



## Ronie "Cotton" Dike

March 18, 1960 - January 11, 2025

Ronie L. "Cotton" Dike, 64, of Owensville, Indiana, passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville.

Cotton was born on March 18, 1960, in San Diego, California to Nora L. (Pegram) Dike Elliott and the late John C. Dike. He worked as an arborist; enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, trapping, fishing, camping, canoeing, and riding his motorcycles.

Surviving Cotton are his wife of almost forty years, Melissa (Henderson) Dike; daughters, Ashley (Jeremy) Thompson and Hannah Cater; mother, Nora Elliott; stepson, Jeremy Almon; brother, John (Denise) Dike and five grandchildren, Jaycee, Carter, Kaylee, Cody, and Dillinger.

There will be a celebration of Ronie's life held on Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 12:00 until 4:00 PM at Fair Haven Christ Fellowship in Cynthiana. Burial will be held at Maumee Cemetery in Owensville.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Maumee Cemetery**

Owensville, IN

# Tribute Wall

HD

“ Dad, I'll forget the time we camped out under the truck on top of the hill by our house. Sitting around the camp fire enjoying the quiet beautiful summer night. You let me stay up until you went to bed, then we snuggled up under the blankets and went to sleep. I was 5 yrs old. Love you always Dad.  
Hannah

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**Hannah Dike/Cater** - January 31, 2025 at 02:21 PM

RW

“ Too many memories, young man! Great friend.

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**Rod Wagner** - January 16, 2025 at 09:45 PM

MD

“ We didn't share as much of our lives as I wished we would have, but none of us do. My greatest memory... I was around 5yrs old and Cotton must have been about 16yrs old. He did a "George Baily" and pulled me out of pond when I was certain I was a goner. He laid me down on my stomach across the gas tank of his motor cycle and went full throttle. Blood Cuz. Good human.

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**Michael Dike** - January 16, 2025 at 09:10 PM

SF

“ The Garrett children are so very sorry to hear of Cotton passing. He was a best friend of our father Scott Garrett and I will never forget the help and encouragent that Cotton gave during that veelry difficult time when our father passed. Cotton was a man walking his own path throughout this life and the world thanks you and your family for sharing him with us. I have no doubt Dad and Cotton are on the banks of a river in heaven enjoying some trapping and fishing. We send our condolences and you all are in our thoughts and prayers. "Be good or be good at it" was a phrase Cotton used and I still use to this day. His amazing spirit and love of nature will be one that we will always remeber.

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**Sara Garrett Ferguson** - January 16, 2025 at 08:24 PM

BZ

“ Please accept Gerald and my condolences for your loss not gonna be the same if we don't look out and see Cotton going down the road on his Harley, and every time I look toward Ronald Peckham's old house and I see how clean the tree line is I will always think of Ronie.

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**Billie Zehner** - January 16, 2025 at 07:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ronie "Cotton" Dike.

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January 15, 2025 at 09:00 PM

PM

“ Goodbye dear friend....  
You lived life your way everyday.  
You were always there to lend a hand.  
Your friendship and kind heart was valued and will be missed.  
Sending love and peace to your family.  
Jeff, Paula, and the Kids

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**Paula J Morgan** - January 15, 2025 at 03:36 PM

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**Paula J Morgan** - January 15, 2025 at 03:30 PM

NJ

“ Sending love and prayers Melissa Ashley and Hannah ... to the  
whole family love you always ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Norma Johnso** - January 15, 2025 at 09:06 AM

CJ

“ Remember Ronie as a student. He was a pleasure to have in my classroom several years ago. Down to earth and a hard worker when he wanted to be.  
Remained friends afterwards. He normally had a smile on his face and always willing to help.  
So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace 🙏

Carla Showers Jochim - January 15, 2025 at 07:25 AM

RB

“ Melissa, I am so very sorry for your loss and my heart goes out to you and all your family! I can remember Cotton as a little boy riding the same bus as I did. He was a character and enjoyed life. You have our deepest sympathy.

Rebecca Bratton - January 14, 2025 at 11:00 PM

DH

“ My deepest sympathy to the family 🙏 Ronnie was a great friend in our growing up years.  
Our prayers are with the family 🙏🙏



Debbie (Jenkins ) Harper - January 14, 2025 at 07:56 PM

PP

Janice and I loved Cotton. Always so much understanding between Cotton and all His Family! So many Close caring memories! Very Thankful He is not Suffering anymore!!! A sleep till God wakes Him to Live again in Gods World and Safe Happy! Uncle Paul and Aunt Janice Pegram

paul pegram - January 22, 2025 at 03:43 PM