

Pete Oyer joined the band shortly after its formation, bringing with him not only his musical talent but also a lifelong friendship that made him an important part of the Cottonwood family. Having shared the stage with Pete in a previous band, it was a natural fit to welcome him into the group as the band continued to find its sound and identity.

Pete had a way of lighting up the room with his smile and his positive spirit. His presence was felt both on and off the stage, and he always had a special connection with the rhythm section, complementing the drum kit and adding his own unique feel to the music. His passion for playing and his love for the band helped create many memorable moments over the years.

When retirement came, Pete decided to step away from the stage to enjoy more time doing the things he loves most — hunting, fishing, and spending precious time with his family. While we certainly miss having him beside us, we're grateful for the memories, the music, and the friendship he brought to Cottonwood.

Pete will always be a part of the Cottonwood family, and he will always have a place with us whenever he decides to pick up where he left off. The door — and the stage — will always be open.