



Melton Lee Odom

November 6, 1933 - June 27, 2018

Melton Lee Odom, 84, of Laurel, MS, went to be with the Lord Wednesday morning, June 27th, 2018, at South Central Regional Medical Center in Laurel, MS, after an extended illness.

He was born on Monday, November 6th, 1933, in Ellisville, MS, to Latrelle and Laura Mae. On December 23rd, 1955, he married Margaret Elizabeth Odom, and together they had two sons.

In 1964, he entered active service in the US Navy Civil Engineer Corps and retired in 1980 from active military service as a highly decorated Commander in Virginia Beach, VA. During his active duty, he served the country as a Navy SEABEE, completed two tours in Vietnam, and worked at the Pentagon and Pearl Harbor. After retirement from the Navy, he was a Public Works Director for the City of Beverly Hills, CA. He was also Deputy City Manager for Hesperia, CA, and Director of Public Works for the City of Treasure Island, FL.

He was a devoted husband and father who loved his family dearly. He was extremely well traveled with his military career, which includes locations like Panama, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii. He was a very active member in his beloved church, West Laurel Baptist, where he served as a Deacon and taught Sunday school classes.

Melton Lee was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Elizabeth Odom, and his sister, Fredna Rae Pittman (Marshall). He is survived by his brother, Rudy Odom (Jonelle), his two sons, Richard Melton Odom and Christopher McRae Odom (Julie), and his six grandchildren, Ryan Melton Farrell Odom, Sara Elizabeth Odom, Collin McRae Farrell Odom, Zachary McRae Odom, James Alexander Odom, and Abigail Ann Odom.

Funeral services will be Saturday, June 30th, at 11am, at West Laurel Baptist Church. Visitation for the public will be Friday, June 29th from 5pm to 8pm at Memory Chapel Funeral Home. There will be a graveside service after the funeral ceremony at Hickory Grove Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to: Christian Food Mission, 2507 Moose Drive, Laurel MS.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Service

JUN 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

West Laurel Baptist Church
1400 W 5th St
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

EV

“ *RIP Commander. Served two tours in Vietnam with MCB 11, I remember him very well*

Emilio Vazquez - August 31, 2018 at 05:17 PM

MR

“ *I remember Mel so well as we served at NAS Corpus Christi, Tex and again were together in Port Hueneme, he in NMCB 11 and I was in NMCB 9. We were good friends and always work well together. Mel was a great tribute to the CEC and the Seabees.*

Mike Rugless

Mike Rugless - August 28, 2018 at 09:44 PM

JD

“ *Mel and Lib shared a lot of our wonderful life together. I shared classes at MSU in Civil Engineering. We then both work for the Mississippi State Highway Department in Laurel building I-59 in Jones, Jasper and Clarke Counties. During this time we lived on 11th avenue just a block away. I bought a car from Mel that I used to haul MDOT survey crews. We actually had to furnish our own transportation in the 50s and 60s. Mel and Lib moved on with their lives. When they moved back to Laurel we wound up living in the same subdivision. We were very close on the internet. Mel will be greatly missed. I had a lot of respect for Mel. I was really hate that I missed his services but we only found out Saturday afternoon that he had passed away.*



JOHN W DUFF - July 03, 2018 at 02:28 PM

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“ *As graduates from the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Virginia, our two families have remained close friends since 1970. The Odom’s being a Navy family and ours in the U.S. Air Force. Nevertheless, we remained close. He and Lib will always be remembered with fondness. GOD bless them.*

*Robert C. & Florence Brown
Honolulu, Hawaii*

Robert C. Brown LtCol. USAF (ret) - July 01, 2018 at 01:06 AM



“ *Jeremy Malone lit a candle in memory of
Melton Lee Odom*



Jeremy Malone - June 30, 2018 at 10:45 AM

CG

“ *Cooper GUNNELL lit a candle in memory of
Melton Lee Odom*



Cooper GUNNELL - June 29, 2018 at 09:28 PM

NS

“ *Nucor Buildings Group Group Services purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Melton Lee Odom.*



Nucor Buildings Group Group Services - June 29, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melton Lee Odom.*



June 29, 2018 at 01:56 PM