



Thomas G. Cotter

December 29, 1948 - January 19, 2021

Townsend: Thomas G. Cotter, 72, of Townsend, died Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at University of Massachusetts – Memorial Hospital, Worcester after a brief illness.

Tom was born in Nashua, NH December 29, 1948 the son of the late Frank and Fran (Cotton) Cotter of Pepperell where he grew up before moving to Townsend nearly fifty years ago.

After graduating from North Middlesex Regional High School in Townsend in 1966, Tom entered the United States Navy where he served six years. For over four decades Tom worked in several capacities for Comcast before retiring in 2013 in an analyst position.

Tom was a member of St. John's Church in Townsend and was a founding member and Past Grand Knight of the St. John The Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council # 14842 as well as a past Faithful Navigator of the Knights of Columbus St. John Paul II Assembly # 3502. He was also a member of the Townsend VFW Post. Tom gave over ten years of service as an EMT to the Townsend Municipal Ambulance Service as well as being a member of Townsend Fire Department Company 3.

He was a Civil War History aficionado. He also enjoyed gathering family

ancestry history. Most of all, Tom enjoyed time with his family, especially the many trips to Disneyworld.

Tom leaves his wife of fifty years, Clela M. (Mohan) Cotter; his son and daughter in law, Christopher and Melody Cotter of Pepperell; two brothers, Frank Cotter of Marlboro, Mark Cotter of Pepperell; his granddaughter, Ashley Hills and her husband Daniel along with two great grandchildren, Savannah Hills and Cameron Hills.

He was the brother of the late Kathy Winslow of Pepperell.

Tom's family will receive family and friends at calling hours on Sunday, January 24, 2021 from 2-5 PM at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119) Townsend Center.

Due to Covid – 19 restrictions Tom's funeral Mass and burial will be held privately. Tom's recorded funeral will be streamed Monday afternoon, January 25, 2021 from the funeral home website.

Memorial contributions may be made to the K of C c/o St. John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend, MA 01469.

A Livestream of Thomas' Funeral Mass and Graveside Service and will be available to view at the link below:

<https://my.gather.app/remember/thomas-g-cotter>

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Highland Street
Townsend, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 24. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I was so very sorry to hear the news. Have such fond memories of the family get-togethers in Pepperell all those years ago. I clearly recall Tom’s laugh and sense of humor. Sending prayers and hugs to Cleta, Christopher & Melody, Frank, Mark and the rest of this wonderful family. Love, Jerilyn Connell

Jerilyn Connell - January 30, 2021 at 05:45 PM

JB

“ Tom was a great neighbor for over 20 years. I will always remember how kind he was to all the children on Reagan Road. He welcomed all the kids to his home(neighborhood hangout). Such a gentleman. He will be missed. Fondly, Judy Boucher



judy Boucher - January 25, 2021 at 04:28 PM

JG

“ Cleta I am sorry for your lost and also for the rest of the family. My family enjoy going up too the cookouts

james j greatorex - January 24, 2021 at 08:47 AM

LR

“ Steve and I are both very saddened by Tom's passing. Tom was a wonderful man, kind, compassionate, easy to talk to and always witty. Have had some great conversations on FB in recent years. Got to know him more actually and learn about his service to our country and service to his community. Loved seeing our Pepperell cousins at the last family reunion. I have fond memories of the great lunch we had with Tom & Cleta when my mom, sisters and I went to Great Wolf Lodge to see Cleta's incredible gingerbread house. She gifted my mom with a beautiful quilt. They were a great couple, always thinking of and doing for others. Sent me handmade masks this year during Covid. We also got to spend a nice afternoon with Chris and Melody last Spring in NH on their wedding anniversary. Chris is a chip off the old block and Melody is as sweet as her mother-in-law. We will always remember these special times. Rest peacefully Tom, you will be missed. "Other things may change, but we start and end with family".

With much sympathy and love,

Linda, Steve, Stephanie & Matthew Raymond

Linda Raymond - January 23, 2021 at 08:19 PM

RM

“ I'm sadden to hear of the passing of Tom. He and I graduated together and I will always remember him fondly. Easy to approach, a quick wit with a hardy laugh, and a friendly demeanor to each person he came in contact with. He was truly one of the good guys”.
Rest in peace, Tom
Roger Miller

Roger Arthur Miller - January 23, 2021 at 06:16 PM

DB

“ *My deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

Diane Bonner - January 23, 2021 at 05:19 PM

RL

“ *I have always found myself fortunate to have cousins that were so loving and compassionate.
The MOHAN family and those that became partners to my cousins always had important values.
I was amaze by all the volunteering done by this family. I am sure Tom will keep on volunteering in heaven.*

Regards

Roger Landry

Roger Landry - January 22, 2021 at 06:05 PM

GI

“ *Tom had a way of making everyone feel special. He will be missed!
Rest In Peace, Tom! Rest In Peace!*

Gina - January 21, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Multicolor Bright was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Cotter.*



January 21, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas G. Cotter.*



January 21, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He always had a friendly nod and smile when I'd see him in church. My prayers are with all of you.*

Carol M. Anderson-Farwell - January 21, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ *Sending most heartfelt condolences to Clea and family. Tom was so very much loved by all.....May he rest in peace. Love, Lindsay*



Lindsay Morand - January 21, 2021 at 05:15 AM



“ *Cindy Carney purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Thomas G. Cotter.*



Cindy Carney - January 20, 2021 at 09:24 PM

CC

“ *Cleta, Chris, Mel, Ashley and family, I so sorry for your loss of this wonderful man in your lives. Tom was a sincere people lover. He always greeted you with a big smile and a hug if you ran into him about town. I share your heartache and have you in my thoughts and prayers.*

Cindy Carney - January 20, 2021 at 09:00 PM

LJ

“ *Cleta and Chris.....I am so sorry for your loss. Tom was one of the genuine nicest people I ever met. Always a smile and a kind word. I will miss seeing him around town and in store. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lee Jeddrey - January 20, 2021 at 08:10 PM



“ *Hey Cleta Chris Mel Ashley and clan....Our thoughts go out to you all. Tom was a great guy. Funny as hell. We had some good times back in the day. Tom and Sharon and Fam.*

Tom Whittier - January 20, 2021 at 08:01 PM

RF

“ *Our condolences to Cleta and Chris and their extended family and friends. Tom was A very good man and always a gentleman. A willing participant in many church activities!
God Bless you with wonderful memories. "Well done My good and faithful servant" will be his greeting!*

Ron and Sue Funaiole - January 20, 2021 at 04:03 PM