

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

IN MEMORIAM

BERT LLOYD COTTLE

The members of the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature join family and friends in honoring the life of Bert Lloyd Cottle.

Bert was born on October 8, 1953, to Benny and Marlene (Jensen) Cottle in Palmer, when Alaska was still a territory. Bert attended Wasilla Elementary and graduated from Wasilla High School in 1972. He earned a degree in law enforcement and political science from Trinidad State College in Colorado and was a graduate of the Northwestern University Traffic Institute in Chicago, Illinois; the Drug Enforcement Academy in Glenco, Georgia; the State of Alaska Corrections Academy in Palmer; and the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

After college, Bert began his law enforcement career in Valdez where he served for twenty-three years, including eight years as chief of police. He was the first police officer in the state of Alaska to be appointed by the governor to serve on the Alaska Alcohol & Beverage Control Board. Bert remained in Valdez to serve the community for a year on the City Council and then for ten years as Mayor. He was appointed by the governor and served two years on Alaska's Homeland Security Task Force. Thirty-eight years later, Bert returned home to his roots in Wasilla. He served the City of Wasilla as deputy administrator before becoming mayor for six years in the same building where he attended elementary school. During his time with the City of Wasilla he was instrumental in acquiring grants, land for parks, getting public support to build a new library, a new police department building, securing land for and moving the Honor Wall. After concluding his terms as Wasilla mayor, he was appointed by Governor Mike Dunleavy to serve as community outreach manager. Bert served on the Alaska Workforce Investment Board and served again on the Alaska Municipal League Board.

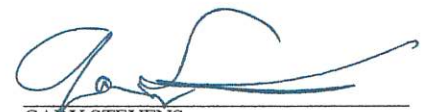
Bert lived the motto "protect and serve." His entire life was spent in public service – protecting others and his community as a police officer, and then serving his communities and his State through public office. He could organize people to accomplish things and then lift them up with encouragement and praise. He believed with all his heart that one person can still make a difference. His legacy of service will impact all of us for many years to come.

Bert leaves behind his soulmate, best friend, and wife, Cathy; and children, Benjamin Cottle, Patrick Olson (Chey), Terrijean Lundfelt (Christian), Bob Olson (Kimberly), Wendilynn Muto (Akira), and Stephanie Morgan (Ryan). He is also survived by his parents, Benny and Marlene Cottle; sister, Janet Stannard (Bill); brother, Henry Cottle (Claudia); and his grandchildren, who were his joy and his world, JeannaTe' and Jason Jenn-Lundfelt; Draven, Elora, Lucas, Odin, and Rowan Olson; Reyana and Kai Muto; and Austin Morgan. Bert also leaves behind many loved cousins, nieces, nephews; close friends, Craig and Rose Teich; and countless others that he considered family.

The members of the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature express sincere condolences to the family and friends of Bert Lloyd Cottle. He will always be remembered, loved, respected, and missed by all those who were fortunate enough to have had him touch their lives.




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