



Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr.

December 22, 1937 - January 25, 2016

Mr. Richard Frederick Odle, Jr. of Lexington, Tennessee passed away on January 25, 2016 at the age of 78. He was born on December 22, 1937 in Jackson, TN to Fred and Ruth (Threadgill) Odle, brother of David W. and Mary Frances (Odle) Cowan. He was married to Judy (Teague) Odle on December 2, 1979 in Lexington, Tennessee.

Richard was a graduate of the University of Mississippi and after college, he returned to Lexington to join his father and brother in the family car business, Odle Chevrolet/Olds. He was a lifelong farmer and outdoorsman, and spent much of his life farming in Henderson and Perry County. In 1985 Richard became owner and President of E.L. Thomas & Sons Concrete Products, (later Southern Concrete), where he was known as “Big O” for the remainder of his career. Mr. Odle was a National Guard member for 22 years before retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel. In addition, he was a member of numerous organizations and boards, including Hospital Chairman, Chamber of Commerce founding member and chairman, First Bank board member, and Community Bank board member. Richard was a patriot who believed in his country and paying taxes.

He was a lifelong resident of Lexington, and enjoyed hunting and fishing his entire life and spent many hours with his friends and family in the woods and taking trips. Richard was a lifetime member of First United Methodist Church in Lexington and served in

many leadership positions.

"Pops" is survived by his wife, Judy of Lexington; his four children, Vicki Odle of Sevierville, Rick (Kim) Odle of Lexington, Herron (Faire) Odle of Eads, and Leigh Ann (Jody) Vaughan of Brentwood; a brother, David (Jan) Odle of Lexington; a sister, Mary Frances (Gary) Cowan of Colorado Springs, CO; as well as seven grandchildren, Myles, Alex, Eve, Lucas, Addie, John Richard, and Joseph.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 AM, Thursday, January 28, 2016 at First United Methodist Church in Lexington with Dr. Hoyt Wilson and Dr. Doug Norfleet officiating. Interment will follow in Lexington Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5-9 PM at Pafford Funeral Home in Lexington.

The Odle family has requested that memorials be directed to: The First United Methodist Church of Lexington (27 E. Church St, Lexington, TN 38351) or the Carl Perkins Exchange Club (120 Rush St., Lexington, TN 38351)

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Natchez Trace Drive
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Church Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
Church Street
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr.*



Pafford Funeral Home - January 27, 2016 at 10:08 AM

KB

What a beautiful video of a fine man. You will be missed but Jesus has gained a true man of God.

Kelli Blankenship - January 27, 2016 at 12:33 PM

BA

Sweet video. We love you Coach Herron. Stand Firm.

Beth Austin - January 27, 2016 at 01:11 PM

LW

Such a precious remembrance! There isn't a single memory I have of Richard that he wasn't smiling and fun. He obviously always showed such love for Judy and all of his children and grandchildren. I guess when life ends that the greatest legacy we can leave behind is what's seen here.....godly, strong values and big footsteps for the grandchildren to fill. So sorry for the loss of this husband, father, grandfather, and friend. But thankful for the wonderful memories you all must have, as shown in this touching remembrance. God bless! Lona Carol Webb.

Lona Carol Webb - January 28, 2016 at 09:39 AM

JN

Such a beautiful tribute, to an obviously, highly thought of, well loved man. My heart goes out to Vicki and the rest of the family. I know he will be greatly missed by you all.

*Janet Nunnally
Kennesaw, GA*

Janet Nunnally - January 28, 2016 at 11:36 PM

PP

Sweet, tender, and soulful, Precious Judy, and family. Love, Trish

Patricia Parrish-Lewis - January 29, 2016 at 06:09 AM

CM

Everyone will miss Richard. Gone to soon

Carol McDaniel - January 29, 2016 at 06:48 AM

IF

A beautiful video. Precious memories. So sorry for your loss.

Imogene Frye - January 29, 2016 at 08:43 AM

DR

Thinking of you all during this time. Our prayers are with you, Herron, Faire and family. love, the Ray Family

Dawn Ray - January 29, 2016 at 10:02 AM

MC

A beautiful tribute to my wonderful brother, Richard. He was a wonderful brother, mentor and friend. He will remain in our hearts forever.

Mary Frances Odle Cowan - January 29, 2016 at 05:10 PM

SB

You can tell how much he was loved in this video. So sorry for your loss. Stella Barry - Briarcrest

stella barry - January 31, 2016 at 12:52 PM

PW

Judy, Mary Frances, David and all your families~My sister and I were so saddened to hear of Richard;s passing. I was so happy that we got to see he and Judy just a few weeks ago. our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Brenda Lee Teague and Patti Teague Wilson

Patti Teague Wilson - February 04, 2016 at 07:16 PM

TS

“ *Tim And Teresa Shackelford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr.*



Tim and Teresa Shackelford - January 30, 2016 at 11:52 PM



“ *Precious Memories! He was a special friend. Judy, prayers for all.*

Teresa Smith - January 30, 2016 at 01:18 PM

AL

“ *Arvy Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr.*



Arvy Ledbetter - January 29, 2016 at 08:47 PM

Patti
Duke

“ Patti Duke lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Richard F. Odle Jr.



