



## Brian William Cotter

July 1, 1944 - March 9, 2013

Albany-Brian William Cotter, 68, died at home Saturday, March 9, 2013. Born in South Hampton, NY, he was the son of the late William and Ethel Miller Cotter.

Brian graduated from East Hampton High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He was an MP in the US Army serving in Vietnam during the war. Brian was a member of the East Hampton Village Police Department for one year, and became a New York State Trooper, retiring in 1987. He also worked for G-Tech Corporation in Schenectady as the Fleet and Security Administrator. Brian was a member of the Vietnam Era Veterans, the American Legion, the Association of former NYS Troopers, and Big Brothers. He enjoyed all sports, especially football, his favorites being Notre Dame and the Cleveland Browns.

He was the husband of Wendy F. Cotter; father of Eric Cotter and the late Gregory Cotter; step father of Angela Baker-Lisi and Alison Baker; brother of William Cotter and the late Bruce Cotter; former husband of Dorothea Beall Cotter; many grandchildren, nieces and nephews survive him.

Funeral services Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 1:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Relatives and friends are invited and may respectfully call Tuesday, March 12, 2013 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment will take place at a later date at the BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery with military honors.

To leave the family a message on their guest book, obtain a memory card or directions, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Brian William Cotter*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Brian William Cotter*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ Not really sure when Brian and I first became friends, but he sure made my move to the Selkirk SP barracks a good place to work. He was just one of those guys that always got along with everyone and I doubt you could find anyone who wouldn't agree. A Trooper, who was the kind of person if one was encountering him, would say he was a gentleman to everyone. I cannot remember anytime anyone ever thought this guy could be any nicer. He made the Troopers a proud group of people and he always served everyone with respect. He was my friend and never forgot me over these 30 some years. Just months before he got called away, we got to sit down with each other over coffee, stories, smiles, laughter and promises to make more time for each other. Always consoling about the loss of my wife and always concerned I was doing ok. That last visit, we hugged and ensured each other that our friendship was always out there for us to renew. I remember oh so so many stories about his kids, his son who took a position with the Albany PD, the loss of his other son, all the happy things that he found in life, Wendy and those dogs of his. Always stories about the dogs. In my eyes the man was a prince. They don't come much better. Brian you will be missed by me in all the days to come. And know that you wouldn't be forgotten by all those people that got to meet you along the way. You left us too soon. Travel safe now for me. Frank###imported-begin###Frank Hildebrandt###imported-end###

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March 31, 2013 at 03:06 PM



“ I am saddened by the death of Brian, a friend and former co-worker. I will always think of his good nature and the personal and professional times I had with him. He was in deed one great Trooper. My prayers are with his family. Rest in peace my friend.###imported-begin###Leonard A. Ryan Jr.###imported-end###

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March 20, 2013 at 10:16 AM



“ I met Brian many years ago when we were young troopers in adjoining patrol areas. Haven't seen him in ages, but I would think of him from time to time. That's the kind of person he was. Mary Beth and I send our sincere condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Bill Warburton##imported-end##

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March 14, 2013 at 03:36 PM



“ Brian was good friend and I will miss him dearly. Rest in peace brother.##imported-begin##Bert Ryan##imported-end##

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March 14, 2013 at 11:53 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the Cotter family. I met Brian when I was a very young man, he had a very profound influence on my life. He was someone who I had great respect for . God bless you Brian.##imported-begin##Lou Corsi##imported-end##

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March 13, 2013 at 12:59 PM



“ 1968 at SP Selkirk was begining of one GREAT friendship with Brian..we sure had our times. He was a friend who was always there for all. We will always remeber his humor & smiling face. RIP My Friend.....Roger (169)##imported-begin##Roger & Rita Sevilla##imported-end##

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March 13, 2013 at 09:38 AM



“ *Godspeed, MR. Cotter...##imported-begin##Mike Schelin##imported-end##*

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March 13, 2013 at 06:38 AM



“ *It was such a shock to hear of Brian's passing. He was a great friend from our high school days side by side on the football team and going out with friends, in the heat of summer nights to blizzards of the winter, enjoying life. We alumni were all very disappointed to not enjoy his company at our 50th reunion last September. Brian will be missed by all of us and remembered with fond memories. My warmest condolences are extended to Wendy, Eric, and other family and close friends.*

