



Lillian Odean O'Dell

April 22, 1926 - February 16, 2016

Lillian Odean O'Dell, age 89, passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at life Care Center in Greeneville, TN.

She was born April 22, 1926 in Parrottsville, TN to Walter L. and Delphine Ottinger.

She grew up in a farming family and graduated from Hiwassee College. She taught for a time in a one room school. She later went to work at American Enka. She met and married the love of her life Vergil "Sug" O'Dell. They were married for 57 years until his death on July 26, 2014. Odean was a housewife and an avid maker of sourdough bread. She always shared with her church family and all those many friends who came by to visit. Although never having any children of her own so many came to know her as a "special aunt". She loved gardening, yard work, and starting flowers from cuttings.

Odean was a member of O&S Chapel United Methodist Church where she attended most of her early life. After her marriage she and Sug attended First United Methodist Church in Newport, TN for the remainder of her life. She was always active in the ladies Sunday School class and the church bazaars.

Odean is survived by her nieces and nephews: Anne Beeler and Ed, Jamie Horne and Mark. Mike Ottinger and Sharon, Jeff Neas and Teresa, and several great- nieces and great-nephews.

And a special thanks to Nettie Harbula who over the past four years has provided compassionate care and kindness. Also thanks to all the other special caregivers who made it possible for her to stay in her home. Many

thanks to all to the special friends and neighbors who were always willing to lend a hand and offer encouragement.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, February 19, 2016 at 2:00 pm in Union Cemetery, Newport, TN. Rev. Dr. James Bennington and Rev. Marta Cogburn will officiate.

In lieu of flowers the family request that memorial donations be made to O & S Chapel United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church Newport, or your favorite charity in honor of Odean.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lillian Odean O'Dell*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Sug and Odean were both such a joy to have as our neighbors and friends for several years. We will miss both of them greatly. As Jill and I were talking last night when we found out about Odean's passing, they now are togeth*

Ben & Jill Butler - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Odean was a lovely lady in every aspect and will certainly be missed. There are not many people who are as nice as Odean.*

Fletcher and Penny Ervin - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sug and Odean were friends of my late grandparents, Farrie and Clarence Black. They were so good to check about them when their health was failing..Bet they're all riding around in that Cadallic Papaw always wanted!!*

Abby Balch - February 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So very sorry*

Lisa Saner Giles - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *She was the sweetest lady I have ever known. She was very special to me. I will miss her so very much!!!*

Janie Holt - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *Always a smile and a great friend.*

Bob Arnold - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Odean will always be remembered as a loyal, caring friend. I will always remember what a good friend she & Sug were to my mother. I have missed her at church since she's been ill. She was always there supporting everyone. She is now with Sug and her Heave*

Bud & Linda Dawson - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LG

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Lisa Giles - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Lisa Sane Giles - February 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *So sorry to hear. I am thinking of you all during this difficult time. I knew ODean through United Methodist Women at O & S. She was always a delight to talk too and be around. She always helped any way she could. Prayers for all. Bill and Geraldine Ge*

Geraldine George - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Odean and my mom are having a big time now once again. She was one of my Mom's dearest friends. She and Sug were two of the best.* ”

Ray Fancher - February 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM