



Mr. Samuel Louis "Sammy" Cotner

April 25, 1941 - August 4, 2025

Samuel Louis "Sammy" Cotner, 84, passed away August 4, 2025. He was born in DeWitt on April 25, 1941, to Richard Everett and Nettie McDaniel Cotner. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers Richard Everett, Jr. (R.E.), Bobby Joe, and Harold Wayne.

Sammy is survived by his wife Betty Adams Cotner, two daughters Shelly Richardson (Mark) of Fayetteville, AR and Stephanie Smith of Dewitt, AR, two grandsons Michael Heath Richardson of Oklahoma City, OK and Casey Smith of DeWitt, AR, and two nephews Don Cotner of Southaven, MS and Ron Cotner of Horn Lake, MS.

Sammy graduated from DeWitt High School in 1959. Soon after graduation he began working at various farm related businesses, which he enjoyed for many years, but his favorite job was working on the farm for the Boyd Brothers.

Sammy loved his Lord, his church, his family, and enjoyed life. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone he came in contact with be it an acquaintance or stranger.

Sammy was a member of Unity Missionary Baptist Church for 54 years where he served as Deacon for 28 years. He was constantly teaching, working, serving, helping, volunteering, or filling wherever needed and enjoyed every minute of it!

Sammy was ordained as a Minister April 22, 2017, and instantly began preaching at area churches.

A short time later he was called by First Missionary Baptist Church of St.

Charles as their pastor.

Visitation will be August 6 from 5-7 p.m. at Essex Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2:00 August 7 at Unity Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Cedarcrest Memorial Gardens

Hwy 1
DeWitt, AR 72042

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home
1405 South Grandview
DeWitt, AR 72042
(870) 946-3104
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Unity Missionary Baptist Church
823 W 4th St
DeWitt, AR 72042

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ester Hageman. LPN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Louis "Sammy" Cotner*



Ester Hageman. LPN - August 10, 2025 at 06:01 PM

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“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with the family for peace and strength through this difficult time of loss.*

*Greg and Laura Griffie
Kansas City*



Greg Griffie - August 06, 2025 at 08:01 AM