*John Hadel*

*East Hampton High School Class of 1962##imported-begin##John Hadel##imported-end##*

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March 13, 2013 at 02:28 AM



“ *It is with great sadness that we learned of the news of Brian's passing. Many memories of high school, football, and socializing at the local "watering holes" will keep his memory alive. May the love and support of family and friends comfort you during this very sad time. I will miss his smile and laugh. My brother in blue.##imported-begin##Mark and Kay Ryan##imported-end##*

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March 12, 2013 at 09:48 PM



“ We are saddened to hear of the loss of Brian. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and we send our love.##imported-begin##Don, DeeAnn and Heather Rolison##imported-end##

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March 12, 2013 at 02:01 PM



“ Still shocked to hear of Mr Cotter's passing. I looked forward to our football discussions about your Browns and my 49ers. You would always sign off at the end of every email with a different browns player. In your honor, I will do that at the end of every football related email. You will be missed my friend. "Over and out"##imported-begin##Tom Wachunas##imported-end##

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March 12, 2013 at 01:50 PM



“ Wendy, I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers to you and your family.##imported-begin##Barb Burnham##imported-end##

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March 12, 2013 at 01:03 PM



“ *For my Dear Friend - Brian,  
Thank you for always thinking of me with your pleasant words and encouragemet and always askings how my children are and how life is going for me. I will greatly miss your emails, as well as your laugh, the remembrance of your smile, and being a great friend to me. My deepest sympathy and prayers to your family and canines...*

*Love from,*

*Doreen##imported-begin##Doreen Shelton##imported-end##*

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March 12, 2013 at 11:11 AM



“ *Brian was a fine young man. Always polite and a great guy. His classmates in the class of 1962 will always remember him. My condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Mary (Mackay) Norris##imported-end##*

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March 11, 2013 at 02:36 PM



“ *To Brian's family,  
May all your precious memories of Brian bring you comfort and peace.*

*From another classmate EHHS 1962##imported-begin##Beatrice (Bennett) Neill##imported-end##*

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March 11, 2013 at 01:15 PM



“ I knew Brian from the SP and Vietnam Vets org. He was one of the "good guys". My condolences to his family##imported-begin##Bill Morehouse##imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 12:26 PM



“ I wanted to extend my condolences to Mr. Cotter's family and friends. My late husband use to work at G-Tech and Mr. Cotter was always very nice to him. He would come home with stories and use to say Mr. Cotter said this and Mr. Cotter said that. With that being said, I am very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Nancy Fisher##imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 12:21 PM



“ Rest in Peace, Brother. From The Association of Former New York State Troopers, Long Island Chapter. Gerald Tiernan, President##imported-begin##Gerald Tiernan##imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 12:04 PM



“ Brian and I were very close friends in East Hampton were we graduated High School together in 1962, no one could ask for a better friend. The last few years we would reunite at my home in East Hampton with a few other class mates and had great food, drink and many laughs from our High School day's, we were going to start planning for another get together,timing is everything in life. I will miss him dearly and will remember him always, my sincere condolences to the Cotter family, rest in peace old friend.##imported-begin##VITO BRULLO##imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 11:31 AM



“ To Brian, I was the "D-Train". Anytime I saw him, he always gave me a smile, a wink and/or a big handshake. He always made me feel like I was part of his inner circle. Very rarely did we discuss work, instead we would talk about family, sports and life in general. He always asked about my parents, my wife and kids, pets and how I was doing. We would swap photos of our crazy dogs and discuss how we could make the Browns and Yankees better. He was a man who loved his family, his country and his friends. I will miss him tremendously and pray for him and his family during this difficult time.

Warm Regards,  
Damion "D-Train" Ferraro##imported-begin##Damion  
Ferraro##imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 11:17 AM



“ I enjoyed talking to Brian almost every morning in the office during the season about the Cleveland Browns & especially Notre Dame. With the Irish having a great year in 2012 I thought about a quote that I think Brian would enjoy and it captures his spirit.  
“Someday, when the team's up against it, and the breaks are beatin the boys; Tell 'em to go out there , give it everything they've got and win one for the Gipper. Rock, I'll know about it. And I'll be happy.”

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March 11, 2013 at 10:54 AM



“ Wendy my deepest sympathies to you and your family.

