



## Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden

November 1, 1939 - April 11, 2020

Rosa Lee Taylor Oden, known as “Rose”, Ma, mama, grandma, Aunt Rosie Lee, was born on November 1, 1939 to the late Floyd Taylor and the late Maggie Johnson Taylor Garolds in Beaufort County, NC. She departed this life on Saturday, April 11, 2020.

Rosa attended SW Snowden High School, Aurora, NC. In 1957 Rose married the love of her life, Thomas Earl Oden, Sr. on June 13, 1957. In her later years, she joined St. Anna Missionary Baptist Church, Blounts Creek, NC where she served diligently on the Kitchen Committee.

Rosa worked at Sampson Manufacturing Company “The Shirt Factory” in Washington, NC for over 15 years until her retirement to care for her first grandchild ‘Jonathan”. She worked as Administrative Assistant for Oden & Son Trucking Company. During that time, when she had to run business errands to pick up parts, she would gather all of her senior citizens and away they went to different places to get parts and to have lunch.

Rosa hobbies included sewing, quilting, cooking homemade biscuits, hushpuppies, collards, & hotdog chili.

Rosa was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Taylor and Maggie Garolds; her siblings, Shirley Taylor, Mildred Garolds Smith, and Ernestine Garolds Jones.

Rosa leaves to cherish her loving memories, husband, Thomas Earl Oden, Sr of the home; two daughters, Derrell Oden Sturdivant (Walter) of Durham, NC, Vantonnice Earl Oden-Smith (Kim) of Greenville, NC; two sons, Thomas Earl

Oden, Jr. (Vanessa) of Edward, NC, Robert Lee Oden (Angela) of Farmville, NC; four sisters, Emily Taylor Carmen, of Boston, MA, Evion Garner, of Blounts Creek, NC, Doris Humphrey, of Raleigh, NC, Annie Lois Garolds, of Greensboro, NC; three brothers, George Garolds (Dollie) of Chicago, IL, James Garolds (Rebecca) of Ernul, NC, Robert Garolds (Wanza), of New Bern, NC; ten grandchildren, Jonathan Sturdivant, Christopher Smith (Shanice), Mallory Sturdivant, Marcus Oden (Anchell), Michael Oden, Taylor Oden, Jalyn Oden, Dexter Oden, Thomas Von-Austin Oden, Jordan Robert Oden; three great-grandchildren, Mya Oden, Kennedy Smith, McKenzie Oden; brothers-in-law, Jack Oden, of Grimesland, NC and Donald Cutler, of Edward, NC; sister-in-law, Dee Dee Cutler (Charlie) of Edward, NC; aunt, Olivia Stanback, of Boston MA; special cousins, Arlisha Johnson and Roylene Hunte, both of Boston, MA; children of her heart, Hazel James Moore (Eddie), Cassie Moore, Amanda Midgette (Hasanee), David & Serisa Moore, Ed & Denise Davis; her across the road children, Tim, Daphine, Imogene, & Karen; God children, Freda Moore, Frannie Moore-Shear, Terrani Moore; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends & especially those that lived on "Tuten Road" in Blounts Creek as her next door neighbor or across the road.

She loved each of you dearly

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **15**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations  
3205 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858  
(252) 355-9995  
congletonfuneral1@gmail.com  
<http://congletonmortuary.com>

## Graveside

APR **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Johnson Family Cemetery  
2716 Flat Swamp Road  
Blounts Creek, NC 27814

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden*

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October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Van Smith** - May 10, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ *I am just finding out today of the passing of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden. She was a very sweet lady, so kind from the time I first met this family back in 1978. My continued prayers are with you all & may God comfort your hearts.*

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**Michael R Evans** - May 10, 2020 at 01:36 PM



“ *Condolences to the Oden family. My heart is heavy for my dear cousin and friend because I will be dearly miss her. I will miss your smiling face when visiting you and Tommy. And I will continue to wrap myself around the beautiful quilt that you gave me. Remembering you always with much love.*

*Mary P. Ledbetter*

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**Mary P. Ledbetter** - April 23, 2020 at 09:23 PM

DP

*Prayers to condolences to the family. We also miss her smile warm welcome when we would visit. Tommy and Rosie always made us feel welcome.*

*Donald and Gloria Patrick*

**Donald Patrick** - April 26, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ *Every time I was in her presence I almost had to put on shades because her face shined brightly with the Joy of the Lord...She was just sweetly saved...praying that the Holy Spirit will comfort and keep all those connected to her*

**Marsha Thomas** - April 18, 2020 at 10:29 AM

EC

“ *"With deepest sympathy and precious memories "*  
*Ernest (Ben) & Jo-Anne Clemons*



**Ernest B. Clemons** - April 17, 2020 at 09:25 PM

EG

“ *SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS, OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPHATY IS WITH YOUR FAMILY!*



