Earl Carlin Bottorff Jr.

October 5, 1940 - May 26, 2025

Earl Carlin Bottorff, Jr. was born October 5, 1940 in Clarksville, Indiana to the late Earl Carlin Sr. and Edith (Mayfield) Bottorff. He passed away May 26th 2025 in Sarasota, Florida.

Earl came to the Sarasota area in 1957. He was a Marine Corps veteran and after his service he worked as an engineer for Florida Power and Light. He was a member of the Sarasota Defenders Motor Cycle Club and enjoyed riding motorcycles with his wife, Cheryl. They traveled all over the country together, making a lifetime of memories. In Earl's free time he also liked fishing, snorkeling, scuba diving, and boating.

Left to cherish Earl's memory are his wife since November 2, 1963, Cheryl (Robb), son Steven and wife Carol of Irmo, South Carolina and son Bruce of Palmetto, Florida. He is also survived by his sister Earleen Nutting, grandchildren Tess, Ty, Alton, and 5 nieces and nephews.

Preceding Earl in death are his parents, Earl Sr and Edith, and sister Shirley Williams.

There will be Shelter Service with Military Honors on Friday, June 20, 2025 at 10:00 am at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 SR 72, Sarasota Florida 34241.

Memorial contributions may be made in Earl's memory to the Sarasota Defenders Motor Cycle Club at https://defendersmc.com/ or Tidewell Hospice at https://tidewellhospice.org/

Memories and condolences may be left for the family at www.MFHCares.com

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Military Honors

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AF

Our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your father. Our hearts go out to you during this time of sorrow. Remembering Earl Carlin Bottorff, Jr. for his courageous service in the United States Marine Corps. His commitment and sacrifice to our country will not be forgotten.

With deepest sympathy from Aaron Begay and family."

Aaron Begay and Family - June 19, 2025 at 12:54 PM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earl Carlin Bottorff Jr..

June 16, 2025 at 06:17 PM

SB

On Monday, May 26th, while celebrating Memorial Day honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our liberty and freedom, my family honored my father who left us peacefully after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Dad was loving, honorable, and full of life. He was married 63 years to my mom, Cheryl, his partner in love and life. Their bond is an enduring example of strength, loyalty, and devotion.

A proud United States Marine, dad lived by the motto "Semper Fi"—Always Faithful. Whether supporting his family, helping a friend, or helping his neighbors, dad carried that spirit into everything he did.

Dad lived a full and adventurous life. He found joy with his family and friends while on the water, boating and fishing; under the sea, scuba diving and snorkling; in the quiet of the countryside, hunting, and on the open road riding with the Sarasota Defenders motorcycle club—where he found camaraderie, freedom, and brotherhood.

More than anything, Dad loved his family. He was a man of quiet strength and deep affection who taught us by example. His spirit is with us in every story we share, every ride we take, and every sunset we watch over the water.

Semper Fi, Dad. We'll carry it from here.
Your loving son

Steve Bottorff - June 02, 2025 at 10:37 AM

MO

Son, He is now watching over his Family, like he always has and always will.

mom - June 12, 2025 at 05:37 PM

SE

Thinking of you all as you mourn the loss of such a wonderful man.
Sending you love and prayers in this difficult time,
The Scarpinato Family

Sandy Eslinger - June 21, 2025 at 09:12 AM

RT

Our deepest sympathy to the family. Good memories, good friend & co-worker.

Roland & Olivia Trevino - May 31, 2025 at 02:35 PM

SB

So sorry to hear of Earls passing. All our love to Cheryl and family. He was such a good man, and dear friend. God bless you all.

steve byers - May 29, 2025 at 06:27 PM

GF

Gregg & Laurie Feagans lit a candle in memory of Earl Carlin Bottorff Jr.

Gregg & Laurie Feagans - May 29, 2025 at 08:23 AM

GF

Sorry for your loss. EARL WAS A GREAT PERSON AND WARRIOR. REST IN PEACE FRIEND AND VETERAN.

Gregg & Laurie Feagans - May 29, 2025 at 08:25 AM

RT

Our deepest sympathy to the family. Good memories, good friend & co-worker.

Roland & Olivia Trevino - May 31, 2025 at 02:26 PM