



JACK TUCKER COTTIS

December 19, 2025

Jack Tucker Cottis, age 101, passed away peacefully on December 19, 2025, at UAB Medical West.

Jack was born on April 7, 1924, in West Blocton, Alabama, and grew up in West Blocton and Hueytown—places that always remained close to his heart. As a young man, he moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he worked in the auto industry before eventually returning home to Alabama. There, he spent many years working in the printing trade, building a steady life rooted in hard work and reliability.

Jack was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He shared 71 loving years of marriage with his wife, Ruth (Lackey) Cottis, and treasured his family above all else. He was happiest cheering on Alabama football, watching the History Channel, and spending time with those he loved. Known for his optimism and easy friendliness, Jack truly never met a stranger. His warmth, positivity, and genuine interest in others left a lasting impression on everyone who crossed his path.

He is survived by his children, Keith Cottis (Courtney), Kim Jelus, and Gregg Cottis (Becky); his grandchildren, Alex Jelus, April Cottis-Moore (Rob), and Jonathan Cottis (Nikki); and his great-grandchildren, Logan Moore, Kileigh Moore, and Hazel Jane Cottis. Jack was preceded in death by his mother, Claudia (Broadhead) Hopkins, and her husband, John Hopkins, as well as his brother, Nick Cottis.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December

23, at People's Chapel, 195 Brooklane Drive, Hueytown, Alabama 35023. Following the service, Jack will be interred at Highland Memorial Gardens, 3115 18th Avenue North, Bessemer, Alabama. Friends and family are invited to join the family for lunch afterward. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jack's memory to the Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind in Talladega, Alabama. Jack's long life was a testament to kindness, perseverance, and the importance of family. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Tribute Wall

FF

“ Florida Recyclers Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of JACK TUCKER COTTIS.



Florida Recyclers Family - December 22, 2025 at 08:55 AM

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“ Florida Recyclers Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JACK TUCKER COTTIS.

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KC

“ Keith C. purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of JACK TUCKER COTTIS.



Keith C. - December 20, 2025 at 05:35 PM

GF

“ Gary & Olivia Yuhas and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of JACK TUCKER COTTIS.



Gary & Olivia Yuhas and Family - December 20, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ *Blessed Heart was purchased for the family of JACK TUCKER COTTIS.*



December 20, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ *Art and lorie Evans purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JACK TUCKER COTTIS.*



Art and lorie Evans - December 19, 2025 at 11:41 PM