**erma gibbs** - April 16, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ PRAYS ARE WITH YOU

John Singleton - April 16, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ As a young child, I couldn't quite understand how or why all of Vickie's aunts, uncles, and cousins weren't also mine. As simple as this memory might seem, it warms my heart that over 50 years later, Aunt Rosa Lee never thought twice when she heard me or my brothers refer to her as "Aunt." She was sweet, gentle, and beautiful - inside and out. Today our thoughts and prayers are with Uncle Tommy and our lifelong cousins Derrell, Van, Juicy, and Robert. — Gregory Cutler

Gregory Cutler - April 16, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Mrs. Oden was the sweetest woman I ever met. I had a chance to do her hair a few times and I told her Daughter I wanted to take her home. A beautiful spirit but I know her spirit is at peace and well received in Heaven with the Father. You will be missed. Blessings to the family and my prayers are with you. Sincerely, Tenea DeBerry

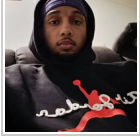
Tenea DeBerry - April 16, 2020 at 07:34 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Van Smith - April 16, 2020 at 06:45 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marcus Oden - April 16, 2020 at 04:23 AM



“ Henry & Beulah Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



Henry & Beulah Moore - April 16, 2020 at 01:34 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cathleen Moore - April 16, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ Cathleen Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



Cathleen Moore - April 16, 2020 at 12:10 AM

GM

“ We thank God for Mama Rose's life! I will miss all of her love hugs, gentle pats of affection, sweet kisses and kind words. All of the years, all of the memories, all of the tender loving care she consistently provided us unconditionally. We love her whole life beyond words and will forever cherish her in our hearts. Thank You God, for blessing us with our very own beautiful rose, we love Mama Rose forever!

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**Goddaughter, Terrani & son Isaiah Moore** - April 15, 2020 at 10:21 PM

 Mallory Sturdivant

“ Mallory Sturdivant lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



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**Mallory Sturdivant** - April 15, 2020 at 09:55 PM

CR

“ Mrs Rosa Lee Oden was a beautiful angel here on earth and earned her wings to fly home to be with our Father in heaven. She made a huge impact on my heart and will forever be in my memory. My condolences to her family! May God comfort and keep you all!

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**Carol Roberson** - April 15, 2020 at 09:54 PM

KW

“ Kenneth And Cathy Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



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**Kenneth and Cathy Wallace** - April 15, 2020 at 08:40 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - April 15, 2020 at 05:39 PM

BP

God will not leave or forsake us. The memories, wisdom, and love that Mrs Rosa Lee shared with us, will forever be embedded in our hearts and soul. We thank God for sharing her with us, and may she continue to rest peacefully on the other side.  
The Pass Family

Betty Pass - April 16, 2020 at 09:20 AM

EC

“ Our condolences go out to the Oden family. May the soul of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden be at peace with our Heavenly Father. We pray that He will bring strength and comfort to all of you today and days to come. "Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal"  
Ernest B. Clemons & Family



Ernest B. Clemons - April 15, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden.



April 15, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ 187 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - April 15, 2020 at 12:57 PM

SP

*Oden family, I love you guys! Stay Encouraged! Mama will never be forgotten.*

**Sharon Pickett** - April 15, 2020 at 01:09 PM

RM

*To the Oden family, May God Comfort You during the Lost of Your Love One. We are Praying for Your Family.*

**Ramona Moore** - April 15, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden.*



April 15, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden.*



April 15, 2020 at 11:07 AM

Chris Smith

“ *Love you ma ma*



Chris Smith - April 15, 2020 at 09:58 AM

MT

“ *Michelle Townsend lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden*



Michelle Townsend - April 15, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ *I would like to send my warmest condolences to the Odom family during this time of breathment. God bless you*



Brad Boyd - April 15, 2020 at 08:31 AM

AC

“ My Deepest Condolences go out to my Blounts Creek family (love you guys)... one of the sweetest ladies I know, so many memories. May you rest in Paradise...❤️



Antonio Cratch - April 15, 2020 at 08:20 AM

RL

“ My awesome Cousin Rosa Lee was a remarkable woman, whom our God Almighty choose Saturday night Passover to call her back home.



Words will never express how much me personally Loved her for being Her. She never in all of my 58 years ever got angry, she was one of the most kindest person whom I ever known!

I'm grateful for my Mom to let us spend numerous summers vacations there on the farm in the 70's growing up with my cousins - Darrell, Vann, Juicy, & lil Robert.

She will always remain in my heart and mind forever!

God Bless 🙏 Her spirit 🌸 Amen.

