



Francis Patrick Cotter

July 25, 1955 - February 6, 2025

Frank (Francis) Cotter, 69 of Mooresville, NC, passed away Thursday, February 6, 2025 at S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, Mooresville. He was born on July 25, 1955, to the late Frank and Josephine Franconero Cotter. He was also preceded in death by his sister Jane Cotter.

Those left to cherish Frank's memory are his loving wife of 23 years Patty (Patricia) Cotter; children Michael (Cherie) Cotter, Erin (Steve) Dubell and Brian (Jamie) Cotter, as well as grandchildren Layla and Zoey Dubell and Miles and Wes Cotter.

Frank was born and raised in Newark, NJ. He began his career after graduating from Lincoln Tech as a mechanic and continued to add to his education, graduating Rutgers University, Newark with a BA in English. He held several certifications including a Gold Seal Boiler Operators license and became a Certified Energy Manager.

He worked at Rutgers University, Newark NJ for 40 years beginning as an HVAC mechanic and working his way up through management, eventually retiring as an Associate Director, Facilities and Grounds for the entire Newark campus with responsibility for over 40 buildings.

He was multi- talented, known by anyone who knew or worked with him. He was gifted with the ability to repair, fabricate or build anything. He genuinely enjoyed carpentry work. He built or restored many pieces of furniture for his own home as well as for friends.

He was a member of the Cove Church, Mooresville where he volunteered in

different areas; his favorite was serving on the coffee team.

Frank and his wife relocated to Mooresville in 2017. He had a desire to serve in the community and quickly joined the Beautification Committee and served as chair on the Historical Preservation Commission. He valued the history of Mooresville and wanted to help maintain the integrity of the downtown area. He worked part time for the Mooresville Parks and Recreation department as a carpenter which he thoroughly enjoyed, maintaining everything in the parks from playground equipment to park benches and tennis courts or anything else that needed attention. While working, he made many friends along the way, including every dog that walked in the town parks.

A celebration of life will be held at the Cove Church, Mooresville campus on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House, 1325 Mechlenburg Highway, Mooresville NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home is proudly serving the Cotter family.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Cove Church Mooresville Campus
197 Langtree Rd
Mooresville, NC 28117
(704) 655-3000

Tribute Wall

HH

“ Dear Patti -- I just googled you guys and saw this. So sorry! You and Frank were sure wonderful neighbors and friends. I have thought of you both so often, when I look out the window at your old house, all the work Frank did on the property. I wrote a poem once about you working together in the yard. And I remember when we first moved in, seeing your wedding in that yard. Our condolences & love, Holly

Holly Hunt - September 07, 2025 at 10:00 AM

MH

“ Frankie was my favorite cousin. I was closer to all the Cotters, than my own family. My mom, Barbara, is very upset over our loss. Frankie told me that he planned to move to N.C., but didn't want to be contacted. Thank you, Patty, for loving our guy. Marilyn

Marilyn Franconero Hunte - March 27, 2025 at 05:24 PM

CW

“ Frank you always made each day at work very special. Rest in peace you are missed.

Cheryl Walker - February 28, 2025 at 10:09 PM

JJ

“ My dear Frank this news of your passing has sadden me to the core. Thank you for the great laughs and great memories at Physical Plant. I enjoyed your kindness and always loved when you shared Patty's cookies with us in the office :-)

Judy Jacobo-Wesley - February 26, 2025 at 08:51 AM

AN

“ *Frank, I can't believe it. You were such a wonderful person, always smiling; truly a joy to work with. My deepest condolences to the family.*



Angie - February 25, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Francis Patrick Cotter.*



February 25, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ *My dear Frank, I cannot believe it..
You brought life into my life, for the short time we met. Rest easy :(*

Bruno E Shana Silva - February 19, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ *Test*

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CY

“ *Carmen Yeats lit a candle in memory of Francis Patrick Cotter*



Carmen Yeats - February 18, 2025 at 12:05 PM

RR

“ *Wow I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Frank at Rutgers and he was always such an encouragement to me. Always ready to give advice and always the advice was right on point. A true stand up guy!*

Ricardo Rivera - February 18, 2025 at 10:57 AM

JC

“ *Jean Chambon lit a candle in memory of Francis Patrick Cotter*



Jean Chambon - February 17, 2025 at 07:40 PM

JC

I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Frank while he was at Rutgers. He was a great man.

Jean Chambon - February 17, 2025 at 07:42 PM

EC

I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Frank for multiple years ... he truly will be missed . I will cherish all my laughs we had at Physical Plant 💔🙏 RIP Frank I am so loss for words.

Elizabeth Campagna - February 17, 2025 at 08:40 PM

AL

I am very saddened to learn about Frank's passing. He was way too young. We worked together at Rutgers Newark and always enjoyed sharing some down time with him and exchanging scenes from movies from the great king fu master Bruce Lee. At work he was very professional, personable, honest and a no fuss, big hearted type of person. He was so easy to get along and always have the old school attitude and always the first one there and last one leaving. Sending my deepest condolences to his family and all the Rutgers Physical Plant family.

Andy Lee - February 17, 2025 at 10:34 PM

PR

I worked with Frank for over 30 years. He is the person who helped me get my job at Rutgers. He encouraged me to become an operating engineer and mentored me through many tough classes and taught me so much about the job. We also encouraged each other in our years if taking classes and eventually graduating from Rutgers. So many people will be lost without him. Rest in peace Frank. My Mass today was for you, along with rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Adoration Chapel.

PAULA ROSE - February 19, 2025 at 01:29 PM

BC

“*Patty, I am sorry for your loss. I will always treasure the friendship and support from you and Frank. My grandson was fortunate to work with Frank and to learn from him. May God offer peace and comfort.*”

Bobby Compton - February 10, 2025 at 05:00 PM