



# Thomas F. Cotten, Jr.

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**T**homas F. Cotten, Jr. 97, of Memphis, passed away on Friday, March 19, 2021. He was mainly known as "Cotten". He started fishing at the age of 5 in the Wolf River in the late 20's and early 30's.

In the mid-50's he built a cabin on Kentucky Lake. He hauled the materials that friends gave him and helped build it. He always had a fishing and hunting place. In the 70's he installed an in ground pool with help from his friend. He would let the neighborhood children and their mothers swim on Wednesdays. Through the years many people learned how to swim and dive under his guidance and direction. He loved to share the pool to everybody.

He spend a lot of time growing up in Ripley, Tennessee with family before and after he served in the army during WWII.

He was raised in the Church of Christ growing up but was a faithful member of Central Church for 40 years. He was thinking about his Lord when he took his last breath.

Cotten left two proud children, Thomas F. Cotten, III and Kay A Cotten along with one granddaughter, Mary Carolyn Cotten. He passed two days before the 40th anniversary since he lost his wife Mary Nell Cotten.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, March 24 from 1:00 pm until the time of the graveside service at 2:00 pm at Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis.

The family requests donations to be made in his name to Central Church Collierville or the Susan G. Komen Foundation.



## Events

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### Visitation

 **Wednesday**, March 24, 2021

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT

 **Memorial Park Funeral Home**  
5668 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38119



### Graveside Service

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 2:00 PM CT

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## Tribute Wall

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CM

**Cathy Rushing Mccracken** posted:

Kay prayers for you and your family

May 5 at 10:45 AM

MO

**Melissa Adams Russell (Eba Class Of 89)** posted:

Mrs. Kay And family. I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers, love and hugs are coming your way ❤️

March 23 at 4:43 PM

JC

**Judy Craig** posted:

Dear Kay & Bo. My name is Judy Craig. My mother, Helen Cotten Hindman was your dad's 1st cousin. We are so very sorry to hear about your dad. Mother loved him dearly. Mother & Thomas were almost the same age. I am go to try & bring mother to the service. Not quite sure yet. But we will be praying for you all. May God grant you peace during this time. Much love & many blessings, Judy Hindman Craig

March 23 at 8:49 AM

AV

**Avery** posted:

So very sorry to hear of this sweet man's passing. Prayers for Kay and Uncle Cotten and Mary Carolyn.

March 22 at 9:12 AM

LS

**Lisa Spencer** posted:

Kay and Bo, I am sorry that I won't be able to attend. You two had wonderful parents that was loved by the neighborhood. My dad loved walking down to his house to solve all of the world problems with your dad. He was such a special person and nobody could dance like your parents. Lisa (Bernardini) Spencer

March 22 at 6:15 AM



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MC

**Mary Ann (Payne) Cole** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss, Kay. Your Dad lived a good, long life, and you have been a wonderful daughter to him. Prayers for you and your family in your loss.

March 22 at 5:58 AM

LO

**Louise Olszewski** posted:

Thank you Mr. Cotten for letting us come over every weekend to swim and play in your pool. That was such a fun time and you were always so nice and hospitable. And 97, wow. You had a great life and many, many people love you. Kay and Cotten, I love you guys and I am sending you my love and condolences. Louise O.

March 22 at 4:08 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Thomas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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