



William H. "Bill" Oden-Change of Services

May 17, 1941 - March 7, 2020

William Harold Oden, age 78, of North Ridgeville where he resided with his lovely wife, Celeste for 29 years, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at the St. John Medical Center in Westlake, Ohio. William was born in Clanton, Alabama on May 17, 1941 to the proud parents of John H. Oden and Sylvia Singletery Oden. William was the second (but the first son) of nine children born to this union. He was a precocious child, having developed proclivities toward the street life, giving mom and dad early training about how to be stern parents, but of course, everyone survived.

Then came school days at Kinsman Elementary School, middle school at Rawlings Junior High, located in what was known as Garden Valley, and later attending East Technical High School (fondly known as East Tech), where he developed a love for reading. Bored with high school and along with the encouragement of his father, Will joined the U. S. Army, was stationed in Germany, served two years, and earned an honorable discharge at the end of his service. In 1963, and after returning home from Germany, Will landed a job at Ford Motor Company in Brookpark, Ohio, starting off as a laborer, working in what Ford refers to as "the Foundry." Later, Will became a clerk for the Department of Material and Handling in Engine Plant #2, and then Supervisor of the Department, where he worked until his retirement in 2003, after 40 years of service.

In his free time, William enjoyed reading, especially mysteries, working crossword puzzles, and cooking, which he did for his wife, Celeste, nearly every day. The summer months would find William tending to his garden, doing yard work, or lounging by his pool with his children and grandchildren. When anyone speaks about William, you hear the same reverence. Will was fair, respected, kind, reliable, a jack-of-all-trades, intelligent, avid reader, caring, family man, and a little stubborn.

But then, on a beautiful, sunny, Saturday afternoon, God called William's name. "Come," He said, and "I'll give you rest," and Will graciously took His hand. William H. Oden leaves to mourn his lovely and faithful wife, Celeste

McDaniel Oden, who remained by his side for 29 years., along with their children, Darryl (Anita) Oden; Kathy Woods Oden (George Woods, deceased); Marc (Anita) Oden, all from a previous marriage to Madelyn Smith (deceased); stepdaughters, Rachel Cyphert Mercer (Ron); Sherry Cyphert, and Melissa Cyphert; 15 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild; siblings, Robin Oden (Freda); Bruce Oden, Phyllis Oden Thomas, and Sylvia Thompson (John Wayne). Will was preceded in death by his parents, John and Sylvia Singletery Oden, and four siblings, Judy Ruth Oden Bradford, Johnny H. Oden, Jerry Oden, and Phillip M. Oden, along with a host of other relatives and friends. Will, your strength, tenacity, virility, stubbornness, and stability will help us think of you often and love you forever. RIP

A private memorial service for the immediate family only will be held, but will live streamed 11:30 AM Thursday January 14, 2021 on Bogner Family Funeral Home Facebook page. Rev. Jeric Thomas, Bill's nephew will officiate. A committal service with military honors will be 2:00 PM Thursday January 14, 2021 at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman.

Events

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Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery
Rittman, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Bogner Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - January 13, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ I love you Dad. I miss you dearly. A part of me is missing. I know that GOD has you in his mist. Thank you for everything. If I can be half the man you were I would be a star, thank you for pushing me this far. Your Son DARREL

DARREL ODEN - January 14, 2021 at 08:53 AM



“ I love you, William, and miss you even more. I'll always remember you being there for me whenever I needed you. Thanks for helping me with all my house repairs and for all the good times we had together just hanging out. Most of all, thank you for being there for mom when she needed her eldest son the most. I will always love you. Phyllis

Phyllis M. Oden Thomas - January 14, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ Uncle William, I love you and I thank you for the relationship that we had of our own. Thank you for always helping me out when Daddy called you about getting me a car lol and every time we saw each other you would always ask about Mommy. I'm thankful that we get to have this beautiful memorial for you since you have transitioned. I love you forever and miss you always. Love your niece, Jada.

Jada - January 14, 2021 at 05:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mary Bogner - January 14, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ Rest In Heavenly Peace Will. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.



Jackie Calabrese - January 14, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ To my wonderful uncle. Many memories. I appreciate your love and support. When my mother was ill and her death was imminent, I remember your genuine grief when you had your last visit with her. It touched my heart. I hope you are enjoying heaven and your reunion with your parents, brothers and sister and all you have loved and those that passed before you. We will all meet again. Until then....



Tracy Oden - January 12, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Sylvia Thompson - January 10, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ My dear first big brother I miss your visits, your calls, your genuine love and concern for me. You, besides being my brother, was like a dad. Your advice and respect always meant so much to me. I love you dearly. RIP brother.

Sylvia Thompson - January 10, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of William H. "Bill" Oden-Change of Services.



January 10, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ My uncle William had an infectious laugh. Always supportive and loving. When my mom passed away (his sister Judy), I flew that day from Atlanta to Cleveland and he met me at the Airport with a warm hug. He took me wherever I wanted go which was to Grandma's house. He has always been there for me. I will never forget you my dear uncle. Rest in Heavenly Peace! Love, your nephew Eric.

Eric Bradford - January 10, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Melissa Cyphert - January 04, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ RIP brother and God Bless you and your family!



Bruce C. Oden - September 06, 2020 at 07:36 AM



“ My Beloved Brother. With love always, Phyllis.

Phyllis M. Oden Thomas - September 05, 2020 at 08:50 PM



“ R.I.P BROTHER IN LAW BILL
THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE FOR ME .
YVONNE



Evelyn McDaniel-Cesavice - March 15, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ R.I.P. BROTHER IN LAW
THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE FOR ALL OF US.



Evelyn McDaniel-Cesavice - March 15, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ R.I.P. BROTHER IN LAW
ENJOYED YOUR COMPANY & HARMONIZING THOSE OLD SONGS



Evelyn McDaniel-Cesavice - March 15, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ From Brother in law Ron Cesavice

Evelyn McDaniel-Cesavice - March 15, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ R.I.P. BROTHER IN LAW
YOU WILL BE MISSED



Evelyn McDaniel-Cesavice - March 15, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ We, the family of William H. Oden, would like to express our apologies for any inconveniences attributed to the rescheduling of his funeral. Due to the recent events related to the COVID-19 virus, we are holding off on having this funeral. As many of you are aware, William's wife (Celeste) is compromised due to chemotherapy, and a host of other family members are elderly and can't risk the chance of getting the virus. William has been cremated, so please do not worry about his body. We will post the new date of the funeral after this chaos has settled down. We are hoping for the beautiful month of May, which happens to be William's birth month. Thank you all for your condolences, prayers, and understanding. We will be in touch soon.

Melissa Cyphert - March 14, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ Carrie, Joe and Mason Aquila purchased the Pretty Please for the family of William H. "Bill" Oden.



Carrie, Joe and Mason Aquila - March 13, 2020 at 06:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William H. "Bill" Oden.



March 12, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William H. "Bill" Oden.



March 12, 2020 at 02:24 PM