



Odene Graham

December 26, 1929 - February 16, 2016

Odene Cooper Graham, age 86, of Springfield, passed away Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at St. Thomas Midtown Hospital. Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 3pm at the Main Street Church of Christ with Brother Joe Rushing and Brother Barry Throneberry officiating.

Visitation will be held at the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield on Friday, February 19, 2016 from 2-8pm.

Mrs. Graham was born December 26, 1929 in Bradshaw, TX to the late Odus Cooper and Mary Cooper Starr. She was a homemaker and member of the Main Street Church of Christ.

In addition to her parents Mrs. Graham is preceded in death by her daughter, Melva Gayle Davis-Mays, her sister, Shirley Brumfield and her step-father, Claude Starr. Mrs. Graham is survived by her husband, Bill Graham; daughters, Nicki Anne (Harold Gene) Wilson of Cottontown and Brenda Sue (Dan) McVey of Springfield; 7 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort or to World Christian Broadcasting. Both may be sent in c/o Austin & Bell.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield
509 Walnut St.
Springfield, TN 37172
(615) 384-1000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **20**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Main Street Church of Christ
318 N Main Street
Springfield, TN 37172

Tribute Wall

DW

“ You were the best nanny any grand daughter could ever ask for.
See you in heaven one day!

deanna white - December 10, 2019 at 12:59 PM



“ Araba Hammond purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Odene Graham.



Araba Hammond - March 02, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ The Village of Hope Family mourns with you all. Odene & Bill have been supporting us in many ways for years, especially by sponsoring Nana Kwame Apau Osei-Siaw. We trust that Odene has gone to rest with our Father. Blessings on all of you and prayers for Bill and the entire family.

-Araba Hammond

Araba Hammond - March 02, 2016 at 02:23 PM

FE

“ Loved this beautiful Lady so much...whenever I talked with her I felt like I was talking to a true Saint. I will miss her sitting on the pew behind me every Lord's day. Such a kind, sweet, sweet spirit. Prayers for Bro. Bill and all of the family.

Faye Ellis

Faye Ellis - February 19, 2016 at 01:31 PM

DM

“ From Dan McVey, to honor the best mother-in-law one could ever have.

All who know Odene will testify that she is a woman of great grace and love. Her never fading smile, her gentle words of comfort and hope, her joyful and tender relationship with her family, all will proclaim her a favored soul.

She was without doubt a presence of grace and hope and life that centered the entire family.

Odene is a noble illustration of that character we know from Scripture in Proverbs 31, the virtuous woman, or if we translate that into our current terminology more accurately, the courageous and valorous woman. Her life continues to speak to us of one who cares for her family, encourages and partners with her husband, rises early to care for the poor, mercifully sacrifices herself for others, and a very interesting phrase, “... she faces every tomorrow with a smile.”

Oh, Odene always smiled. We will remember her smile more than anything.

So with the biblical writer we echo these words:

*She keeps an eye on everyone in her household,
and keeps them all busy and productive.
Her children respect and bless her;
her husband joins in with words of praise:
“Many women have done wonderful things,
but you’ve outclassed them all!”
Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades.
The woman to be admired and praised
is the woman who lives under the umbrella of God’s care.
Give her everything she deserves!
Festoon her life with praises!*

Such a gentle soul has left us. But only for a while. She will always be our angel.

Dan McVey - February 19, 2016 at 11:34 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the album *Family*



davis - February 18, 2016 at 11:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Odene Graham*.



February 18, 2016 at 08:35 PM

TC

“ *The Families of Hugh Wayne, Brandon & Emily Clark* purchased the *Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of *Odene Graham*.



The Families of Hugh Wayne, Brandon & Emily Clark -
February 18, 2016 at 05:09 PM

TB

“ *The Family of George & Shirley Brumfield purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Odene Graham.*



The Family of George & Shirley Brumfield - February 18, 2016
at 12:31 PM