



## Russell Alexander "Alex" Cottle

May 31, 1929 - March 6, 2016

Russell Alexander "Alex" Cottle, age 86, of Pickford, Michigan, died Sunday, March 6, 2016, at Cedar Cove in Cedarville, Michigan. He was born May 31, 1929, in Pickford, to Russell William and Reta Mae (Harrison) Cottle.

Alex was a lifelong Pickford resident. He was a graduate of Pickford schools, where he played basketball, and was active in Future Farmers of America and 4-H. He married Delores Eleanor Allen on August 11, 1948. They made their home on the Cottle family farm and farmed there until they retired.

Alex was a lifelong member of the Pickford United Methodist Church. He served on the Chippewa County Fair Board for 30 years and was the fair treasurer for most of those years. He was also Superintendent of Dairy for the fair. Alex was a member of the Grange for over 50 years, serving in various offices for both the local and state organization. Alex was a Building Inspector for Mackinac County and the sexton of Cottle Cemetery. He also served on the Northwoods Christian Camp Board of Directors. He and Delores were members of the Good Sam's Camping Club.

Alex enjoyed bowling and participating in various bowling tournaments. He once bowled a perfect 300 game. Alex enjoyed woodworking, hunting small game and deer, and camping.

Alex is survived by his wife, Delores; daughters, Cheryl (Edward) Cate of Newark, Texas, Dana (Lester) Beyer of Zeeland, Michigan, and Lisa (Jeffery) Crawford of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; sons, Allen (Patricia) Cottle of Pickford, and Martin (Alicia) Cottle of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; thirteen grandchildren, Karri (Ben) Bennington, Ashlee (Jim Byers) Hardy, Ryan (Stefanie) Cate, Michael (Deanna) Cottle, Jennifer (Justin) Peterman, Lee (Susan) Beyer, Melissa (Jason) Collins, Renee (Blake) Brott, Gretchen Zimmerman, Grace Zimmerman, Ross Crawford, Rachel (Jason) Humphrey, and Riley Crawford; and twenty great grandchildren, Alec, Cora, Caitlyn, Thomas, Taylor, Keira, Cole, Hunter, Alexa, Saundra, Shelby, Codey, Ayana, Jackson, Jagger, Addison, Connor, Siena, Nathaniel, and Piper. Also surviving are his sister, Belva (Jim) Rutledge of Pickford, and John (Sandra) Cottle of Bohn Terre, Missouri; sister-in-law, Belva (Clayton) Ball of Westchester, Pennsylvania; and brother-in-law, Roger (Sheryl) Allen of Flushing, Michigan.

Alex was preceded in death by his parents; grandson-in-law, Weston Hardy; brother, Elliott (Marjorie Elda) Cottle; and sister-in-law, Janelle (H. Douglas) Batho.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 17 from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. and Friday, March 18 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford.

Funeral services will be on Friday, March 18 at 12:00 Noon at R. Galer Funeral Home with Reverend Timothy Bashore conducting the service.

Burial will be in Cottle Cemetery in Marquette Township, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwoods Christian Camp on the Rapson, Inc., P.O. Box 574, Pickford, MI 49774, the Pickford Historical Museum, P.O. Box 572, Pickford, MI 49774, or the Pickford United Methodist

Church, P.O. Box 128, Pickford, MI 49774.

# Cemetery Details

## Cottle Cemetery

5431 E Townline Road  
Pickford, MI 49774

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774  
(906) 647-3400  
[fifh@familylifefh.com](mailto:fifh@familylifefh.com)  
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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MAR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Alexander "Alex" Cottle*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Russell Alexander "Alex" Cottle*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Russell Alexander "Alex" Cottle*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Delores and family,  
Sending you my deepest sympathy on the loss of Alex.I will keep  
you in my prayers.  
Your flower girl, Frances MacDonald wood.*

**Frances Wood** - March 20, 2016 at 07:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Russell Alexander "Alex" Cottle.*



March 16, 2016 at 10:39 PM

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“ Love, Dave, Kris, Dale, Lori, Jon and our families (Ball) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Russell Alexander "Alex" Cottle.



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**Love, Dave, Kris, Dale, Lori, Jon and our families (Ball) -**  
March 16, 2016 at 09:57 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Russell Alexander "Alex" Cottle.



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March 13, 2016 at 03:24 PM

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“ I always remember the visits to your home and farm growing up. My mom loved to go to Pickford. It is sad that all our elders are now passing away! Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss! Will try to get up for the funeral but not sure yet.

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**Patricia Osterhouse -** March 13, 2016 at 12:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Alexander "Alex" Cottle.



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March 09, 2016 at 07:44 PM

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“ Mike, Bill and the entire IBS Team purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Russell Alexander "Alex" Cottle.



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**Mike, Bill and the entire IBS Team** - March 09, 2016 at 11:24 AM