Patti Duke - January 29, 2016 at 11:39 AM

GW

“ Gary & Delores Williams lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr.



Gary & Delores Williams - January 29, 2016 at 05:23 AM

AK

“ Anna Kirk lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Richard F. Odle Jr.



Anna Kirk - January 28, 2016 at 08:19 AM

AK

*Dear Judy and family our deepest sympathy in the loss of a great guy,
but Heavens gain. Our hearts and prayers are with all of you during this
difficult time and in the days to come. In looking at the video you guys
had a precious life and so much love and so many memories to fall
back on. God's many blessings! Anna & Glenn.*

Anna Kirk - January 28, 2016 at 08:32 AM

JC

*Judy, we were at the cancer center yesterday and Jim just picked up a piece of paper and this was the first thing he saw.. we were so sadden to see that and so very sorry. I haven't been doing well it has gone to my brain. I will give you a few days and call you. home 731 885 3717
Jim and Janey Church*

janey Church - January 28, 2016 at 08:45 AM

MP

Judy so sorry about Richard.Thanks for being such a good friend to Karen. Marion McGhee Powell

Marion Powell - January 28, 2016 at 09:13 AM

TC

“ Prayers for the family, sorry for your loss

Tony and Barbara Collett - January 27, 2016 at 05:48 PM

TC

Tony and Barbara Collett, Linden, TN

Tony Collett - January 27, 2016 at 05:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr..*



January 27, 2016 at 02:35 PM

SI

“ Sutter, McLellan & Gilbreath, Inc. purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr..



Sutter, McLellan & Gilbreath, Inc. - January 27, 2016 at 02:14 PM

RB

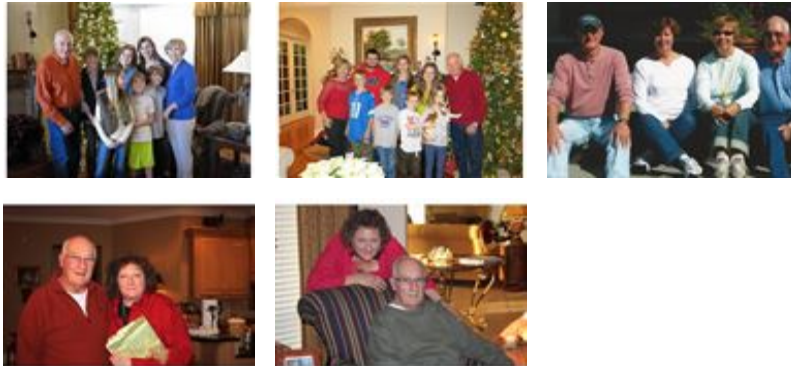
“ Rod, Shannon, Cal, Gray and Madalyn Bigford purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr..



Rod, Shannon, Cal, Gray and Madalyn Bigford - January 27, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ 76 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pafford Funeral Home - January 27, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr..*



January 27, 2016 at 08:55 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of the passing of Richard. My first memory of him was visiting his family at Christmas and being in awe of the huge Christmas tree and an electric train going 'round and 'round. Uncle Fred and Aunt Ruth were always kind and loving and I am sure Richard carried on the tradition. Rest in peace, Richard.*

*Thelma Collett Putnam
Southport, NC*

Thelma Collett Putnam - January 26, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ *To Judy, Herron, Rick and the rest of the family, I was fortunate to do business with Richard for 15 years. I always appreciated his integrity and concern for his employees. I always enjoyed my visits to Lexington. He was one of the finest men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. My prayers are with your family..*

Lou Hoop, TrueNorth Companies.

Lou Hoop - January 26, 2016 at 05:19 PM



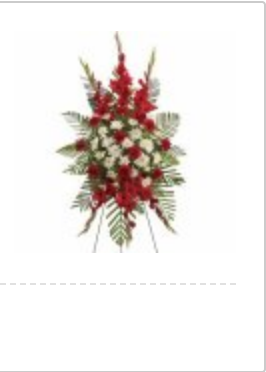
“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr..



January 26, 2016 at 03:34 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr..



January 26, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ Imogene Frye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr.



Imogene Frye - January 26, 2016 at 02:38 PM



Was sorry to hear of Richard's passing. Lifting the family up in prayer.

Imogene Frye - January 26, 2016 at 02:40 PM

DD

“ *Donna Darrough lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard F. Odle Jr.*



Donna Darrough - January 26, 2016 at 01:14 PM