



## Thomas James Cotter

December 15, 1953 - April 3, 2024

Thomas James Cotter, 70, of El Salvador passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2024 peacefully of natural causes, surrounded by family in Vallejo California.

Tom was born December 15, 1953 in San Francisco at St. Joseph's Hospital, to Bill and Noreen Cotter. He was born to a traditional Irish family, being the 4th of 9 children. He attended Riordan High School, and graduated in 1972. Tom, along with his brothers Billy, Der and Barry played for 4 years in the Pearse and Connolly Fife and Drum Band, attending several St. Patrick's Day Parades in San Francisco.

After Tom graduated high school, joined the Army where he served for 7 years. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Tom then went on to work for the city and county of San Francisco's bureau for water pollution control. He retired after 30 years as a chief engineer at the Oceanside Treatment plant.

In 1998 Tom met Reinita on a blind date in El Salvador. They went on to enjoy 26 years of love together. In March 2013 Tom and Reinita retired and moved to El Salvador, where he enjoyed spending his time reading, learning about history, watching documentaries, car auctions, and spending time with Hatchi, his beloved dog. He loved visiting California and going to his sister Eileen's Christmas Parties as well as spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Reina, brothers and sisters, Eithne, Eileen, Billy, Dermot, Barry, Brendan, Kevin and Terri, as well as his children, TJ, Tim, Maria and Juan and his grandchildren Robin, Everly, Lea, Sebastian, Santiago, Emilio and Joaquin.

Funeral services will be held at Twin Chapels Mortuary in Vallejo, California on Saturday April 20th, at 10:00am. A family and friends gathering will follow at 4:00pm at Dan and Eileen Gilman's house in Sonoma, CA.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR 20. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary  
1100 Tennessee Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
(707) 552-6696  
twinchapels@aol.com

## Funeral Service

APR 20. 12:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 107 files added to the album Life Tributes



Twin Chapels Mortuary - April 19, 2024 at 04:03 PM

BG

“ Brian and maureen gibeson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas James Cotter.



Brian and maureen gibeson - April 19, 2024 at 01:00 PM

BG

“ Brian and maureen gibeson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas James Cotter.

Brian and maureen gibeson - April 19, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas James Cotter.

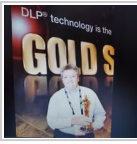


April 18, 2024 at 01:26 PM

FF

“ From Robert Gonzales and Victor Fridman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas James Cotter.

From Robert Gonzales and Victor Fridman - April 18, 2024 at 01:26 PM



“ We will miss Tom, He was a loving and caring, person to all that had the blessing to have known him. May his Caring and Wisdom live on — like a legacy of love that will always be with you (his wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and extended family). May that love surround all of you now and bring you peace. Love, Jack, Claude, and Deanna Gregory

Jack Gregory - April 17, 2024 at 06:16 PM

JG

“ Jack, Claude and Deanna Gregory purchased the Divine Light for the family of Thomas James Cotter.



Jack, Claude and Deanna Gregory - April 17, 2024 at 05:57 PM

JG

“ Jack, Claude and Deanna Gregory planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas James Cotter.

Jack, Claude and Deanna Gregory - April 17, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Thomas James Cotter.



April 17, 2024 at 09:29 AM

JF

“ Joe and Lisa McNaughton and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas James Cotter.



Joe and Lisa McNaughton and family - April 16, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas James Cotter.*



April 16, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas James Cotter.*



April 15, 2024 at 11:29 PM

CM

“ *Chris Molina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas James Cotter.*

Chris Molina - April 15, 2024 at 11:29 PM

TE

“ *I will miss hearing your laugh brother. You will be forever in my heart💔  
Love, Terri & Carlos*

Terri - April 15, 2024 at 09:19 PM

KC

*My brothers (Kelly & Pat) used to live across the street from the Cotters on 22nd Street. Mr and Mrs Cotter were the nicest sweetest people, and though many of the family were older than us, we knew Terri pretty well growing up. Mrs Murphy was right next door, usually sitting at the top of her stairs. Great neighborhood to grow up in, many wonderful memories.*

*My thoughts and prayers go out to Tom, his family, and the extended Cotter family.*

Kevin Clark - April 20, 2024 at 11:42 AM

OI

“ *Our sincere sympathies to Reina and all the extended Cotter family on the passing of Tom. Thinking of you all Olive John Eimear & Colum Vaughan*

olive Vaughan Cousin From Ireland - April 15, 2024 at 06:16 PM

CI

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you Reina and family at this sad time of Tom's passing. Condolences too to all our cousins and the extended Cotter Clan. We will be thinking of you all next Saturday as you accompany Tom on his final journey . Carina, John, Oran, Ruarc and Etain*

**Carina Gallaher (Tom's cousin) Cork, Ire** - April 17, 2024 at 08:51 AM

JK

“ *Jon & Kathy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas James Cotter.*



**Jon & Kathy** - April 15, 2024 at 05:11 PM

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“ *Jon & Kathy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas James Cotter.*

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