



## Nelson C. Baker

August 6, 1924 - October 19, 2020

Nelson Cleveland Baker, age 96, of Hamilton, died Monday, October 19, 2020 at Westover Retirement Community. He was born in Butler County, on August 6, 1924, the son of Johnie H. and Clara E. (Johnson) Baker. He is survived by his son, Terry (Linda) Baker, San Antonio, Texas, and daughter, Nelta (Bob) McNaught, Miamisburg, Ohio and beloved grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leota, and newborn daughter, Sherry Lynn; brothers Eugene, Norbert, Richard, and Allan Baker; sister Elsie (Baker) Carmichael. Nelson was a graduate of Morgan Township High School and attended the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University. He married Leota Inloes on May 17, 1947 in Oxford Ohio. They resided in Jeffersonville, Ohio, for over 45 years before moving back to Hamilton in 1994. Nelson had a lifetime love of farming. He farmed with his father and later worked at Hamilton Equipment and Grain Center. In Jeffersonville, he managed the Opekasit Center, a large farm equipment dealership; and from 1955-1974 co-owned and managed Jeffersonville Farm Service, Inc. Nelson taught Agriculture and Industrial Equipment Mechanics (1974-1986) in the Great Oaks Vocational school system at northern Cincinnati, Wilmington, and Greenfield campuses. Until his retirement in 1989, he was the first director of the Great Oaks Center for Economic Opportunity in Washington C.H. Nelson was a long-time public servant in a myriad of capacities: Jeffersonville Village Council; Fayette County Chamber of Commerce; Clark /Fayette County Port Authority; Fayette Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees; president of Jeffersonville Business Assoc; Jeffersonville volunteer fireman. Nelson was a superb artisan ranging from woodworking, metal fabrication, basket weaving, caning and design. Private interment will be in Fairview Cemetery, Jeffersonville OH. Memorials may be directed to Okeana United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 98, Okeana OH 45053 and Jeffersonville United Methodist Church, 13 E. High St., Jeffersonville OH 43128. Online condolences are available at [weigelfuneralhome.com](http://weigelfuneralhome.com). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, combined services to honor Nelson and Leota (April 2020) will be held at a later date.

# Comments

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“ I was good friends with Terry growing up in Jeffersonville and was at their house every day. Nelson and Liotta were great people. Sorry for your loss. Steve Huffman

**Stephen Huffman** - November 11 at 12:48 PM

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“ We would pick Bake up then Krieger then , with all three together, and sometimes me in a single F150 cab to make it four (before seat belts were mandatory), in route to the evening coffee break at the old Plaza for coffee break. What a great memory to see these men try to solve all the world and farming problems. They didn't always agree at the end of the night and it became comical, but they would do it all over again for many years. They loved being around each other. I loved being around them! I remember Baker cared so deeply for young people to get off to a great start in life and be accountable with hard work. He was a pleasure to be around!

Sincerely,

Casey Whitaker (Cary Bock's grandson)

**Casey Whitaker** - October 27, 2020 at 03:25 PM

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“ So sorry about your loss. Nelson was a good person that Jim and I both enjoyed working with at Laurel Oaks. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

**Dorothy L Creed** - October 26, 2020 at 11:11 AM

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“ Nelson was a good person who served the community by helping staff and students in the Great Oaks system. He was a hard worker with a heart of gold. Rest In Peace. Cliff Migal.

**Cliff Migal** - October 26, 2020 at 07:25 AM