



# James Ancel Cotner

October 1, 1937 - September 15, 2022

James Ancel Cotner of Salem, Missouri was born October 1, 1937, in St. Louis, Missouri to the union of Roy Cotner and Hilda (Welch) Cotner. He departed from this life on Thursday September 15, 2022, at his home at the age of 84 years.

James attended college at University of Missouri, Southwest Baptist College, and Lincoln University for his graduate classes. He spent thirty years teaching. He taught at several schools in the surrounding towns before settling in Salem where he retired. He really enjoyed teaching; giving his students not only a book education but molding them into life by giving them both, the knowledge and courage to exceed. After his retirement he spent his time watching Mizzou football and basketball. He also had a small farm that he really enjoyed and getting together with friends at the American Legion Post #99 in Salem.

James is preceded in death by parent Roy and Hilda Cotner, two sisters: Fayre Mae Turner and husband Gene, Judy Mueller & husband Jerry, nephew, Terry Joe Turner, and special cousin Carol Flett.

Those left to treasure his memory and continue their legacy are special friend Karen Greene of Salem Missouri, five nieces and nephews, and 14 great nieces and nephews along with many friends.

Funeral services for James Cotner will be held Saturday September 17, 2022, at 12:00 P.M. at the Salem Chapel of James & Gahr Mortuary with Ryan Parker Officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held prior to his service from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. Interment will be in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Salem. Memorials are suggested to Love Pack Back Packs, American Legion Post #99 or Three Rivers Hospice. Online condolences can be made at [Jamesgahrmortuary.com](http://Jamesgahrmortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *James Ancel Cotner*

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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *James Ancel Cotner*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Karen: Thanks for being by Jim's side and helping him all these years. I know it was difficult at times but you hung in there and hopefully you will be rewarded. Thanks again.*

*Rick and Marilyn Leonard*

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**Rick Leonard** - September 18, 2022 at 08:24 PM