



## James W. Cotter

July 29, 1932 - February 27, 2019

Stratham - James “Jim” W. Cotter, most recently a resident of Stratham, NH, died on February 27, 2019 after a short illness.

Jim was born July 29, 1932, in Worcester, Massachusetts to Walter and Eleanor (nee Rivard) Cotter and grew up in one of the city’s many ‘triple-decker’ houses with his parents and two younger brothers, reading books, playing sports, and going to the theater on weekends for double features. After graduating from St. Peter-Marian High School, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he would ultimately test and maintain radar dish motors, appreciating views from high atop the masts of the heavy cruiser USS Albany as it patrolled the Mediterranean Sea. After his service he earned an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Massachusetts (’59) on the GI Bill. He devoted 35 years of his professional career to General Electric where he would occasionally end up back at sea testing and maintaining ballistic missile guidance systems on the Navy’s submarine fleet. While at GE, he met and married his wife of 57 years, Ann, and started a family, residing for periods of time in the Berkshires, the NH Seacoast and the Connecticut coast.

Jim is survived by his wife, Ann (nee Williams); his son Ron and wife Lori, daughter Jackie and husband Michael, son Chris and wife Emily, grandsons Chris and wife Jordan, Casey, Ben, Will, Julian, granddaughters Ella, Evie and Charlotte. He is predeceased by his two brothers, John and Jeffrey but

survived by many nieces and nephews.

Jim was a voracious reader since childhood and developed an analytical mind with a quick wit, eventually using his military test scores for MENSA membership. After retiring, he directed his energy researching subjects such as the 14th Amendment and global climate change, developing opinions that he offered in numerous letters to the editor of the various local newspapers where he lived and proudly evoking the ire of many fellow readers. He similarly found great joy for many years moderating classes for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Berkshire Community College on subjects such as history and world events. He enjoyed seemingly disparate things; Rush Limbaugh and the PBS NewsHour, opera and Hank Williams, palatable nourishment and Moxie soda.

Visiting hours will be from 11 am to 1 pm on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home – Crematory, 811 Lafayette Rd., Hampton. A Celebration of Life Service will follow the visitation starting at 1 PM in the funeral home. Burial will be private. He dearly loved the company of the many dogs he and Ann shared over the years. In lieu of flowers, feel free to make donations to the New Hampshire SPCA (<https://nhspca.org/donate-today>) PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885 .

# Cemetery Details

## Central Cemetery

20 Central Road  
Rye, NH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·  
Hampton, NH 03842  
(603) 926-6500  
[info@remickgendron.com](mailto:info@remickgendron.com)  
<https://www.RemickGendron.com/>

## Celebration of Life

MAR 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James W. Cotter*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Jackie sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. Cotter*



Jackie - July 29, 2021 at 05:44 PM



“ *Jackie sent a virtual gift in memory of James W. Cotter*



Jackie - July 29, 2019 at 06:33 AM



“ *Happy Father's Day.*



Jackie - June 16, 2019 at 09:17 AM

MH

“ Mrs Cotter, Ron, Jackie, Chris and families,  
I fondly remember you as dear neighbors, and I remember the many conversations Mr Cotter would have in the family room with Jackie and I as we were heading to or from the brook on one of our adventures. Mr Cotter was always so kind and engaging!  
May the kindness and memories keep Mr Cotter always close in your hearts.  
Our deepest condolences,  
Mary "Cricket" Gobeli Hannon and family, West Simsbury, CT  
Michael Gobeli, East Lyme, CT

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**Mary Hannon** - April 07, 2019 at 02:50 PM

FC

“ Ann and family..So very sorry to hear of Jim's passing.I have fond memories of your family's time in East Lyme. May he rest-in-peace.G-d bless all those who mourn...Fay Clymer and my family

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**Fay Clymer** - April 06, 2019 at 07:25 AM

JW

“ My husband was Jim's cousin and the only time I got to meet Jim was at a family reunion we hosted at our house many years ago. I want you to know I'm thinking of you and your family in your sorrow and wishing you comfort in the memories and the love that you shared

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**Judie Walls** - March 18, 2019 at 11:50 AM

SS

“ Anne and Family,

*As you know, I knew Jim from GE before you moved to Yvonne Drive. So sorry to hear of Jim's passing; may you all treasure the wonderful years and memories you hold. Sending you our deepest sympathy.*

*Sue & Bill Seely  
Dalton, MA*

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**susan seely** - March 13, 2019 at 09:27 AM

BW

“ Bob Walls lit a candle in memory of James W. Cotter



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**Bob Walls** - March 06, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ 119 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Remick & Gendron Funeral Home** - March 04, 2019 at 04:41 PM

GW

*Thanks for posting these pictures. I worked with Jim during his days at GE and enjoyed seeing him at the FC Control Console with Al Zannelli and Pete Stavrou, great memories. Also the GEAA ball game, and his OLLI course. He is missed as one of the good guys from those days.*

*Blessings to the family, know that Jim is not forgotten by his many friends.*

*Gerry Wergland  
Dalton, MA*

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**Gerry Wergland** - March 08, 2019 at 09:50 AM



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



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March 04, 2019 at 09:39 AM

JR

“ *Ann and family,  
I know I only know Ann, but I want you all to know you have my sympathy. I loved the obit. It made me feel like I really do know Jim. He sounds like a very interesting man and I wish I had really known him. Ann, I hope hope that sometime before we are too old to get together again some day. For you children who do not know me, Ann is my first cousin once removed. I believe iit s how you explain it. Lenore Sundstrom was my Mom's sister.*

*Love,  
Joy Rustad Rasmussen*

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**Joy Rasmussen** - March 03, 2019 at 11:18 PM

AC

*Thank you so much for your thoughts. It means a lot to all of us that we remain long distance family. I know you have not felt well so I do hope you are better. Thank you again for thinking of us in this difficult time.*

**Ann W. Cotter** - March 04, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Cotter.*



March 03, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James W. Cotter.*



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March 03, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of James W. Cotter.*



March 03, 2019 at 11:02 AM



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March 03, 2019 at 10:59 AM



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



March 02, 2019 at 11:04 AM