



Johnnie Odell Martin

January 11, 1937 - September 8, 2020

On Tuesday, September 8, 2020, Mr. Johnnie Odell Martin awoke from his sleep into the presence of His Lord and Savior. In a moment, his spiritual and mental body received eternal healing from the lingering physical pains that troubled him in his final days on earth. Born in Bald Knob on January 11, 1937, he was preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie & Esther (Quinn); son, Danny Michael; son-in-law, Bradley Roberts; daughter-in-law, Linda Michael; granddaughter, Kendra Michael; and brother-in-law, Junior Martin. "Odell" enjoyed trips to Branson and working in his garden, but his passion was Bald Knob Schools, where he served as the Director of Transportation for 39 years. A loyal Bulldog, he will be forever remembered for driving "The Pusher" to ballgames, running the chain gain at football games, and supporting the Bulldogs every Friday night for most of his tenure at the school. After spending the past 40 years as a dedicated member of Temple Baptist Church in Bald Knob, he reached his ultimate calling early Tuesday morning, where he received his lifelong reward. Odell is sure to meet those whom he left behind on this side of eternal at the pearly gates, including his wife Arbilee of nearly 40 years; sister, Peggy (Junior) of Bald Knob; and kids: Debbie Roberts (Bradley) of Bald Knob; Mikey Martin of Bald Knob; Kelly Pace (Richard) of Bald Knob; Steve Michael (Linda) of Michigan; Diane Peaton (Buddy) of Bald Knob; and Judy Michael (Danny) of Michigan. His grandkids include Michael Martin (Lisa) of Cabot, Tyrel Pace (Loree) of Bald Knob, Wesley Roberts (Ashlee) of Bald Knob, Tara McKnight (Jason) of Bald

Knob, Brent Robert of Bald Knob, Kyle Martin (Veronica) of Conway, Nolan Pace (Ashley) of Hot Springs, Chris Peaton (Ashley) of Bald Knob, Jeff Michael (Jessica) of Michigan, Brian Michael (Jennifer) of Michigan, and Melissa Price of Michigan. Twenty-five great-grandchildren also survive him. Visitation will be at Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob, on Friday, September 11, 2020, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A funeral service celebrating his life is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel and burial at Shady Grove Cemetery in Bald Knob. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob - Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)
1272 Highway 367 North
Bald Knob, AR 72010
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Funeral Service

SEP 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Johnnie Odell Martin



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 10, 2020 at 09:21 AM

SJ

“ Sue Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Johnnie Odell Martin



sue jones - September 11, 2020 at 11:38 AM

PB

“ Martin Family, so saddened to hear of Mr. Odell's passing. I remember the kindness he always showed us kids, whether we deserved it or not. Never a harsh word or raised voice. Rejoicing that he is walking with our SAVIOR. May GOD wrap you all in comfort and peace. Prayers for all.



Pam Throckmorton Butler

Pam Butler - September 10, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johnnie Odell Martin.*



September 10, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ *I remember you driving my bus when I was in grade school. I would walk from my grandparent's house, Hilles and May Brooks, on Strawberry Road past your house and if you saw me, you always spoke. Thank you for being kind to me. May you rest in peace.*

Alyzah Nagar - September 10, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ *Ellen Boyce lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Odell Martin*



Ellen Boyce - September 10, 2020 at 04:51 AM



“ *Sheila McGee Hulsey lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Odell Martin*



Sheila McGee Hulsey - September 10, 2020 at 03:09 AM

RB

“ I knew Odell as Peggy's big brother and cousin of Adell Martin I sometimes had trouble deciding who other people where talking about Adell or Odell I later learned that Odell was the smaller of the two cousins.It is sad that I did not get to see Odell for the last 50 years but I have fond memories of him, his father and his sister Peggy may he rest in peace.

Robert Brown - September 10, 2020 at 02:24 AM

BW

“ Brandi Barber Washington lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Odell Martin



Brandi Barber Washington - September 09, 2020 at 10:57 PM

LB

“ Leah Brooks lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Odell Martin



Leah Brooks - September 09, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Johnnie Odell Martin.



September 09, 2020 at 06:53 PM

TT

“ Prayers for your family .



Tammy Lutner Thacker - September 09, 2020 at 05:23 PM

VP

“ To the Martin family- I was sorry to hear of Odell's passing. He was a kind-hearted soul and undoubtedly the BEST Bulldog Backer Bus Driver that Bald Knob has ever had! Thoughts and prayers are with each of you.



Vicki Patterson - September 09, 2020 at 04:39 PM

CI

“ Odell was our bus driver 13-1-15 Russell Group. Many memories of the buss rides to and from Bald Knob School. Rest In Peace Odell.

cindy - September 09, 2020 at 02:31 PM

FS

I am so sorry For ur loss ur in my prayers

Fay Sample - September 09, 2020 at 06:08 PM



just found out about Odell one of the greatest men i ever knew To me he was like family a mentor while i worked one summer in school learned a lot from him he will be missed but never forgotton

Gary Melton - September 09, 2020 at 09:22 PM

DM

Our heart felt condolences and prayers to the family. We loved Odell for the good kind person he was. Many good memories from him during school days. Darren and Becky Miller

Darren Miller - September 10, 2020 at 12:07 AM

YK

“ *Mikey, Debbie and Kelly
I am so sorry for you kids, I love you all.
Pray peace, love, and comfort only God can give. May he wrap his arms around you.
Love
Yvonne King*

Yvonne King - September 09, 2020 at 01:02 PM

TP

“ *Terri Pate sent a virtual gift in memory of
Johnnie Odell Martin*



Terri Pate - September 09, 2020 at 10:00 AM

TC

Condolences & prayers for the family. 🙏 Good man

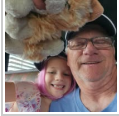
Teresa Cloyes - September 09, 2020 at 11:24 AM

TC

Praying for this family. Sure liked Odell. He will surely be missed. Love you all.

Theresa and Steve Carrell

Theresa Carrell - September 09, 2020 at 04:08 PM



Just found out about Odell sorry for al[of everyones loss He never had anything bad to say about anyone He will be missed by us all Ive been away and out of touch but never forgot about one of the best men i ever knew will be praying

Gary Melton - September 09, 2020 at 09:17 PM

SO

O'Dell was always in a hurry at school. He always got the job done. He always had transportation ready for trips I took with my students. BKHS had lots of good workers when we were there.

George and Sandra Odom

sandra Odom - September 11, 2020 at 08:51 PM