



## Bill Cotton

April 11, 1938 - April 2, 2023

William Gene “Bill” Cotton 84, of Wesley, passed away peacefully Sunday April 2, 2023 in his home. He was born on April 11, 1938 in Bentonville, Arkansas to Talbert William and Virginia Leno Bright Cotton. He married Janice Sue Morris on November 21, 1959, and together they raised two sons.

In his early years, he spent time working at Lake Fayetteville, which was close to where he lived.

He told many stories to his family of the time spent working and taking care of the people that came there to enjoy time fishing. After graduating from Fayetteville High School, he spent his early years learning the electrical trade while working with his father who owned Northwest Electric. He served two years in the Arkansas National Guard in the 142nd headquarters at Fayetteville, Arkansas during this time. He always dreamed of owning his own farm, and after working in the electrical trade, and marrying his wife Janice, together they moved to Wesley where they purchased their first farm. Though his family doubted, after many years, his dream became reality. He was an honest man that believed in hard work and he instilled this belief in his sons at a very early age. After many years of farming, he had the idea to start his own real estate business, which became reality in the mid 80's. Out of this idea, came the successful business known as Mountain Creek Real Estate. He loved to visit with people which helped his business to thrive. He met many individuals and made life-long friends during his real estate years. Some of which became like family to him. He never met a stranger - his wife Janice can attest to this since she fed and boarded many over the years. He was a longtime member of Calvary Baptist Church. He also was a long-time member of the Madison County Soil Conservation Board and the Madison County Regional Water District Board. Through these positions, he worked to help get rural water to Madison county residents. Bill had a long and productive life and passed away right where he wanted to be; at his home with his very dedicated and loving wife by his side.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Janice Morris Cotton, two sons and daughter-in-laws; Trent and Brandi Cotton of Elkins and Kent

and Tresa Cotton of Wesley. Four Grandchildren; Bailey and Justice Cotton, Brady and Leanna Cotton, Britany and Michael Eaton and Brett Cotton. Six great-grandchildren; Bentley, Bennett, Brylee, Benjamin, Bowen and Adalee. One daughter-in-law Kathy Cotton of Huntsville and one brother, Delano and Ginger Cotton of Fayetteville, friends Pete and Mary Hostettler which were a special blessing in his later years. Among many other extended family and friends.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 4, 2023, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Brashears Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 10:00 AM at Calvary Baptist Church with Larry Mitchell Officiating and his grandson Bailey delivering a tribute to his life. Internment will immediately follow services at Drakes Creek Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Trent Cotton, Kent Cotton, Bailey Cotton, Brady Cotton, Brett Cotton, Michael Eaton and Pete Hostettler. Honorary Pallbearers will be Phil Thompson, Dan Byler, Wally Byler, Rex Morris, Loy Watson, and Wayne Holiday. In Lieu of flowers please send a donation to one of the following; Calvary Baptist Church PO Box 1019 Huntsville, AR 72740; Arkansas Children's Foundation PO Box 2207 Lowell AR 72745 or online at [archildrens.org](http://archildrens.org); or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis TN 38105 or online at [stjude.org](http://stjude.org). Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of Huntsville.

# Cemetery Details

## Drakes Creek Cemetery

21650 Arkansas State Highway #295  
Wesley, AR 72773

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory  
509 North Gaskill Street  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
(479) 738-2123  
<https://www.brashearsfuneralhome.net/>

## Funeral Service

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
263 Airport Rd  
Huntsville, AR 72740

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Janice, my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Donna Phillips - April 05, 2023 at 09:45 PM

RL

“ *Janice - sorry for your loss. When my girls were very young they thought Bill was a super hero after he picked up a very long snake by its tail and threw across the parking lot at Mountain Creek. He was one of a kind. God bless you and family.*



Rhonda Liles - April 05, 2023 at 01:10 PM

DD

“ *Our family has truly been blessed to have Mr. Billy as part of our family. He will surely be missed, but we remember all the laughs and good times we had together.*  
*Prayers flowing for Mrs. Janice and the family, we will always be here for you.*  
*Always and forever love and prayers.*

Deanna Dockman - April 05, 2023 at 12:18 PM

CR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.*

Charlinda Reeves - April 05, 2023 at 01:11 AM

CG

“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Charles and Betty Jo Gurley - April 05, 2023 at 01:09 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bill Cotton.*



April 04, 2023 at 01:52 PM

BS

“ Janice, we sure have had some good times and looking forward to the future. Enjoy all those babies. Trent and Kent have become fine men with families to be proud. Love you a lot. Buddy and Pat

Buddy and Pat Spurlock - April 04, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bill Cotton.



April 04, 2023 at 08:22 AM

LV

“ We are so sorry for your loss Bill was a really nice man and JR really enjoyed visiting with him at our family get togethers. Praying for Janice and the whole family



Linda M Vaughan - April 03, 2023 at 10:30 PM

BW

“ Janice and family you are in our prayers during this difficult time. God bless you all.

Tom and Billie Whorton

Billie Whorton - April 03, 2023 at 08:03 PM

KL

“ Kathy and Leon purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Bill Cotton.



Kathy and Leon - April 03, 2023 at 12:14 PM