



## Thomas Wayne Cotton

November 2, 1940 - July 6, 2025

Thomas Wayne Cotton, age 84, passed away peacefully on July 6th, 2025. Born on November 2, 1940, in Wewoka, Oklahoma, Tom was the beloved son of Waco Cotton and Helen Lorene (Hoppy) Nixon.

Tom graduated from New Lima High School, and soon after, his sense of purpose and service guided him to college while serving in the United States Army. He served honorably during the Korean War, where his dedication and courage earned him an honorable discharge. Tom was a proud member of the Korean War Veterans Chapter #177, as well as D.A.V. Chapter #7, where he forged lifelong friendships and continued his commitment to his fellow veterans.

On January 30, 1971, Tom married the love of his life, Carolyn R. Honn, in Wichita, Kansas, beginning a loving partnership that would last more than five decades. Throughout his life, Tom demonstrated a strong work ethic—first at the Firestone Tire Plant in Oklahoma City and later as a business owner. After years of dedicated service and hard work, he retired in 2006.

Tom was of the Christian faith. Above all, he cherished his family deeply and found immense joy in spending time with them. Whether gathered for a simple meal, a holiday celebration, or a quiet conversation, Tom's love and pride for his family shone brightly.

His memory will be forever treasured by his loving wife Carolyn, his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched through his warmth, humor, and generosity. Tom's legacy of service, faith, and love will endure in the hearts of

all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Waco and Helen Nixon.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn of the home; stepdaughter, Debra Jones of Corpus Christi, TX; grandchildren, Clint Jones and wife Heidi of Augusta, KS; great-grandson, Caden Jones of Augusta, KS; and great-granddaughters, Josie Jones and Makenna Jones; and many other family members and friends.

A celebration of Tom's life will be 2:30PM, Thursday, July 31, 2025 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Pastor Gene Thompson officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd  
Fort Gibson, OK 74434  
(918) 478-2334

# Previous Events

## Graveside Memorial Service

JUL 31. 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LE

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss.*

*Leihl  
1954 classmate*

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**Leihl** - January 19 at 09:43 PM

BM

“ *Carolyn, I am so sorry to learn of Tom's passing. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to know you both when I lived in Chicken Creek and later when you would sit just a few rows in front of us at the Sequoia Institute shows. It was always such a delight to see you both there...living your best life. God's peace to you and your family....*

*Billie and Gus Mnich*

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**Billie R Mnich** - August 12, 2025 at 12:28 PM

KJ

“ *Tom and Carolyn were very dedicated members of the Muskogee DAV Chapter 7. They were a very nice couple and will be missed by many. With our deepest sympathy Ken and Linda Johnson*

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**Kenneth Johnson** - July 31, 2025 at 06:17 PM

VL

“ I will always remember Tom as a protector of us Realtor ladies who were fortunate to work with Tom at Lake Tenkiller. His kindness and humor made each day special for me. I often called Tom my “other daddy” and I loved to watch him crack a smile when I reminded him. I can still hear his voice and laughter in my head. He was truly one of a kind and I miss him so very much. Thank you, Tom, from the bottom of my heart, for beautiful memories. I have complete faith you continue to watch over your many loved ones. 💖

Val LeClair - July 29, 2025 at 03:16 PM

TW

“ What a wonderful and gracious friend Tom had become in these few months he met with us in our Bible study and worship times together. He is greatly missed.

John and Terri Wright  
Cottonwood Point  
Augusta, KS

terri wright - July 28, 2025 at 04:37 PM

TF

“ The Wardlow Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas Wayne Cotton.



The Wardlow Family - July 28, 2025 at 11:03 AM

RH

“ Tom was only with us a short time at First Christian Church of Augusta, Kansas but he will be remembered.

Rev. Dr. Loy Hoskins - July 25, 2025 at 10:42 PM