



## Ray Gerald Cottner

November 28, 1925 - January 10, 2023

Ray Gerald Cottner, 97, of Waterloo, Illinois passed away Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Cedarhurst of Waterloo.

Ray was born November 28, 1925 in St Louis, MO. to Joseph S. and May (Chappius) Cottner. Ray joined the United States Army. He married his sweetheart Mary (Moonier) of Perryville, MO at Camp Shelby, MS. shortly before being deployed to Europe to fight in the great war as a trusted military vehicle driver under General George Patton serving in France and Germany.

Upon his honorable return stateside Ray and Mary gave birth to their only son Stanley Ray Cottner.

With only a 6th grade education Ray retired from McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Company as head Electrician. Ray had a way of making everyone feel comfortable and at ease. He was a hard working man, a noble husband and a devoted father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Ray always conducted himself with dignity and integrity and was a member of St John the Baptist Catholic Church Red Bud, IL..

Survivors include his wife of 77 years, Mary L. Cottner of Waterloo, IL; son, Stanley (Paula) Cottner of Waterloo, IL; two brothers, Julius (Frances) Cottner of Hecker, IL, Nolan (Linda) Cottner of Perryville, MO; two grandsons, Stanley Joseph Cottner (Josh) and Aaron Ray (Robin) Cottner; great-granddaughter,

Maliyah Cottner of St. Louis, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother; Noble "Billy" Cottner, two sisters; Doris Schremp & Opal Boxdorfer.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com) <http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com/>.

Ford & Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



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October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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**Larry Schremp** - January 21, 2023 at 11:33 PM



“ *Sandra sent a virtual gift in memory of Ray Gerald Cottner*



**Sandra** - January 13, 2023 at 12:51 AM

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“ *Sandra lit a candle in memory of Ray Gerald Cottner*



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**Sandra** - January 13, 2023 at 12:50 AM

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“ *Uncle Ray was kind and decent man. He always had a smile and kind word for everyone. We were so happy that we got to visit with him in Perryville this past summer. It was a very special day. He was loved by many and will be missed. Sherry & Billy Cottner*

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**Sherry Cottner** - January 12, 2023 at 11:59 AM