



Odell Thurman

June 18, 1932 - February 16, 2011

Floyd Odell Thurman age 78 of Dayton and formerly of Red Bank died Wednesday, February 16, 2011 in Rhea Medical Center. Odell was born in Rhea County on June 18, 1932 and was preceded in death by his father Allen Thurman and his brother Tommy.

Odell retired as a maintenance engineer for J.C. Penney and was a member and past president of the White Oak Lions Club. Odell lived in Red Bank from 1955 until 2003 and while there he was a member of the White Oak Baptist Church. Since returning to Dayton in 2003 he was a member of the New Union Baptist Church. He served his country with the US Army during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Norene (Harris) Thurman of Dayton, his mother, Erma (Thomas) Thurman of Dayton, three sons, Steve Thurman of Nashville, Stan (Shonda) Thurman of Signal Mountain, Brian (Brigette) Thurman of Ooltewah, two brothers, John (Joyce) Thurman of Cookeville, Hoyal Thurman of Sale Creek, five sisters, Virginia Ferguson of Dayton, Anna (Bill) Aslinger of Sale Creek, Aileen(Melvin) Wilkey of Dayton, Jane (Neal) Stultz of Dayton, June (Jim) Poole of Evensville and five grandchildren, Caroline, Allen, Collin, Daniel and Josh.

Funeral services for Odell will be held Friday afternoon at 1:00pm in the funeral home chapel with his pastor, Dr. Danny Ruehling officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Spence Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Bob Moody, Jay Hassler, Andy Stultz, Kevin Poole, Mike

Brown and Gary Cooper.

Please share your memories of Odell on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being served by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Thursday after 4:00pm.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM.

Chapel

Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 PM - 12:00 AM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall



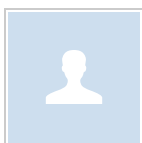
“ *thoughts~prayers~hugs###imported-begin##Beth Rains##imported-end##*

February 18, 2011 at 08:21 AM



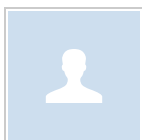
“ *To Deareast friends from long ago,Erma, and all the children I was sorry to read this morning about Odell and now he is resting in the peace of the Lord and now he will be waiting on us to join him one day. I have fond memories of all the good times all of us use to have down on McDonald Farm where we all lived and enjoyed life but Odell is in Heaven in another life. Love from a friend
Lois Warren###imported-begin##Lois (Holland) Warren##imported-end##*

February 18, 2011 at 07:01 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Just know that God is with you every step of the way each day.###imported-begin##Pat and Jim Guffey##imported-end##*

February 17, 2011 at 08:32 PM



“ *We knew Odell back in the White Oak days in Red Bank and his son Bryan and our Brian and Danny went to school together at Red Bank.
Odell was a very loved and outstanding man. Your family will be in our hearts and prayers.###imported-begin##Brian, Chasta, Joe, Laura Christopher##imported-end##*

February 17, 2011 at 07:57 PM



“ We're sorry we cannot be there tonight. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this sad time.##imported-begin##Dot Powell Massengill, Brenda and David Powell##imported-end##

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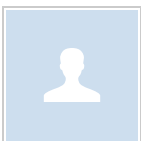
“ Steve, we are so sorry to hear of the death of your father. Remember you talking about your father and the good times you shared. We hope your memories of him will be some comfort to you. Please accept our sympathy and good wishes. Dick and Claudia Beacham.##imported-begin##Dick Beacham##imported-end##

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“ so sorry for your loss, my heart goes out to the Thurman Family. Gretchen##imported-begin##Gretchen Ballinger##imported-end##

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“ Brian, Brigitte and Family, We are sorry to hear about the passing of Odell. We will not be able to attend the service but we just wanted to let you know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Phil and Dendy Marshall##imported-begin##Phil and Dendy Marshall##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 11:34 AM



“ *WHEN I FIRST MET ODELL, HIS FIRST CHARACTERISTIC I NOTICED WAS THAT, "HE WAS A PLEASANT PERSON TO BE AROUND, AND THAT CHARACTER CONTINUED TO GROW AS I CAME TO KNOW HIM MORE.*

MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS BE YOUR STRENGTH,##imported-begin##O'NEIL SMITH##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 08:11 AM



“ *We will always cherish the memory of Uncle Odell's keen sense of humor. We love how he enjoyed life. There are so many funny stories like when he sat on his head in the left front seat of Uncle Colonel's postal vehicle freaking people out while Uncle Colonel drove from the right side. Then there was time he took upper management from JC Penney to the funeral home telling them that's where the best food was for lunch. Or the time he woke all the Harris brothers and sisters up in the middle of the night at the cabin in Crossville to show them his glow-in-the-dark watch. Speaking of Crossville, it was so funny that he took all the beds from the bedrooms and put them in a circle in the great room while the family was away for a while. Well, we could go on and on. Uncle Odell always made everybody smile. He will be so missed.##imported-begin##Scott and Janice Pendergrass##imported-end##*

February 16, 2011 at 10:27 PM



“ *i'm so sorry wish i could be there but not able to you all are in my thoughts Rick !!!##imported-begin##Rick Harris##imported-end##*

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