



Mr. Buford Odem Sr.

July 25, 1928 - March 28, 2024

Mr. Buford Odem Sr. was born on July 25, 1928, to the late Eugene and Emma Odem.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine Odem; daughters, Darlene and Janet Odem; sisters, Ruth Peterson, Emma Jean Bewley, Sultina Venson, Pauline Horton; and brothers, William Odem, Kenneth Mack, Robert Mack, and Edward Lee Johnson.

He is survived by his sister, Loretha Holloway; sons, Buford (Shirl) Odem Jr., Rodney Odem, Julian Murray, and Jolyon Murray; daughters, Yolanda Odem and Rochelle Odem; grandchildren, Erica, Jason, Jordan, Najee, Bryant, Ciara, D.J., Prez Jr., Edmon, Devon, and Josh; several great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and special friends, Charles Buford and Willie Talley.

The family will receive friends at 332 Highland Ave. Johnson City, Tennessee.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church
522 W. Main St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Memorial Service

APR 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

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522 W. Main St
Johnson City, TN 37601

Interment

APR 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mountain Home National Cemetery
53 Memorial Ave
Mountain Home, TN 37684

The cortege will depart from the funeral home at 9:30 am

Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Babby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Babby - June 18, 2024 at 08:02 AM

RS

“ *May GOD strengthen your family during this time. My condolences, Regina, Katie, & Douglas*



Regina Smith - April 15, 2024 at 06:27 PM

KM

“ *Karen Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Karen Morrison - April 08, 2024 at 06:30 AM

RS

“ *May GOD strengthen your family during this time. My condolences to the family.*

Regina Smith - April 07, 2024 at 09:02 AM

BA

“ *Babby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Babby - April 07, 2024 at 04:27 AM

KM

“ *Heartfelt prayers of peace to Mr. Buster's family and friends.*

Karen Morrison - April 05, 2024 at 09:29 PM

VN

“ *Veral Neal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Veral Neal - April 05, 2024 at 05:47 PM

LE

“ *Love Willie, Donna, Kathy, and Edmond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Buford Odem Sr..*

Love Willie, Donna, Kathy, and Edmond - April 05, 2024 at 11:45 AM

LE

“ Love Willie, Donna, Kathy, and Edmond purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Buford Odem Sr..



Love Willie, Donna, Kathy, and Edmond - April 05, 2024 at 11:45 AM

RO

“ Raymond & Carol Moton Oxendine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.



Raymond & Carol Moton Oxendine - April 05, 2024 at 10:06 AM

CH

“ Charlene Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.



Charlene Hamilton - April 04, 2024 at 11:06 PM

JH

“ Joey And Diane Hardin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.



Joey and Diane Hardin - April 04, 2024 at 10:25 AM

BB

“ Mr. Buster was my 'main man"! His favorite phrase was "every day!". He was so consistent, so faithful in friendship. I loved him so much. He always called me "Reverend", I think because he keeps the change God had made in my life. I tried to live up to that, though I preferred "Pastor" as that was what I strived to be.
RIP. Mr. Buster!

Bobby Black - April 04, 2024 at 09:43 AM

KD

Sending heartfelt condolences to Odem Jr. and the Family 🙏

Kevin Dunmore n Ms.Joyce Dunmore - April 04, 2024 at 10:15 AM

RS

“ Reginald & Synetta purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Buford Odem Sr..



Reginald & Synetta - April 03, 2024 at 07:05 PM

RS

“ Reginald & Synetta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Buford Odem Sr..

Reginald & Synetta - April 03, 2024 at 07:05 PM

NF

“ *Nathaniel and Ellis Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Buford Odem Sr..*



Nathaniel and Ellis Family - April 03, 2024 at 06:45 PM

RH

“ *Renea Hall sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Renea Hall - April 03, 2024 at 03:09 PM

EV

“ *Estelle Vaughan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Estelle Vaughan - April 03, 2024 at 12:40 PM

LW

“ Theo was always very kind to my father Mr James Olphant and with always check up on him in the day time to see how he was doing if he was ill him and Miss cat was good friends of my dad's and very nice to me and my brothers and sisters He is a very nice man He will be missed by a lot of people always had time words and his smile was contagious May God continue to bless the family in this time of need and you all are in my prayers



Louise Williams - April 03, 2024 at 08:13 AM

JF

“ We proclaim Peace Peace Peace for you Buford Jr and your family! We Pray for you all! And you have our deepest condolences in this time of bereavement!

