



## Mr. Joe O'Dell

November 22, 1953 - August 31, 2022

While surrounded by loved ones, Joe O'Dell raced the angels to his eternal home and the peaceful, comforting embrace of his savior Jesus Christ on August 31, 2022. Joe was born November 22, 1953, in DeWitt, Arkansas to Billy Merle and Juanita McGraw O'Dell Smith. Joe was of Irish and Scottish descent with gorgeous red hair, a wide, sparkling smile, and a witty humor that brought smiles and laughter to everyone he met. He always allowed that he was the favorite out of his four siblings. He had a wonderful spirit of a God-given joy and true happiness of life. His passing leaves an immeasurable hole in the hearts of family and friends who had the privilege of knowing him and remembering his gift of storytelling.

Joe graduated from DeWitt High School in 1971. He attended Arkansas State University, and was a member of the Lambda Chi Fraternity. He returned to DeWitt where he worked at Arkansas County Irrigation, S and B Irrigation, and US Irrigation over the span of 43 ½ years. Joe was always outdoors, familiar with the farms and farmers of Arkansas County and the surrounding areas, helping them in the spring and summer months grow crops from the soil and seed. In the fall and winter, he indulged his passion for deer hunting with traditional and non-traditional bows. Joe was awarded the Big Buck Award in 1998-99 by the Arkansas Bowhunters Association, of which he was a life

member. He received the North American Bowhunting Big Game Record for non-typical white tail deer with a score of 157 2/8 in Arkansas County on January 2, 1998, by the Pope and Young Club. He was president of the Southeast Arkansas County Bowhunters and enjoyed competing in many local tournaments. He loved archery and once shot a turkey from a tree. Joe was a true sportsman, hunting deer, elk, squirrel, dove, as well as fishing.

Joe was a member of the First United Methodist Church of DeWitt where he served on several committees.

Joe is survived by his loving wife of thirty-four years, Carla T. Alter O'Dell, children John Paul O'Dell (Katy) of Little Rock, Christi Jo O'Dell Obenshain (Chris) of Bentonville, Arkansas, Hunter Alter Norris (Robert) of Austin, Texas, Amanda Alter Martin (Avery) of Austin, Texas, and nine wonderful, loving grandchildren, Kirby and George O'Dell, Clara and Camryn Obenshain, Gage, Whit, and Roxana Norris, Mara and Mae Martin. He also leaves behind two brothers, Tommy O'Dell (Sandy) of Avoca, Arkansas, and Mark O'Dell (Bobbie) of Gillett, Arkansas, and his favorite and only sister, Sarah O'Dell Fuhrman, and many nieces and nephews, brother-in-law, Benny Thigpen (Debbie) of DeWitt, Arkansas and honorary brother-in-law, Harlan Butler of Pensacola Beach, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and brother, Jimmy O'Dell.

Services will be at First United Methodist Church DeWitt Arkansas. Visitation is at 1:00 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 2:00. Burial at the DeWitt Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church 608 S. Grandview Drive DeWitt, AR 72042 or CARTI.

# Cemetery Details

## DeWitt Cemetery

Monroe and W 13th St  
DeWitt, AR 72042

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of DeWitt  
608 S. Grandview Dr.  
DeWitt, AR 72042

## Service

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Joe spent the night at our lake house when we girls had a little boating accident and Carla had surgery. I was so impressed with his pleasant attitude and thoughtfulness to Carla and us. Will be praying for Joe's family.

Mary Carr - September 04, 2022 at 01:54 PM

BW

“ Bertha Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe O'Dell



Bertha Woods - September 02, 2022 at 05:29 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe O'Dell.



September 02, 2022 at 12:43 AM

AM

“ John, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. You and all the family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Anne Maxey

Anne Maxey - September 01, 2022 at 09:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe O'Dell.



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September 01, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Suzanne Teddlie Gulley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe O'Dell*



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**Suzanne Teddlie Gulley** - September 01, 2022 at 06:39 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe O'Dell.



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September 01, 2022 at 02:14 PM



“ *Becky Hundley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe O'Dell*



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**Becky Hundley** - September 01, 2022 at 01:56 PM

BH

“ John, Christi & Family, our prayers and love are with you. I never met your Dad but see what I know of him in both of you. You carry that kindness, love and sense of community. You both love your families deeply and without reservation. Godspeed to Joe. He will be welcomed with open arms and reunited with loved ones. We love you, Aunt Becky Teddlie Hundley & Keith Hundley ❤️

Becky Hundley - September 01, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe O'Dell.



September 01, 2022 at 01:52 PM

EK

“ Elmer & Donna Kerns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe O'Dell



Elmer & Donna Kerns - September 01, 2022 at 01:38 PM

SK

“ Suzanne Gulley, (John and Katy) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Joe O'Dell.



Suzanne Gulley, (John and Katy) - September 01, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe O'Dell.*



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September 01, 2022 at 11:30 AM



“ *Tony and Cindy Green purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Joe O'Dell.*



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**Tony and Cindy Green** - September 01, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ *Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joe O'Dell*



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**Prentice and Sue Davis** - September 01, 2022 at 08:32 AM



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



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August 31, 2022 at 11:43 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Joe O'Dell.* ”



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August 31, 2022 at 06:41 PM