



Theodore Calvin O'Dell

April 8, 1948 - February 27, 2018

Theodore Calvin “Ted” O’Dell, loving father, granddad, family and friend was called to leave this earthly world on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Surrounded by his family, he heard the call to come home and went running into his Heavenly Father’s arms. There he rejoins his loving wife Betsy, his parents and many other family and friends gone on before.

Born on April 8, 1948 in West Virginia to Calvin J. O’Dell and Norma M. O’Dell (Trout). He was moved to Virginia at a young age so his father could seek better employment and life for the family. However they travelled back to West Virginia as often as possible to be with family and friends. Ted was always very proud of his heritage and all the things his family had done. He always loved taking anyone that was willing to go with him around to see places family members and friends had lived, the coal mines they had worked in or owned, churches, schools, or whatever the special place might be.

Ted graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1967 and sought out the only college at that time offering a degree in teaching auto mechanics (Weber State University in Ogden, Utah). After returning home from college he became teacher of auto mechanics at Stonewall Jackson high school where he also coached football. He taught for many years in Prince William County schools before going into the construction business with his son Calvin for several years. Ted ended his employment years as a construction manager

for Prince William County Schools.

Ted was a member of the Gideons. He enjoyed watching any type of sports and even playing some when he was younger. He helped coach or assist as his children played as well. Ted enjoyed anything that had to do with the outdoors. Fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, gardening, working on cars, mowing the lawn, driving the skyline drive or just any backroad to look at nature and listening to "Good Ole Gospel Music" were all things he found great happiness in doing.

His biggest love was his family and friends. He found great joy the last few years spending time with his grandkids and going on fishing trips with "old friends."

Ted lived a long life of Faith in God, which he did his best to pass on to everyone he met.

Ted is preceded in death by his loving wife Betsy O'Dell, parents Calvin and Norma O'Dell and son-in-law Brian Powell as well as many other family and friends.

Survivors include his daughter Marty Powell, sons Calvin O'Dell and wife Laura and Robert "JR" Ference and wife Ally; grandchildren Abbie Powell, Tim O'Dell, Twama O'Dell and Rylee Ference; grandchildren in love, Shelby Ference, Morgan Monk, Symphany Smith, Wyatt Monk and SJ Seagraves. Also survived by his two fur grandkids and constant companions that already miss him dearly Ziggy and Poppy.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 6-9 PM at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at

3:00 PM in St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 7803 Well Street, Manassas, VA. Interment in Wallace Memorial Cemetery in Clintonville, WV at 1:00 PM
Monday, March 5, 2018

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

MAR 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
7803 Well St.
Manassas, VA 20111

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Mr. O'Dell was my Auto Mechanics teacher at Stonewall Jackson High from 1975 to 1977. He once spotted me looking at a young lady that was leaving her '70 Torino, dark blue with hide-away lights, Mr. O'Dell said "Bobby that girl would turn you every way but loose". I was impressed with her car, I don't remember anything about the girl. He was my favorite teacher and he will be missed by all that knew him.*

Robert Smith - March 05, 2018 at 11:42 AM

DB

“ *To all of the O'Dells, I had the honor of working with Ted my years at Stonewall Jackson. After he "retired" and went into the construction business, I was fortunate enough to have Calvin reside my house. The attention to detail that he showed was, I am sure, taught him by his father, Ted. Ted was a great guy. He always had time for everyone, no matter how full his automotive shop was. He was a great asset to the teaching profession. He may have left his earthly home, but he will never be forgotten by those that knew him.*

*Dave Button
Manassas*

Dave Button - March 02, 2018 at 11:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theadore Calvin O'Dell.*



March 02, 2018 at 06:16 PM

LD

“ *Linda Gerard & Judy Dieter, Ashley's daughters purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Theodore Calvin O'Dell.*



Linda Gerard & Judy Dieter, Ashley's daughters - March 02, 2018 at 03:33 PM

LC

“ *Lana Conner lit a candle in memory of Theodore Calvin O'Dell*



Lana Conner - March 02, 2018 at 09:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore Calvin O'Dell.*



March 02, 2018 at 09:22 AM

JR

“ *Jeanette Rishell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Theodore Calvin O'Dell.*



Jeanette Rishell - March 01, 2018 at 10:17 PM

PK

“ Dear Marty, Calvin and Robert,

I was deeply saddened to learn of your father's passing. I had the privilege of seeing him recently at Aunt Ann's funeral service which he presided over. I will always remember his thoughtful and soft-spoken nature. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Patrick Kelly

Patrick Kelly - March 01, 2018 at 05:22 PM

KO

“ To the O'Dell family my thoughts and prayers are with you in this hard time. I hope you take joy he is with his Lord and Savior. and you hold close the great memories you have of him. Mr. O'Dell was my Auto Mechanics teacher at Stonewall in the 70's and he always took pride in his students and was a very hands on in his class. always willing to help I am very sorry for you loss
Kevin O'Donnell

Kevin O'Donnell - March 01, 2018 at 04:24 PM