



## Clair Otto

January 12, 1933 - August 9, 2023

Clair Otto, 90 of Carroll, died, Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at Addington Place in Carroll.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 19, 2023, at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with Fr. Patrick Behm officiating. Lectors will be Tyler Otto, Nicole Hesselstine, and Mitch Fitzsimmons. Casket Bearers will be Stephen Otto, Andy Boshoven, Justin Boshoven, Megan Starman, Jes Felder, Jake Fitzsimmons, Nick Fitzsimmons, Tommy Fitzsimmons, Christine Otto, Abbey Thomas, Taylor Ebinor, Jennifer Carlisle, Ryan Boshoven, and Ashley Dooley. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion. Following the burial, a luncheon will be served in the Sharp Center.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a rosary at 7 p.m.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Clair's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Clair was born on January 12, 1933, in Carroll, Iowa, the son of George and Tillie (Bluml) Otto. In his early years he lived on his family farm near Mount Carmel, Iowa. He was the 2nd of eight children and loved growing up on the family farm. Clair met the love of his life (Lou Ann Wolterman) at a dance, and they married in 1954. Soon after getting married, Clair joined the army and off to Germany they went. After a couple of years there, they moved back to the

states and settled in Carroll, where they lived the remainder of their lives.

Clair enjoyed playing any card game, especially euchre and poker, he loved to golf, and he loved boating. Spending time with family and friends brought him the most joy. Much of his life he spent as a landlord, buying and selling houses, along with refurbishing houses into apartments. His ideal day was going to work on his houses, coming home for lunch with Lou Ann, taking a nap and then back to work. If there was a card game at night that was a bonus to his day. He always had a smile for his family and friends and looked at life with a “glass half full attitude”. He was a devoted husband and had been married to Lou Ann for 68 years.

Clair is survived by his sister Kathleen Langraf, his brother Randy Otto; his 5 children Joe (Val) Otto, Laura (Mark) Boshoven, Sheryl (Tim) Carlisle, Barb (Jeff) Fitzsimmons and Steve Otto. His grandchildren – Tyler (Amy) Otto, Abbey (John) Thomas, Taylor (Will) Ebinor, Stephen Otto, Nicole (Ryan) Hesseltine, Jennifer Carlisle, Andy (Ashley) Boshoven, Ryan Boshoven, Justin (Amy) Boshoven, Megan (Matt) Starman, Jes (Chris) Felder, Jake Fitzsimmons, Nick (Ashley) Fitzsimmons, Mitch Fitzsimmons, Tommy Fitzsimmons, Cristine Otto, and Ashley (Matt) Dooley; 17 great-grandchildren – Ellie Otto, Rowan Otto, Wayde Thomas, Weston Thomas, Wyatt Thomas, Wynnie Thomas, , Bode Boshoven, Riley Boshoven, Reagan Hesseltine, Collins Hesseltine, Cooper Starman, Noah Starman, Jackson Felder, Ace Felder, Lander Fitzsimmons, Layne Fitzsimmons, Caden Otto, Ava Dooley, and Alexa Dooley.

Clair was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Lou Ann; his grandchildren, Bradley Carlisle and Michael Otto; and his siblings: Marilyn Dunning, Jack Otto, Lois Houlihan, Gary Otto, and Tom Otto.

# Tribute Wall



“ *I was sorry to see this. My sympathies to all of you. Claire could always see through our high school shenanigans. Take care - Pat (Fay) Petersen*

Patricia Petersen - September 05, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. Enjoyed talking to Claire and LuAnn while visiting dad at Swan Place*

Mark Kloser - August 24, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clair Otto.*

August 17, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Clair Otto.*



August 17, 2023 at 09:45 PM

JO

“ James, Whitney, Emerson & Elliott Otto purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Clair Otto.



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**James, Whitney, Emerson & Elliott Otto** - August 16, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clair Otto.



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August 15, 2023 at 03:57 PM

DO

“ My deepest condolences to all! A great guy and friend when I lived in Carroll for 30 years! RIP Clair!

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**Denny O'Grady** - August 11, 2023 at 08:57 PM

BV

“ My sympathy to all of you. May he rest in peace. Bev and family

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**Bev Vonnahme** - August 11, 2023 at 02:19 PM

LK

“ Lori Kooima lit a candle in memory of Clair Otto



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**Lori Kooima** - August 11, 2023 at 01:19 PM

LK

*I always enjoyed visiting with Clair when he came to Quandt Auto Salvage back in the day— usually ended laughing. Deepest sympathies to his family....*

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**Lori Kooima** - August 11, 2023 at 01:20 PM

LD

*“ I have many fond memories of Claire and LouAnn playing cards and coming to the farm for steak fries with Mom and Dad. Those gatherings always involved lots of mischievous fun and laughter. My deepest sympathy to your family. Lynne Dvorak*

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**Lynne Dvorak** - August 11, 2023 at 01:16 PM