



## Mark H Cotter

October 15, 1951 - July 3, 2020

Mark H. Cotter, 68, of Sarasota Florida died on July 3, 2020. He was born on October 15, 1951 in Avon, Illinois to Howard and Marvis Cotter who both preceded him in death. Mark lived in Flanagan, Illinois through his high school years, then lived in both Bloomington and Pekin, Illinois before moving to Sarasota, Florida in 1983.

Survivors include Mark's wife of 38 years, Dorene Cotter, brother Butch Cotter and his wife, Diane, of Damascus MD, brother Kevin Cotter and his wife, Jan, of Cherry Valley, Illinois. He was Uncle Mark to Ellen, Anna, Sarah, Beth, Mark James, and to Dan Howard who predeceased him. He also had thirteen Great nieces and nephews.

Mark spent all his adult life selling fine men's clothing, and for the past 26 years was a fixture at the Wall Street for Men Store in Sarasota Square Mall. He was an avid reader and enjoyed playing golf.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Mark's name to one of his favorite charities: Shriners Hospitals for Children, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, or any local "no kill" animal shelter.

A celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 3, 2021, 10:30am - 12:30pm, at The Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Fellowship Hall, 7950

South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 3. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant  
7950 South Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL 34231

# Tribute Wall



“ Hey Papa Smurf, I really miss you. You'll be glad to know that I am still cured, thanks to your help.  
Alan

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Alan Sutel - July 03, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ Managed the store next to Mark, New York Diamond Center, many years ago. Enjoyed the time I spent with Mark and will never forget the pranks we played on Mall security.  
Jan

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Jan Swetic - May 13, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ He will be missed especially at Christmas.

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Vick McGough - September 07, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ Doreen,  
My deepest and most heartfelt sympathy. We are all going to miss Mark so much. He was a wonderful person.  
Alan Sutel

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Alan Sutel - August 30, 2020 at 07:52 AM



“ A gentle, kind and caring soul that will be truly missed. 🙏🌸🌈

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Tracy - August 04, 2020 at 06:16 AM

LR

*I am truly having real difficulty missing my Dear friend, Mark. He was a true treasure who I will love forever. He was an inspiration to so, so many people.*

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**Linda Reymond** - August 11, 2020 at 02:58 PM

RB

“ *I first met Mark about 15 years ago through mutual friends, and though somewhat quiet and reserved, we soon became fast friends. I saw him about twice a week and we would chat, joke and just shoot the breeze about things in general.*

*On occasion, I would drop by Wall Street men's store, check out the merchandise and get a special discount from Mark.*

*He was a true friend and a huge help to many other people that we knew. He always had a kind word and together, we both lost mutual friends and were able to meet and grieve with their families.*

*To put it mildly, Mark's passing has truly left an empty spot in my heart and he will be sadly missed by many and remembered by countless others in the days ahead.*

*Richard Bobbitt*



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**Richard Bobbitt** - August 02, 2020 at 12:34 PM

PW

“ I was blessed to have Mark as my neighbor 4 to 6 months of the year. He became more than a neighbor, he became a dear friend. Mark was small in stature but he was big in important ways. He fought his demons with dignity and strength and encouraged others in the process.



Being a man of few words, you somehow knew what he was thinking. He had a dry sense of humor that often would catch you by surprise, which made it more funny. I was privileged to help him on his journey fighting illness. He learned quickly and it was a joy to see him have control, still keeping his sense of humor when things didn't go as planned. We enjoyed many laughs along the way. His wife Doreen was by his side every step. Their love was obvious to all who saw them. I saw Mark several times every day. He would greet me in the morning, sitting on his bench, as I left to walk my dog. She would immediately walk over to him for her morning pet. He always had a "Mark" comment, shake his head, and smile. I will miss having him there and so many other moments.

I thank God that he allowed me to know Mark, if only for a short time. I will not forget him.

I miss and love you Mark. Thank you for being a part of my life!

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**Peggy Williams** - August 01, 2020 at 02:56 PM

JA

“ There are no right words to express the deep sorrow I feel about losing such a wonderful friend.

*The years Mark and I were both working at the Sarasota Mall, I spent almost every break I had at Wall Street. We had fun conversations and I always went back to work feeling good. I loved his dry sense of humor.*

*He will be missed by so many as he was a friend to everyone.*

*Rest in Peace Mark. Your loving friend, Jan*

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**Jan** - July 30, 2020 at 08:48 AM

TT

“ Mark was a friend first, then he became my employer for almost five years. We've shared many ideas and topics over time. Mark is and will always be my friend. Becky and I offer our condolence to Doreen and her family and to those that stood with her during Mark's passing. May all recover soon and Mark rest in peace.

*Tom and Becky Tanzosh*

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**Thomas John Tanzosh** - July 27, 2020 at 01:07 PM

HH

“ *This is how I'll remember Mark:*

*As a happy go lucky man loved by everyone.*

*As a very kind and selfless man who always put others first, and genuinely cared about others, including his cats*

*As a small man who hit the golf ball further than men twice his size. I will always remember your soaring shots*

*As a man of grace and dignity in everything he did*

*As a man who brought love and joy to Kathy and me and many others*

*As a man who loved his wife Dorene with all his heart*

*I will miss Mark, but I'll never forget him*

*Henry Halaiko*

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**Henry Halaiko** - July 27, 2020 at 08:35 AM

JO

“ *Mark is as close a friend as I have ever known. More of a brother. I will miss the long conversations on a variety of topics we had at Wall Street, We both grew up during the same period in small town Illinois. We golfed. Mark was a generous person who found an interest in the many people he met. He made me feel special. He will be missed !*

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**John** - July 26, 2020 at 10:01 PM

JG

*Mark became a close friend of mine over a 15 year period.  
He helped me in developing a great wardrobe as I was cruising around  
the world.*

*We shared our experience, strengths and hope...*

*Loved how he and Dorene invited be to their home over the holidays.*

*I was blessed to have enjoyed our friendship...*

*Will miss Mark deeply...*

*Farewell my friend...*

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**Joe Glasgow** - July 28, 2020 at 10:36 AM

JB

“ *I will remember Mark for his quiet nature--always asking how I was .  
When at the Sarasota Square Mall, I would stop in and say hi to  
Mark--he was always glad to have a visit.*

*Mark, you are truly missed and hopefully, one day our paths will  
cross again.*

*RIP gentle man.*

*John Buckingham*

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**John Buckingham** - July 26, 2020 at 03:36 PM