



Orrin B. "O.B." Clark

March 20, 1934 - February 18, 2026

Orrin Barber "O.B." Clark, age 91, of Versailles, Missouri, passed away peacefully at his home on February 18, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on March 20, 1934, O.B. moved with his family to Colorado Springs in 1947 before making Missouri his permanent home in 1965.

O.B. lived a life defined by service, leadership, and unwavering faith. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Sergeant and completing foreign service in Korea. Reflecting on his time in uniform, he wrote, "I considered it a great privilege to have served my country in uniform. We are blessed to have been born in America." After his military service, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, Business, and Banking from Colorado College in 1959.

O.B.'s professional life was distinguished and influential. He served on Associated Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors beginning in 1974 and was elected President of the Board in 1981, a position he held for decades. His leadership extended across the cooperative community, including service as President of Co-Mo Electric Cooperative, Vice President of Central Electric Power Cooperative, and Board Member for KAMO Power and M&A Electric Power Cooperative. He also served on the Advisory Committee for the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Beyond the cooperative world, O.B. devoted himself to public service. He served more than 20 years as a Moniteau County Deputy Sheriff, chaired the Moniteau County Industrial Development Commission, helped establish the county's 911 Emergency Calling System, and served on the Boards of the High Point School, the Farmers' Home Administration, and the Royal Theatre in Versailles, where he spent six years as a Board Member and two as President. He also served 20 years as a trustee and foundation director of Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City.

Alongside his public service, O.B. was a dedicated cattleman, operating a cow/calf ranch for 41 years. He approached ranching with the same diligence, pride, and integrity that marked every chapter of his life.

O.B. was a faithful servant of the Lord and a devoted member of New Life Assembly of God Church in Barnett, Missouri. His favorite scripture was Deuteronomy 31:8: "And the Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

O.B. is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Elva Clark, who remained by his side through every season of life. During O.B.'s final years, Elva served as his devoted and attentive caretaker, providing nearly all of his care with unwavering love, patience, and strength. Her dedication allowed him to remain at home, surrounded by comfort and dignity.

He is also survived by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. His children include Rebecca Lynn Culler (Mark), Lorri Beth Morlan, and Roger Clark (Lacie), all born of his first marriage to Donna Clark. Through his marriage to Elva, O.B.'s family grew to include her children, Nathan Zimmerman (Kim) and Christina Coffield (Daniel), whom he embraced wholeheartedly as his own.

O.B.'s grandchildren include: Erin Hohman (Jamie), Bethany Arand (Ben), Leslie Clark, Keaton Clark (Anna), Abigail Zimmerman, Madelyn Coffield, Noah Coffield, Amelia Coffield, Sutton Shook, and Finley Shook. O.B. was blessed with six great-grandchildren who brought joy to his later years, including Aden, Rilyn, Grayson, Lauren, Everett, and Kaius.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orrin Lorenzo Clark and Anna Rea Clark, and by his sister, Rita Nesselhauf, and her husband Greg.

A man of purpose, discipline, and devotion, O.B. leaves behind a legacy defined by service, leadership, and faith. He was also a gifted storyteller whose humor, memory, and presence enriched every gathering. His impact will continue to be felt across the cooperative community, throughout the region he served, and within the family and friends who loved him deeply.

Donations in O.B.'s honor may be made to New Life Assembly of God Church in Barnett, Missouri (<https://www.newlifebarnett.org/give>).

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, February 28th, at the New Life Assembly of God Church in Barnett with Pastor J.D. Montgomery officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, February 27th, at the church.

Expressions of sympathy may be left online at www.kidwellgarber.com. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

New Life Assembly of God
22139 Highway 52
Barnett, MO 65011

Visitation

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

FEB 28. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ We always enjoyed our time with OB during the AECl years. He was always so pleasant and kind to us. A very kind man. Our sincere condolences to Elva and the family.

Debi and Ron Murphy - March 02 at 11:44 PM

CB

“ Cristy Bauer lit a candle in memory of Orrin B. "O.B." Clark



Cristy Bauer - February 27 at 08:47 AM

BF

“ To Elva and O.B.'s family and friends: You have my sincere sympathy on O.B.'s passing. Take comfort in the fact that he is now in a better place, catching up with his parents, sister and brother-in-law, and his many friends. I knew O.B. to be a wonderful man, who was intelligent, giving, funny, honest, and kind. Thank you for being an important part of O.B.'s life. Bev Figg

Beverly J Figg - February 26 at 08:13 PM

TG

“ The Gallimore family offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the late Orrin B. Clark.

We knew him as just "OB" and he was a delight to be around. Always with a whimsical smile on his face like he was about to pull a prank on the unsuspecting target, OB was perennially pleasant. Although he held high positions in the business and civic world, he was a humble and sincere man. OB took time to chat and joke with our children as they crossed paths growing up at the United Pentecostal Church in Columbia. He endeared himself to everyone with his approachable and transparent demeanor.

We are glad that we had a chance to share significant events with him and Elva including an unforgettable dinner cruise on Lake Ozark and a fishing expedition with him and Nathan. OB lived a full life that was full of good times, and we will treasure the memory of him and those times.

As we recognize his transition from this life to eternity, we offer to the bereaved family this prayer of hope and encouragement: "May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."

Tim, Bea, Malaika, and Salama Gallimore

Tim Gallimore - February 26 at 10:28 AM

MD

“ Mary Ellen Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of Orrin B. "O.B." Clark



Mary Ellen Dunnaway - February 26 at 08:46 AM

MB

“ *Mary Ellen Barnes lit a candle in memory of Orrin B. "O.B." Clark*



Mary Ellen Barnes - February 26 at 08:46 AM



“ *Bill Teresa Wiecken lit a candle in memory of Orrin B. "O.B." Clark*



Bill Teresa Wiecken - February 25 at 06:34 PM

RL

“ *Driving O.B.'s old blue Chevy pick up truck in the Apple Festival parade is one of our treasured memories with O.B. He sat in the rider's seat waving to the crowd as they called out his name. He was smiling "gear to gear". We have been blessed beyond measure to have know such a special friend. Love Rad and Barb Loganbill <><*



Rad and Barb Loganbill - February 25 at 05:45 PM

HH

“ *Was an honor to serve on the CoMo board for 30 years with O B. Had many good times together. He will be missed.*

Harold Haldiman - February 25 at 09:04 AM

DM

“ *The family is in our thoughts and prayers David Debbie Mccollom*

David Mccollom - February 24 at 12:35 AM

DM

“ *David Mccollom lit a candle in memory of Orrin B. "O.B." Clark*



David Mccollom - February 24 at 12:33 AM

SS

“ *Sam & Shirley Sumner lit a candle in memory of Orrin B. "O.B." Clark*



Sam & Shirley Sumner - February 21 at 09:16 PM

PC

“ *OB, my sweet friend, was a remarkable person, radiating love and warmth to everyone around him. His ability to make others feel loved and special was a true gift. You will be greatly missed, but your memory will live on forever ✨👍✨*



Pamela Cron - February 21 at 11:23 AM

DZ

“ Prayers for the family. 🙏🙏

David ♥ Linda Zimmerman - February 21 at 11:14 AM

BH

“ Becky Holloway lit a candle in memory of
Orrin B. "O.B." Clark



Becky Holloway - February 20 at 11:03 AM

LD

“ Linda Daniels lit a candle in memory of Orrin
B. "O.B." Clark



Linda Daniels - February 19 at 04:16 PM