



## Earl M Cotton Jr

July 3, 1925 - July 7, 2015

Earl M. Cotton, Jr., 90, passed away July 7, 2014 at his home in Tallahassee, Florida after a short illness. He was born on July 3, 1925 in Cottdale, Florida. He spent his youth in Cottdale then married the love of his life and moved to Tallahassee in 1951 to begin a lifelong career as a Builder having assisted in developing a major part of the Northeast portion of Tallahassee including Waverly and Betton Hills. He built many beautiful homes all across the area including many on Live Oak Plantation Road. He was a perfectionist and known for his quality workmanship.

Earl served in the United States Army. He was a Baptist and a longtime member of Thomasville Road Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Andrew Jackson Masonic Lodge for over 50 years having served as Local Master and District Deputy Grand Master, Secretary and Treasurer.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cotton, Sr., a brother, Cecil Cotton; a sister, Margie Ellen Gainey; and a grandson, Brandon Lee Cotton . He is survived by his loving wife, Helen Jean Christmas Cotton; 3 sons, L. Michael Cotton, M. Terry Cotton, and Christopher E. Cotton; one daughter, Yolanda Cotton Ritter; two grandchildren, Richard A. Ritter and Matthew E. Ritter; two great-grandchildren, Preston Heath Ritter and Natalie Grace Ritter, all of Tallahassee; two sisters, Marie Hightower and Gwen Haney; one brother, Henry Cotton.

He was a great man, a devoted husband and father. He loved God, his family and his friends. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 2:00pm at Thomasville Road Baptist Church, 3131 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida. A visitation will be held from 1:00- 2:00pm at the church prior to the service. Interment will follow at Oakland Cemetery, 838 N. Bronough St., Tallahassee, Fl. Elizabeth Chambers of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

The family would like to express their appreciation to all of his family and friends especially the members of his Sunday school class who have been so supportive and caring.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Cemetery

838 N Bronough St  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thomasville Road Baptist Church  
3131 Thomasville Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

## Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MH

“*Mrs. Cotton, I am so sorry for your loss. May your many warm and beautiful memories be of solace to you. Rely on the GOD of all comfort for strength as you cope with this time of bereavement.*

Minnie Hemphill - July 10, 2015 at 08:17 AM

BG

“*Helen and family - My thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. God Bless, Barbara Merchant Golde, Warwick, RI.*

Barbara Golde - July 09, 2015 at 04:33 PM

 Cindy Sloan

“*Uncle Earl always had a sense of humor. The last time I saw him and Aunt Helen we all went to yard sales one Saturday morning in Tallahassee. Just thinking of his comments as we stopped at various yard sales, while Aunt Helen was spotting treasures, make me smile. I still have the \$1 lamp I bought from that day's adventure. Prayers of comfort to Aunt Helen, Mike & Pat, Terry, Yolanda & Ron, Chris, Ricky & Julie, and Matt for the tremendous loss in your family. Love, Cindy Sloan*

Cindy Sloan - July 07, 2015 at 10:15 PM

RS

*I was blessed to work for Mr. Earl Cotton for 6 to 7 years. I learned more than just carpentry from him. He was like a Grandfather to me in a lot of ways. the world lost a great man on July 7th,2015. Mrs. Helen I am so sorry for your loss mam. My prayers are with you always.  
Sincerly, Roland Sweet*

Roland Sweet - March 23, 2022 at 03:56 PM