



Clyde LeBarron Odom, Sr.

May 2, 1928 - October 4, 2012

Clyde LeBarron Odom, Sr, age 84, passed on to glory peacefully at his home in the arms of Christ, on October 4, 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at Memory Chapel with burial to follow at Lake Park Hills in Laurel.

He was the beloved husband of the late Dorothy Louise Moss.

He is the father of Melissa Odom Hudson, Rebecca Odom Fertitta, Clyde LeBarron Odom, Jr., and Mark Lane Odom, grandfather of Angela Fertitta Rodriguez, Jonathan Fisher Hudson and Vincent Odom Fertitta and with great joy the great-grandfather of Sophia Sarah-Marie Rodriguez.

He was the loving fiancee to Dorothy Kelly Lowe of Birmingham, Alabama.

His brothers were the late William Harold Odom, and the late Charles L. Odom of Laurel. His surviving sister is Melissa Odom Ridgway of Laurel.

What can we say about Clyde LeBarron Odom Sr.?

He was a husband, a father, a healer, a teacher and a fisherman. He was kind and generous to all creatures great and small. As a Father he was a loving man and worked diligently all his life as a generous provider.

He is one of the few men that we have known that truly loved his job. He graduated in 1954 from Texas A&M Veterinary College and practiced in Laurel and Anchorage Alaska. For both the family and the public, it was always fun to go to the clinic and watch him be Doc Odom.

When we look at scripture we find, "Whatsoever you do unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me" and with a heart full of service,

you could see our father.

Who would let a client pay with watermelons for treating his cow? Doc Odom would! Who would, at 2:00 am, after delivering a calf, eat a big breakfast made by the homeowners, look up and say, "That's enough payment for me!" Doc Odom would! Who treated Binky, the polar bear at the Anchorage Zoo and got attacked and lived? Doc Odom did! Who would let you come in the clinic without an appointment and have your pet treated that day? Doc Odom would with welcoming arms. Whose customers would come in with cakes, cookies, or maybe whole meals, to visit and share with Doc and his staff, just because...? Doc Odom's clients did!

He was a man that lived his dreams. He always loved to be around young people. He would say that they kept him young. I truly believe that they did. He changed the lives of many a young man and woman by simply being Doc. He was a master storyteller. In his stories--maybe about wrestling Binky (aka the polar bear), at the Anchorage Zoo, fishing, delivering a calf, or simply one of holding the paw of your beloved pet, his love went to all. He created the story of his life joyously.

He was an active member of the Alaska Retriever Club. He loved training and working his Labradors. So much so, that he became known as the " Labrador doctor".

Our Dad was and is our best friend. On November 3, 1979, Dad and our brother Mark came to know Jesus Christ as the best of best friends. Our father was a larger than life man and will be missed. The joy and love he left will stay present with us all.

"There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother ."

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to be made to the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until service time on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at Memory Chapel of Laurel which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ We finally found this site for Doc. Truly was a good friend, teacher & caregiver for us and our kennel of labradors! He is missed greatly! We feel blessed and much joy in having known him.

Pat and George Ball - February 28, 2013 at 04:51 PM

SM

“ Doc Odom was a great Man , we bought a Black Lab from him years ago and He was the best Dog ever and I have wondered if I could ever find another Pup. After reading your Dad's obit, no wonder i had such a great Dog. Sorry for your los, your Dad passed the day after my Mom. Please call if I can get another Dog from the family if you carreied it on. There was no other Lab like My Boo Dog. Thank you so much for Him, My # is 509.480.9388 Sandra

Sandra Maples - January 07, 2013 at 05:07 PM

VR

“ DEEPEST SYMPATHY

VIRGIL R.COLEY - October 12, 2012 at 02:46 PM

MM

“ On behalf of the Lake Eddins Owners Association Board of Directors, our sympathy. Doc Odom was an asset to our lake community and will be deeply missed.
Mac McClinthen, Lake Manager

Mac McClinthen - October 09, 2012 at 04:03 PM

JM

“ He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. Please let "Mac" or me know if you need anything at Lake Eddins.

Joy McClinthen - October 09, 2012 at 11:29 AM

GG

“ Dearest Odom family- My thoughts and prayers are with you. Dr. Clyde was a wonderful man and he will be sorely missed. He was always so kind and loving to me and my family.

Ginny Gough - October 09, 2012 at 10:38 AM

CF

“ I wish I would have met this man! He sounds amazing. Peace be with everyone who knew him. I am sorry for your loss.

Cathie Forrest - October 09, 2012 at 10:31 AM

MF

“ Our hearts go out to you during this trying time. Clyde was a dear friend to us through the years and was a wonderful vet to our pets. We will miss him.
My sincere sympathy to your family,
Mrs. Charles R. (Joan) Flynt

Mrs. Charles R.(Joan) Flynt - October 08, 2012 at 06:03 PM

JF

“ To the Odom and Fertitta Family:
Know always, that DOC was one of the greatest, if not the greatest VETERINARIANS this world could offer. He loved people and family and would go out of his way to give some one the shirt off his back. He'll be sorely missed, but if I know DOC, he's up there giving advice to some animal lover his own piece of mind. We loved him and I'll always remember the good times we had. Love and Prayers with you all, John Scaturro and Family

John Scaturro and Family - October 08, 2012 at 11:43 AM

SS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Odom was such a big part of my growing up in Laurel. He never turned away a single stray puppy I brought into his clinic for help. As a young adult he was such a good friend and mentor to me and my husband, Jeph Heflin. So many wonderful days and evenings spent with him and Dot, and Mike and Becky. I send you all my love and deepest condolences. Love, Sheryl

Sheryl Flynt Springer - October 06, 2012 at 08:32 PM

PA

“ Space does not allow all I would like to share on "Doc Odom" - He was a veterinary Classmate of my Father's (E. Bruce Aman)who died 2006) . They were lifelong buddies and fishing fanatics. They loved to fish on the Chasshowitzka River in FL or as Doc Odom named it "Chest o Whiskey". Doc Odom loved to see folks laugh and was good at making it happen! I too, went to vet school and worked for Doc Odom while in vet school - He was the "Jerry Clower" of Vet Medicine in MS. He will be truly missed but his stories will live on!! Blessings to his family - we know he is in a better place! Philip and Gay Aman

Philip Aman - October 06, 2012 at 10:12 AM

C'

“ *Melissa:*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow.
May happy memories replace the sadness in your heart.*

Cindi Holifield Pippen, Class of '69 - October 05, 2012 at 08:25 PM