peace.

Larry Schleeter

Larry Schleeter - March 04, 2024 at 07:44 PM