Jerry P Bundy Jr and family - April 02, 2024 at 05:50 PM

FL

“ Frazier Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.



Frazier Lyons - April 02, 2024 at 02:13 PM

VP

“ Viola Ruth Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.



Viola Ruth Patton - April 01, 2024 at 04:57 PM

ET

To my 1st Cousins Buster Jr. Rodney, and Rochelle I cannot imagine your grief or your pain right now. I offer my sincerest condolences and I know your father my Uncle will watch over all of you all of your lives...I love u please call when you are able. Love Edmond Talley

Edmond Talley - April 01, 2024 at 05:07 PM

PA

“ *Phyllis Askew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Phyllis Askew - April 01, 2024 at 03:47 PM

SM

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr. Our sincere condolences to the Odem Family.*



Sam & Sharon McCray

Sharon McCray - April 01, 2024 at 02:26 PM

JF

We proclaim Peace Peace Peace for you Buford Jr and your family! We Pray for you all! And you have our deepest condolences in this time of bereavement!

Jerry P Bundy Jr and family - April 02, 2024 at 12:33 PM

NC

“ Nancy R Copeland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.



Nancy R Copeland - April 01, 2024 at 01:40 PM

EH

“ Sending prayers for the family



Elaine Hall - April 01, 2024 at 02:17 AM

TR

“ Tiffany M Ryans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.



Tiffany M Ryans - March 31, 2024 at 11:53 AM

LB

“ Lynn & Rayetta Bachman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.



Lynn & Rayetta Bachman - March 30, 2024 at 10:41 PM

BW

“ *Billy G & Jane M Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Billy G & Jane M Williams - March 30, 2024 at 05:48 PM

CA

“ *Crystal Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



crystal anderson - March 30, 2024 at 05:39 PM

DH

My favorite uncle and he would always say STAY in the safety lane, Everyday. D.Harris

Donna Harris - April 05, 2024 at 11:10 AM

MB

“ *Mickey Bridwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Mickey Bridwell - March 30, 2024 at 04:38 PM

VP

“ *Viola Ruth Patton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Viola Ruth Patton - March 30, 2024 at 11:01 AM

BH

“ *Benita Hopson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Benita Hopson - March 30, 2024 at 09:44 AM

ML

“ *He was truly one in a million.you will be miss.prayers for the family*



Mazie Love - March 30, 2024 at 02:50 AM

CB

“ *Sorry for loss. Praying for the family.*



Chandra Bridwell - March 29, 2024 at 05:49 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



William H. Hill Jr. - March 29, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ *William H. Hill Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



William H. Hill Jr. - March 29, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ *Van Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Van Rollins - March 29, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ *Phyllis Askew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Phyllis Askew - March 29, 2024 at 11:45 AM

MR

“ *Mary Rollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Mary Rollins - March 29, 2024 at 09:03 AM

PR

“ *Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Paulette Robinson - March 29, 2024 at 07:28 AM

MD

“ *Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Melvin Drumgoole - March 29, 2024 at 07:24 AM

MD

Every Day, Take Your Time, Rest In Peace

Melvin Drumgoole - March 29, 2024 at 07:25 AM

RN

“ *Ricky Nobleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Ricky Nobleton - March 29, 2024 at 07:07 AM

LP

“ *Rest Easy B.O you will be missed.
#Everyday# #take your time#*



Lori Parks - March 29, 2024 at 06:49 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Locke Jr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Louis Locke jr - March 29, 2024 at 01:10 AM

RS

“ *Uncle Buster was always happy everytime we saw him. He always told Ronnie to call him collect. He was a great man who will be missed by those who knew him. Our condolences to the family.*



Ron & Gwen Smith - March 28, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Linda Workman - March 28, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ *Charles Buffiord sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Buford Odem Sr.*



Charles Buffiord - March 28, 2024 at 03:37 PM



I will miss you my friend

Charles Buffiord - March 28, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ *Jaymon ,Edna and adeline*



Jaymon Johnson - March 28, 2024 at 03:11 PM