



Othmar "Ottie" Mathias

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812-482-4141 Dateline Jasper, Indiana Othmar "Ottie" Mathias, age 91, passed away at 4:38 p.m. Friday (February 1, 2013) in Memorial Hospital & Health Care Center in Jasper. He was born at Loogootee, Indiana September 15, 1921 to Joseph and Barbara (Prechtel) Mathies. He married Florentine Seger on May 4, 1946 at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Dubois, Indiana. Ottie was a member of the 80th Division Company E. 318th Regiment of the U.S. Army during WWII. He earned the Bronze Star for his service and has contributed pictures and documents to the Holocaust Museum. He helped liberate prisoners from the Dachau Concentration Camp. Over the last decade, Ottie had shared these military experiences with local schools and universities to help preserve these historical events, and sacrifices made by those soldiers who never returned. In 2012 he received the Hoosier Hero award in Indianapolis, Indiana. The article on Ottie's story can be found at <http://m.courierpress.com/news/2012/nov/10/30pt-hed3-15-inches-of-story-one-line-headline/?partner=RSS>. Ottie retired from Armstrong Implement Store, where he had worked for 25 years He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed playing cards. He was a member of Precious Blood Catholic Church, the Precious Blood Men's Society, St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Fairview Cemetery Committee, the Dubois County Museum, Jasper Knights of Columbus, the V.F.W. Post #673, the V.F.W. Rifle Squad, American Legion

Post #147, and Disabled American Veterans #77, and the Ireland Sportsman Club. Surviving, Wife, Florentine Mathias, Jasper, IN

One daughter,

Charlene Sermersheim, and her husband, Gary, Ireland, IN

Three sons,

Dennis Mathias, and his wife, Nancy, Pittsboro, NC

Larry Mathias, and his wife Iomara, Charlotte, NC

Paul Mathias, Macon, MS

11 grandchildren

17 great grandchildren

One great- great grandson

Two Brothers,

Donald Mathias, and his wife Leona, Loogootee, IN

Delmar Mathies, and his wife Margaret, Loogootee, IN Preceding Othmar in death are one daughter, Irene Persohn, three sisters, Ardella Norris, Genevia Riney, and Doris Burger, and three brothers, Robert Mathies, Victor Mathias, and Ernest "Ernie" Mathias. Funeral services for Othmar "Ottie" Mathias will

be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday (February 5, 2013) at Precious Blood

Catholic Church in Jasper, with entombment to follow in the Fairview

Cemetery Mausoleum. The V.F.W. Post #673 will conduct military graveside

rites. Friends may call from 12:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday (February 4, 2013) at

the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. Memorial contributions may

be made to Precious Blood Catholic Church, the St. Vincent DePaul Society,

or to a favorite charity. Online condolences can be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Othmar "Ottie" Mathias*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *I am sorry for not being able to make it for the viewing and funeral. My parents had to rush back home from Florida for the funeral and got so busy they forgot to give me the news until Wednesday. Church, family, and the War seemed to be the center of uncle Othmar's life. I have read and printed the November 12, 2012, Courier Press article which discussed Othmar's first-hand experiences of the War. I am sure someday our son Lucas (age 6) will be given a school history assignment. When that day comes, I will pull out the Courier Press article and tell him this is where to get started. I am hopeful Lucas will do his part in carrying on the legacy of Othmar's and Robert's experiences with the War.*
David Mathies (mathies@iquest.net)

David Mathies - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Steve and I are so sorry to hear of Othmar's passing. There are so many pleasant memories associated with him. He always seemed interested in people and what they were doing. His sense of humor always put a smile on our faces. And his love of nature reminded us of our Dad, Lucas Mehringer. He will be missed.*
Steve and Judy Heidorn

Judy Heidorn - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are out of State for the month of February, but want to express our sincerest sympathy to the entire family at this time. May God comfort and bless you in the time ahead.

Tom & LaDonna Nalin - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Florentine, Charlene and Denny, so sorry to hear about your loss. Keeping your families in our prayers. I have many fond memories of times spent in your home growing up. You lost a great man. Linda

Linda Heeke Trill - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Florentine, Charlene. & Family,
We were so shocked when Vicki called us in Indy last night. We are so sorry. We just saw him last Sunday in church. We'll call when we get back from Panama. God bless you all.

Ronnie & Kathy Kluemper - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM