



Mr. James Earl "Buddy" Oden

November 30, 1932 - July 3, 2018

Funeral services will be held at 3 PM, Saturday, July 7, 2018, at Village Chapel for James Earl "Buddy" Oden, 85, Rainbow City, who went to be home with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 3, 2018. Reverends Ernest Campbell and Ray Oden will officiate. Burial will follow at Rainbow Memorial Gardens. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

James, most commonly known as "Buddy", worked in sales at Frito Lay for 25 years, then sold insurance for Independent Life Insurance Company, and lastly worked for Old South Meat Brokerage. He was a member at Bethel Baptist Church, and he served as the choir director at many different churches over the years. He sang weekly at nursing homes, including Regency Pointe every Monday, as part of his music ministry. He also served the Lord as founding member and lead singer in the gospel quartet, The Evangelaires, for over 40 years. He loved his family and the Lord with all of his heart, and he will be remembered as a loving father, husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Wanda Oden Barb; parents, Rev. Andrew and Florence Oden; brothers, A.J. and Kenneth Oden; and sister, Inez Bonnie.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Peggy Oden; son, Wendell (Kim) Oden; daughter, Jamie (Blaine) Hefner; step-daughters, Pam (Jacky) Foster, Teresa Angle, and Karen (Chris) Smith; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren;

sisters, Imogene Skillman, Oneonta, Betty (Jack) Morrison, Shippensburg, PA, Sue Smith, Austill, GA, and Judy Mabry, Fultondale; brothers, Ray (Sarah) Oden, Gallant, Dwayne (Edith) Oden, Oneonta, and Andrew (Lynda) Oden, Snead; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

His grandsons and sons-in-law will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be all past and present members of The Evangelaires.

Special thanks to the staff and doctors at Gadsden Regional, especially 3rd floor MICU; and also thanks to everyone for the prayers, phone calls, love and support given to the family during this difficult time.

The family will receive friends from 1 PM until the time of the service Saturday.

Cemetery Details

Rainbow Memorial Gardens

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Village Chapel Funeral Home
101 Vandell Blvd
Gadsden, AL 35904
(256) 547-5557
<https://villagechapelfuneralhome.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Village Chapel Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. James Earl "Buddy" Oden



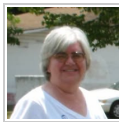
Village Chapel Funeral Home - July 07, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ Linda McClain lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Earl "Buddy" Oden



Linda McClain - July 09, 2018 at 07:37 PM



Prayers being sent up for family.

Linda McClain - July 09, 2018 at 07:39 PM



“ 63 files added to the album Life Tributes



Village Chapel Funeral Home - July 07, 2018 at 11:07 AM

DT

Always loved James & Peggy both. James was a good solid christian man who loved the lord as well as his friends. A very gracious host in his home, and the same each time you saw him. I'm praying for you Peg and may this time in your life be filled with wonderful memories, and hope for an eternity with James in the future . Danny Tilley

DANNY TILLEY - July 08, 2018 at 09:13 AM

TP

“ The Parkersons purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. James Earl "Buddy" Oden.



The Parkersons - July 06, 2018 at 10:38 AM

TL

“ Very sorry for your loss!

Toni Long - July 06, 2018 at 06:22 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. James Earl "Buddy" Oden.*



July 05, 2018 at 05:42 PM