



Eva Cotten

February 3, 1954 - August 3, 2023

Eva Cotten of Tallahassee passed away at home on August 3rd, 2023, at the age of 69.

Born and raised here in Tallahassee, Eva loved her hometown and her family's rich history in the area. As an extremely accomplished and well-respected nurse for nearly thirty years, Eva's commitment to patient care was consistently recognized by her peers and often formally acknowledged by her employers with accolades for her "Excellence in Patient Care." She took a break from nursing from the mid-eighties to the late nineties to focus on family, raise her son, and travel around the U.S. with her husband in the military. During her time away from Tallahassee, she completed her bachelor's degree in Marketing, but her devotion to caring for others drew her back to nursing. There, she had the opportunity to use her experience to lead, train, and mentor the next generation of nursing professionals. In the last five years, after retiring from nursing, Eva decided to move back to Tallahassee to be closer to family, friends, and the city she loved dearly.

When Eva wasn't working, she was likely reading or writing. Her literary interests varied greatly, and she was often excited to dive into fiction, non-fiction, current events, historical accounts, and many other subjects. When

she wrote, she used beautiful cursive, and she often wrote to friends and family in the form of greeting cards. She didn't need an occasion to write you a letter; just the fact that you were on her mind was reason enough. She even decided to start a little greeting card business at one time, but as you might imagine, she just wrote us all more cards rather than selling them. We didn't mind.

Eva is survived and her spirit will be carried on by her son, John Hicks; sister Carol Wagner and her husband, Lou Wagner; her sister Mary Linzy and her husband, Mike Linzy; and many other extended family members in the Tallahassee area. Eva was preceded in death by her father, John Cotten, and her mother, Lois Cotten, who both loved her dearly.

A celebration of Eva's life will be held at Bevis Funeral Home on Saturday, August 26th, 2023, at 2:00 pm, located at 200 John Knox Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Kelly Barber of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting John Hicks with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Eva Cotten.*



August 25, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Eva in the Emergency Room in Tallahassee 35 years ago. I fondly remember her spunk and kind spirit.*

So sad to learn that she has died. Condolences to her family.

Barb Taylor

Barbara Taylor - August 25, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eva Cotten.*

August 24, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Eva Cotten.*



August 24, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Eva Cotten.*



August 24, 2023 at 05:46 PM



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August 24, 2023 at 05:46 PM



“ *I am heartbroken at her loss.. we just corresponded on the 1st of august and I was lucky to be one of those that she sent notes to for years. -after she moved we did Facebook messenger. She was a dear sweet soul who never let things get in the way of loving you.. she loved everyone and the world was a better place because of her! She was an excellent nurse and coworker - she taught many “new hires” and also helped anyone she could with a loving spirit! I will definitely miss her. Praying for her loved ones - I know she is with Jesus and is a beautiful Angel in heaven!*

Annie - August 24, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *The Petersen Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eva Cotten.*



The Petersen Family - August 24, 2023 at 12:01 PM

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“ The Petersen Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva Cotten.

The Petersen Family - August 24, 2023 at 12:01 PM

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“ Eva and I were close friends for 30 years in Centerville, Ohio. We went through a lot in those years together. Eva went to Sinclair Community College and made quite an impression there. She was a leader in her classes and Sinclair Fellows where she represented her class overseas and in California.. We had a big party at my house when she graduated. Eva then went on to get her marketing degree from the University of Dayton, Ohio. But she ended up going back to nursing and receiving awards for being a team leader and others. Eva and I spent a lot of her free time together going to movies, plays and enjoying going out to dinner together. We also went on several trips together and shared holidays together when I was in town. Eva and I were best friends and she will be truly missed by our family. To my beloved friend Eva, Allie Petersen

Allie Petersen - August 23, 2023 at 04:20 PM

BC

I was a student at FSU and a security guard at night when Capital Medical Center / TCH first opened their doors around 1980. I spent many shifts with Eva often times when no one came into the Emergency Room (not so anymore). She had to call upstairs to the sleep room when there was a need for a lab tech or x-ray. We had some good times back then. She was always so sweet and professional. I'm sorry to hear of her passing!

Brent Coughlin - August 24, 2023 at 02:28 PM