



## James L. Cotton

December 29, 1924 - January 6, 2020

James Lee Cotton, age 95, of Apex, N.C. went to be with his Lord on Monday, January 6, 2020.

He was born on December 29, 1924 in Washington, D.C. the son of James Luther Cotton and Mary Catherine Maloney. He had 3 brothers who predeceased him: Bob, Dick and Paul. He was married on September 20, 1952 to Julia Joyce Chambers. They were blessed with 7 children: Christine (Dana), James (Erin), Marie (Don), Loretta (Ben), Richard (Gina), Barbara (deceased) and Bill (Cindy); and 16 grandchildren: Randy (Jamie), Andy (Paula), Becky (Phillip), Colleen (Chris), Kelly, Connor (Aleis), Keegan, Rachel, Ricky, Renee, Mason, Madelyn, Ethan, Julia, Samantha, Joe and Noah (deceased); and 7 great grandchildren: Raine, Isaac, Iden, Wyatt, Allie, Robin, Dani Grace.

He was proud to have served as a Page and Assistant Librarian for the U.S. Supreme Court. He served as a Navigator on a B17 during WWII and enjoyed reunions with the 388th Bomb Group. He was graduated from Catholic University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and went on to a career as a Cost Systems Analyst for the Federal Government and a contractor in the private sector. He retired in 1989. Upon retirement, he and Joyce enjoyed world wide traveling from their home bases in Northern Virginia and Orlando, Florida. He and Joyce later settled in North Carolina.

His Catholic faith was paramount to him and he served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister in every parish of which he was a member.

Meet & Greet will be held Sunday evening, January 12, from 5 to 7 pm at Cambridge Village, 10000 Cambridge Village Loop, Apex, N.C. 27502. Go to the left at front of the building and drive around to the back of the parking lot to the last entrance at the end of the building.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Andrew Catholic Church on Monday, January 13th at 10:45 am with luncheon reception to follow in the Parish Hall. Burial at Arlington National Cemetery and a Memorial Mass will be held in the DC area at a later date.

If desired, in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Catholic Charities: <http://www.catholiccharitiesraleigh.org/>

# Previous Events

## Meet & Greet

JAN 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Cambridge Village  
10000 Cambridge Village Loop  
Apex, NC 27502

## Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church  
3008 Old Raleigh Rd  
Apex, NC 27502

## Eulogy

JAN 13. 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Apex, NC 27502

## Funeral Mass

JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church  
3008 Old Raleigh Rd  
Apex, NC 27502

## Reception

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JAN 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

St Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall



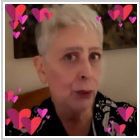
Ruth  
Yannelli

“ *What a gift Uncle Jim was in all of our lives...Our hearts and prayers go out to you all. With much sympathy and love,*

*Ruth and Carmen Yannelli*

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**Ruth Yannelli** - January 09, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ *Diane Millard lit a candle in memory of James L. Cotton*



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**Diane Millard** - January 09, 2020 at 07:19 AM



DC

“ *Dear Cousins,  
Your Dad was as sharp as a tack! He always made me feel special every time I saw him because he always remembered exactly what we had spoken of last no matter how much time had passed. It was amazing to me that he had such a great memory. He was a treasure ! It is so hard now that he is gone but in time when you think of him you will just smile.*

*Love,  
Denise Chambers*

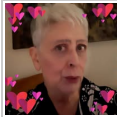
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**Denise Chambers** - January 07, 2020 at 09:44 PM

NC

*Uncle Jim- what an amazing human being- so full of joy and light- Always loving and positive. What an incredible family he created with Aunt Joyce- amazing adults now contributing so much to make our world a better place. Sending hearts full of love to you all as you celebrate his wonderful life and mourn his passing. We are thinking of you and praying for you all. Thank you for sharing Uncle Jim with me all of my life, love Nona*

**Nona Chambers** - January 08, 2020 at 08:22 PM



*So very sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

**Diane Millard** - January 09, 2020 at 07:20 AM

PG

*Loretta and family  
May God's Loving Grace be with all of you and give you comfort and strength. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bob and Peggy Geiger*

**peggy geiger** - January 09, 2020 at 10:59 AM

BB

*Loretta, Very sorry for the loss to your family! Hugs! Betty & Ed*

**Betty Burton** - January 09, 2020 at 11:39 AM

FL

*SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR DAD'S PASSING. WE MET HIM ON A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT OCCASIONS IN THE PAST; ALWAYS SMILING;  
ALWAYS HAPPY! OUR PRAYERS OF COMFORT TO YOU AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL FAMILY.*

**FRANCINE AND SAM LEGHORN** - January 09, 2020 at 03:43 PM

JF

*I met your Mom and Dad at a 388th reunion at Salt Lake City (the last reunion they attended) and I only met them the one time. My husband and I just fell in love with them. We are so sorry for the loss, to all involved. Our hearts goes out to you.....Judy and Toad Frazier*

**Judy and Toad Frazier** - January 11, 2020 at 09:36 AM