



Julius Cotten

September 24, 1922 - September 3, 2015

Julius W. Cotten, age 92, died at the home of his youngest daughter on September 3, 2015. Julius was born in September 1922 in Canton, Mississippi, to Richard Haley Cotten and Allie Jane (Jernigan) Cotten. He served in the US Marine Corps during World War II, as a paratrooper and member of the Second Marine Raider Battalion, an elite commando unit known as Carlson's Raiders, participating in combat action at Makin Island and Guadalcanal. He attained the rank of Corporal.

On February 23rd, 1945, he married Alberta Geneva Dobbins, the love of his life. Julius lived in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, and after retiring from national and international oil field work, he spent more than 20 years repairing boat motors and serving the community. Julius was a member of Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church and served there in many positions over 36 years.

Julius will be especially remembered for his love of fishing and his innate understanding of electronics and machinery. His joy came from helping others, without any expectations.

Survivors include his children and their spouses: Nancie Jane Brockway of Houston, TX; John Richard Cotten (Donna Jean) of Athens, AL; Thomas Carl Cotten (Tereasa) of Daphne AL; Joyce Ann Borger (Tim) of Granger, IN; and Karla Marie Cotten-Burnet (David) of Raymond, MS; honorary daughter Susan Knight; ten grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. Julius was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Alberta; sister Allie Opal Cotten Antinoro; grandsons Julius Ashley Cotten and Forrest Lee Cotten; and great-granddaughter Katelyn Dennis.

Visitation will be held at Stringer Funeral Home, Highway 27, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, from 5 to 8 P.M. on Sunday, September 6. Services will be held at 10 A.M., Monday, September 7, 2015, at Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church, Didlake Road, Crystal Springs. Interment will follow at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery.

The family extends their gratitude to St. Joseph Hospice and the staff of the Silver Clinic at G. V. Sonny Montgomery Veterans Hospital, for their love and support.

Memorial Contributions are welcome at the Marine Corps Raiders Association, and Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Julius Cotten*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *In this sorrowful time. I would like to extend to you my heartfelt condolences. May God comfort your family during this difficult time. The Bible calls God "the source of life" at Psalm 36:9. God who gave life to all is certainly capable of restoring life to someone who has died,*

Ruby Scott - September 25, 2015 at 09:52 AM



“ *Since I first met Mr. Cotten - out of respect he was always "Mr. Cotten" when I talked with him, never "Julius" - I've been amazed by his energy and his willingness to help anyone. He truly was larger than life, and it's still hard to believe that he's gone.*

I'll never forget his telling me how to spot a real Lady. I passed the test, but I'll keep that nugget of wisdom to myself. I know will be keeping an eye on his family now, just as he did when he walked the earth. Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful.

Nancy Allen

Nancy K. Allen - September 06, 2015 at 09:39 PM

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“ Thinking of you all in your time of grief, wish I could be there to offer comfort to you all. I know he is in heaven fishing with his wife whom he is now reunited with. I know you all take comfort in knowing what a wonderful man he was, and the service he gave for his country. God Bless you all. Love always, Carol Strong Mundine

Carol Strong Mundine - September 06, 2015 at 03:42 PM

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Thank you, Carol

Joyce Borger - September 06, 2015 at 04:21 PM