



## Jerry Lee Cotter

September 25, 1931 - March 8, 2012

Jerry Lee Cotter of Cadillac died Thursday evening, March 8, 2012 at Lakeview Lutheran Manor after a short illness. He was 80. He was born in McBain on September 25, 1931 to Manley and Ellenore Marie (Nystrom) Cotter and they preceded him in death. He married the former Barbara Delight Ensign on February 16, 1951 in McBain and she preceded him in death on March 28, 1996.

Mr. Cotter graduated from McBain Rural Agricultural High School. He later went on to graduate from Davenport University in May 1952. On June 2, 1952 he began to work at the Certified Public Accountant Office of Cramer, Beattie and Nichols, which later became Baird, Cotter and Bishop, in which he was a shareholder/ director. He worked there for over 40 years until retiring in October of 1992. He was an avid golfer, bowler and sports enthusiast. He enjoyed playing cards, watching and attending any and all sporting events, classic cars and cars in general. He thoroughly enjoyed traveling to various places with family and lifelong friends. He was a life member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cadillac and had served in various capacities there.

Survivors include his children: Gail Cotter of Cadillac, Mike (Kathy) Cotter of Petoskey, Mark Cotter of Cadillac, Lisa Cotter of Cadillac and David (Janice) Cotter of Morrison, Colorado; grandchildren: Kristen Cotter, Matthew Cotter, Chris (DeAnne) Larson, Josh Larson, Braylyn Cotter and Sydney Spangler; a granddaughter in law, Samantha Goldner; great grandchildren: Katelyn, Nevaeh and Peyton; a brother, Dale (Betty) Cotter of Cadillac; sisters: Joyce Kuipers and Joan Berghouse both of

Wyoming, Michigan, Carol (Bob) Hiller of Grandville, Sharon (George) VanderHaar of Byron Center and in laws, Gilbert (Pauline) Ensign of Oregon and Ellen (Victor) Kline of Cadillac. \n\nIn addition to his parents and his wife he was preceded in death by a son, Steven in 1959 and a grandson, Tyler Cotter in 2009 and 2 brother-in-laws: Hubert Berghouse and Norm Kuipers.\n\nFuneral services will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church with Reverend Paul Tomlinson officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family from 6-8 PM Monday at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church or Parkinson's Association. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com). \n

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers, especially this morning. We have so many happy memories of Jerry- what a wonderful, captivating sense of humor he shared with everyone. When ever we visited he would tease me about the night I borrowed a Cotter family car to go to Grandma and Grandpa's and ended up in Paris! My husband Michael's favorite memory is from our wedding reception- when the videographer asked people to share " words of wisdom" for the new couple, Uncle Jerry responded, " It's too late now!" with a sparkle in his eye. We love him and miss him. Blessings to all of you celebrating his life today.

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**Denise (Ensign) Owens** - March 13, 2012 at 09:58 AM

GK

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I have a lot of fond memories of golfing with Jerry. He was a lot of fun to be around and kept everyone ready for a good time.

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**Greg Kroes** - March 13, 2012 at 08:07 AM

CC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was always so tolerant of our energetic conversations while driving us back and forth from Caberfae. He was always fun to be around. My deepest sympathies to the entire family.

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**Carol Bartlett Cottrell** - March 12, 2012 at 04:10 PM

BB

“ We are saddened to hear of Jerry's death. We have many fond memories of him and your families. We send our love and prayers.

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**Bruce & Doris Brumels** - March 12, 2012 at 10:41 AM

LM

“ I am so sorry to hear of your father's death. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

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**Laurie McKay** - March 11, 2012 at 01:13 PM

JJ

“ I am thinking of all of you Cotters right now. I remember your mom and dad so fondly growing up.-Then, I moved back to the area and lived across from your dad on Sunset Lane.-He was a great guy, and the best neighbor. I will miss the grin he gave me every time he greeted me.-If there were going to be 2 Jerrys in the neighborhood, I am glad he was the other one!

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**Jeri Johnson** - March 10, 2012 at 02:02 PM

KC

“ He was such a joy and a prankster as you can see with the twinkle in his eye! I can remember cleaning the office and him hiding around the corner pulling on the vacuum cord. I think we both laughed until we cried. I will miss him dearly.

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**Kelly Whitney Cater** - March 10, 2012 at 09:30 AM

PD

“ I always enjoyed Jerry. He was a nice man. He will be missed.

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**Pam and Marty Dahlstrom** - March 10, 2012 at 08:39 AM

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*m so sorry*

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**andrew macdonald** - March 10, 2012 at 01:29 AM