



Cletus N. Ottersbach

August 16, 1934 - March 13, 2026

Cletus N. Ottersbach, 91, of Louisville, passed away Friday March 13, 2026. He was an Army veteran, machinist, and painter, where he worked closely with two of his brothers for a long time. Cletus grew up in a large close-knit family and was Catholic by faith. He enjoyed spending time at the casino and Churchill Downs or as he would say his “office”. He was very handy and could build or work on anything. His sense of humor was one of his greatest qualities as he always enjoyed joking around with family. Cletus loved spending time with his grandchildren and attending all their activities over the years.

He was preceded in death by his son, David Ottersbach; parents, Mary Magdalen (Hohmann) and Jacob John Ottersbach; six brothers; and three sisters.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Sue Carol (Morgan) Ottersbach; son, John Ottersbach (Stephanie); and grandchildren, Jennifer, Jeffrey, Sarah, and Sam Ottersbach.

His funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Friday, March 20, 2026, at Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Rd. with burial to follow in Louisville Memorial Gardens West Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown.

Cemetery Details

Louisville Memorial Gardens West

4400 Dixie Hwy
Louisville , KY 40216

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Homes - Jeffersontown
9318 Taylorsville Road
Louisville, KY 40299
(502) 266-9655
<https://owenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 20. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GC

“ *Uncle Cletus and Uncle Vincent at Aunt Hattie's.*



Gregory Coleman - March 18 at 10:03 PM

MO

Great pictures of Cletus and Vincent, and Clet's Hot Rod, I've got to say, that's a "Blast from the Past" seeing these pictures, if you have anymore it would be good to see them. Thanks for posting Mark O.

Mark Ottersbach - March 18 at 11:01 PM

GC

“ *Uncle Cletus on Woodruff Avenue with his convertible in the background.*



Gregory Coleman - March 18 at 09:55 PM



“It sure is painful to say goodbye to Uncle Cletus. He’s the last of my seven uncles and losing him represents the loss of the generation, my mother (his sister) among them. I’m an old person now and have many memories going way back to when I was a kid and had so much fun at the large get-togethers we had at Mom and Pop’s little house on Woodruff Avenue. All the uncles and aunts and a slew of cousins would be there, so many people that we’d take turns serving meals around the big dining room table. After that we cousins would run and play—while adults gathered around the table for hours, playing penny poker. Sometimes after that, Cletus’ bro Cecil would play the fiddle and Junior the guitar, and a large group would gather out front to sing old songs—often off key, but loud enough for the entire neighborhood to appreciate. Over the years no matter the venue, Uncle Cletus and Sue would always be present to celebrate weddings, First Communions, holidays—or any reason just have a good time. And they were always there to give support when grief called us all together. Even in those difficult times, Uncle Cletus knew how to use his great sense of humor to lighten the load. I wish I could be in Louisville now to help give him a proper send-off but I’m not able to make the trip from my home in Florida. I know he’s been reunited with the large family who preceded him and probably has them in stitches by now. We’ll all miss you, Uncle Cletus. You were a great uncle and a fine man. I send my love and deepest sympathy to Sue and to John, Stephanie, Jennifer, Jeffrey, Sarah and Sam.



—Cheri Coleman

Cheri Coleman - March 18 at 06:52 PM

MM

“ We are next door neighbors of Cletus and Sue and are very sorry to hear of his passing. I have very fond memories of our talks over the fence and in his garage solving all the problems that came up in our yards. We liked to talk about UL & UK sports, the Derby and other sporting events. I will miss reminiscing about the old western tv shows which he still enjoyed every day.

Cletus, Sue and my wife would talk about their trips to the different casinos and share stories about their wins and the losses. We both will miss our neighborly chats and experiences with this very friendly and humble man.

Cletus, we thank you for your service and for being a great neighbor.

Mike and Kathy McCune

Mike McCune - March 18 at 10:51 AM

VS

“ Victoria & Zach Schaap purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Cletus N. Ottersbach.



Victoria & Zach Schaap - March 18 at 09:40 AM

GA

“ Gary Morgan & Bill Anthony purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Cletus N. Ottersbach.



Gary Morgan & Bill Anthony - March 17 at 05:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cletus N. Ottersbach.*



March 17 at 04:02 PM



“ *May Almighty Father God bless and comfort the family 💖💖 and strengthen the family 🙏*
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Anthony Martin and jashon Johnson martin - March 17 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cletus N. Ottersbach.*



March 17 at 03:14 PM



“ *The Coleman Family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Cletus N. Ottersbach.*



The Coleman Family - March 17 at 02:16 PM

TF

“ The Coleman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cletus N. Ottersbach.

The Coleman Family - March 17 at 02:16 PM

MO

“ I reconnected with Cletus in the last couple of years and enjoyed the time that I got to spend with him. He told me story's of them growing up and a lot of back history of the family that I knew nothing about. I'm honored to have had the pleasure to have Cletus as my uncle for the past 65 years and I know some of the family may not agree, but Cletus was the funniest of all the uncle's. Cletus and Sue enjoyed going to the casino and I'm glad I was able to take them over these past couple of years and I'll always remember the time we had there talking and laughing, and sometimes winning. I'm sure going to miss that. And I won't forget all the good times we had at the "camp" playing poker, fishing, throwing horseshoes and sitting around bullshi#ing. R.I.P. Uncle Cletus. Sue - John - Stephanie - Jennifer -Jeffrey - Sarah - Sam I'm sorry for your loss. Mark Ottersbach and Family



Mark Ottersbach - March 17 at 02:05 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Cletus N. Ottersbach.



March 17 at 12:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Cletus N. Ottersbach.

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