



Carl Cotner

December 3, 1941 - May 21, 2026

Carl Paul Cotner, 84, of Tallahassee, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 21, 2026. Born on December 3, 1941, in Logansport, Indiana, to Carl Rae and Margaret Arbella Cotner, he built a life centered on hard work, family, and friendship. For more than 30 years, he proudly owned and operated Economy Appliance.

Although dedicated to his business, Carl believed life was best enjoyed with others and often spent time at Village Inn catching up with friends, family, and colleagues. Carl never met a stranger. He loved visiting with neighbors, sharing stories, and making people laugh. He especially enjoyed spending time with family, tinkering with and restoring older cars, bowling, and collecting coins. Many happy afternoons included trips to Kasey's for lunch — never passing up the banana pudding — often followed by a stop at Dairy Queen for ice cream.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Franklin T. Cotner, John D. Cotner, and Donald R. Cotner; his beloved wife, Sandra Lou Cotner; and other cherished family members.

He is survived by his son, Carl Wayne Cotner (Laura); his daughter, Gina Marie Ragans (Kenny); and four stepchildren, Nathan Craig Humphries, Celeda Anne Wallace (Donnie), Cara Alane West (Lambert), and Aletha Dawn

Young. He also leaves behind a host of loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, two great-great-granddaughters, and many extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation at Abbey Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m., followed immediately by a graveside service celebrating Carl's life at Tallahassee Memory Gardens.

Carl's family will celebrate his life as they lay him to rest beside Sandy, his beloved wife and partner of 37 years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Carl's memory with a donation to St. Francis Wildlife Association (<https://www.stfranciswildlife.org/>) or the PKD Foundation (<https://pkdcure.org>).

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

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