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March 11, 2013 at 10:47 AM



“ We are so saddened by the news of Brian's passing. Brian's family will be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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March 11, 2013 at 10:20 AM



“ Brian was soft, caring, had a smile that never quit, loved having fun, and had the ability to make everyone he met feel like his best friend. Dave has many great memories of your adventures together when in high school. We are so sorry to see you go, Brian. Everyone at the reunion missed you last fall. You got sick 2 days prior to the party. What a shame we all didn't have that final time to laugh with you. Dave and I were with you when you and Dorothea got married. What a beautiful day. Our condolences go out to your family. May you rest in peace, dear Brian, and every time the sun is shining really brightly, we'll know that it is you smiling down on us. Love you, Dear Friend. Peg and Dave###imported-begin###Dave and Peggy DiSunno###imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 09:14 AM



“ It is too little to say he will be missed. Brian was a leader, friend and someone everyone should strive to be like but most of all Brian was a man who made a lifelong impressions on everyone he came in contact with. Thank you Brian for being my friend.###imported-begin###Tracey Gras###imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 08:50 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Brian's family. Brian and I attended kindergarten through high school together. Brian and I sat next to one another in Miss Osborne's third grade class one day he accidentally stabbed me with a pencil in my right palm...there is still a scar which whenever I have looked at it over the years I have always thought of Brian. Rest in Peace my friend.###imported-begin###Sandra Faulhaber###imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 07:55 AM



“ sincere sympathy to Brian's family. You are fondly remembered from our days at the academy and in G Troop. RIP.##imported-begin##Frank Connelly##imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 07:44 AM



“ Brian,  
it was a pleasure working with you all those years, you will be truly missed by many, safe travels...Alan.##imported-begin##Alan Thompson##imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 07:41 AM



“ Eric the Behan's send you all our love. Brian was my best friend and I will miss him dearly. I will do my best to be there with you when your dad is laid to rest in Saratoga National Cemetery.##imported-begin##John Behan##imported-end##

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March 11, 2013 at 07:39 AM



“ Brian was a kind and genial man that had as many layers to him as a giant Onion. Always asking others around him how their doing and or feeling. Always available to lend an ear. Brian was a great animals lover and spicily his dogs He often spoke of his grand children with love in his eyes. He truly touched the lives of all those he meant. We will be missed by so many.##imported-begin##Katrina-Joy Nielson##imported-end##

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March 10, 2013 at 09:06 PM



“ so sorry to hear of Brian's passing, i hadn't seen brian in many years and had hoped to see him at our 50th high school reunion. we where good friends in high school. we drove together to Texas and California in 1963 it was are first adventure off long island and we had a great time, i'll never forget it. my sincere condolences to all the Carter family##imported-begin##richard gosman##imported-end##

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March 10, 2013 at 04:02 PM



“ We are speechless...Prayers and condolences to Brian's family.##imported-begin##Ken and Denise Scott##imported-end##

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March 10, 2013 at 03:56 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear the news about Brian He emailed me in October and said he was coming to visit. I am so sad to hear this news. My prayers are with his family . He was an awesome person. I will miss him##imported-begin##Peggy Mulford##imported-end##

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March 10, 2013 at 03:53 PM



“ Brian is leaving a big void in my life- I'll miss his friendship very much. The frequent emails will no longer be there to make me laugh. We first became friends 53 years ago and we lost touch for over thirty years, but when we got in touch again it was like nothing changed-like we were still 19. He was a true friend and one of the finest men I have ever known. I might not be here today if it wasn't for him.##imported-begin##Richard Governale##imported-end##

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March 10, 2013 at 03:49 PM



“ So sad to hear of Brian's passing. We will miss you, Brian. Glad I got to see you at the 2002 Class Reunion of the Class of '62. You were a great man!

Peace

Linda Whitis Brothers##imported-begin##Linda Whitis Brothers##imported-end##

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March 10, 2013 at 02:43 PM



“ .So sorry to here the news. You were a good man Brian. We will miss you.##imported-begin##Ron & Judi Blake##imported-end##

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March 10, 2013 at 12:44 PM



“ One of my favorite people missed you at our last reunion....you will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Sandra Herman Foster##imported-end##

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March 10, 2013 at 12:22 PM