



## James "Hal" Cotten

July 15, 1944 - March 20, 2019

James H. "Hal" Cotten, 74, of Woodlawn Shores, passed away Wednesday, March 20th, at his home.

He was retired from Vanity Fair (Red Kap) Corporation.

He is survived by his wife, Geri Cotten, 3 sons, Tim, Todd and Scott Cotten, of Mercer, TN, 2 brothers, Jeff Cotten, of Atlanta, GA and Tom Cotten, of Greenville, TN and by 3 grandchildren.

Hal was preceded in death by his parents, James and Catherine Cotten.

His family has chosen cremation and will hold a memorial service at a later time.

Reed's Chapel - Decaturville is in charge of arrangements.

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“ Like his father, his uncles, and his grandfather before him, Hal was a fisherman. My favorite memory of Hal was when he was a teenager and came to our home in Arkansas for a family get-together. After lunch had been served, Hal was ready to go fishing. Everybody else was stuffed and content to sit and talk, so Hal headed off to the pond behind the house by himself. After a while, he reappeared at the back door with a big grin on his face. Everybody was sure he hadn't caught anything special until he held up a big bass he had snagged while fishing in the "little pool." The men jumped up, started grabbing fishing poles and gear, and were quickly out the door to catch some more of those bass. As it turned out, nobody caught a fish worth remembering except for Hal, but we all remembered the grin on his face when he came to the back door and showed us that fish.

God bless him and God bless you too Gerry! Praying that you find peace during this difficult time.

With love and fond memories,

Cousin David

**David Danehower** - March 26, 2019 at 12:58 PM

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“ Going to miss you uncle Hal, and I am really regretting we missed that last fishing trip. At least I have the memories of the many good times together, especially with you and Gerry on Coosa River.

You are a good man and lived a good life.

Love you much,  
Richard Cotten

**Richard A Cotten** - March 25, 2019 at 04:02 PM

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“ Hal was one of a kind he would do anything to help anyone. And. One fine firefighter when the tone went off you could bet 912 was resp0nding he was loved by many and me and my family was one of them love you Gerry



**Fredia Collett** - March 22, 2019 at 08:42 PM

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“ Steven Faye Mooney lit a candle in memory of James "Hal" Cotten



**Steven Faye Mooney** - March 22, 2019 at 04:40 PM