Robert Lee - April 15, 2020 at 02:48 AM

EF

“ Essie Francis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



Essie Francis - April 14, 2020 at 10:33 PM

JU

“ Juicy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



Juicy - April 14, 2020 at 10:31 PM

JU

“ Love you forever -Juicy! □



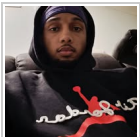
Juicy - April 14, 2020 at 10:29 PM

JO

“ Jalyn Oden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



Jalyn Oden - April 14, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ Marcus Oden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



Marcus Oden - April 14, 2020 at 10:10 PM

VM

“ Vanessa M-Oden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



Vanessa M-Oden - April 14, 2020 at 10:08 PM

CM

“ My God, My Jesus , My Holy Spirit.  
Rosa Lee is the last of my mother's from Blounts Creek that I call my God mother, other than my own mother Catherine. Just want to say God don't make any mistake. And to know Our lost is God's gain. My love for Rosa would be a under statement of my feeling for her. For her birth children that know me. I need not to explain myself. May God keep his arms around your heart my family as long as he need too. I love y'all to the moon and back a thousand times plus. Just like Rosa Lee love my family & me. Hold on to the sweet beautiful memory's. I promise you that God will heal your heart day by day.

P. S.

Who got the hush puppy recipe😂

Daphine & Family 🙏🙏

Cathleen Moore - April 14, 2020 at 09:15 PM

VS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Van Smith - April 14, 2020 at 08:56 PM

FR

“ *My dear Godmother,  
So wonderful. So sweet.  
A heart of gold, overflowing with love.  
I already miss you.  
I will never forget you.  
Forever in my heart.  
Freda*



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**Freda** - April 14, 2020 at 08:10 PM

RD

“ *Cousin Rosa Lee will always have a special place in my heart, she and Aunt Viola were moms to me growing up. They took good care of me every summer. Rosa Lee was always the voice of reason; had a way with making everything alright. She possessed hospitality and compassion second to none. I'm not sure if she ever got upset, but if so, I never seen it. I remember coming back home to Pittsburgh and when playing house, I would always try to imitate her, she had that sort of presence and impact in my growing mind. I appreciate all the meaningful experiences that she allowed me to have. Experiences I still share with people today. Forever loved and missed! ❤️ ~Roxanne Carpenter-Davis*

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**Roxanne Davis** - April 14, 2020 at 07:54 PM

FS

“ *Mama Rosa was a sweetheart. She took on the role of God mother to my sisters when we were babies. She always made sure that we never left her presence empty handed. Those handmaid gifts are priceless. She will truly be missed but will be with Jesus forever in heaven. Love you all. Stay encouraged & trust God!* ”



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**frannie shear** - April 14, 2020 at 07:30 PM

BR

“ *I will always remember all the love you showed me throughout my life. Your house was my second home growing up. My prayers and thoughts are with the family through this difficult time. You will be missed! Love you!* ”



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**Brandon** - April 14, 2020 at 05:03 PM

CM

“ *She'll always be a piece of my heart.* ”



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**Cassie Moore** - April 14, 2020 at 04:16 PM

CM

“ *Cassie Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden*



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**Cassie Moore** - April 14, 2020 at 04:01 PM

JO

“ *We miss you and we will always love you ❤️.*  
*- Jalyn, Dexter, and Austin*



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**Jalyn Oden** - April 14, 2020 at 03:27 PM

JC

“ *Rosa Lee was a sweet lady. She will truly be missed at church and in the community as a whole. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you!*  
*Elvis and Judith Chapman*



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**Judith T. Chapman** - April 14, 2020 at 03:19 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden.*



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April 14, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden.*



April 14, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ *Your Brother Wimp and family in Chicago, Il. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden.*



**Your Brother Wimp and family in Chicago, Il.** - April 14, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden.*



April 14, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Family*



**Robert** - April 14, 2020 at 10:56 AM

FS

“ To the Oden family,  
May God strengthen, bless & keep you all. Thankful to God for gracing us with such a wonderful person. Rosa Lee was the best God mother that you could ever have. Her love was immeasurable. She loved my sisters & I so much. She always blessed us with homemade gifts. When God blessed us to become parents, she loved on our babies too. She will forever be missed but in glory she will live forever. Love you all & praying for you all. Frannie Shear & Family.



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**frannie shear** - April 14, 2020 at 10:23 AM

DM

“ I remember Mrs. Rosa Lee's pleasant and joyful expressions during every encounter regardless of the years that may have gone by between each encounter. She was very kind. Family please accept my condolences and may God provide you all with the much needed peace and comfort during this time.  
Sincerely  
Daniel Moore Jr.

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**Daniel Moore** - April 14, 2020 at 10:21 AM

MT

“ Michelle Townsend purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden.



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**Michelle Townsend** - April 14, 2020 at 09:02 AM

RO

“ 1 file added to the album Family



Robert - April 14, 2020 at 08:53 AM



*Awwww look at you handsome guys with your mom..beautiful*

Angela Moore - April 14, 2020 at 12:51 PM

AM

“ Rosa Lee meant so much to me and my family. She treated me like her own. No words can describe how much I will miss her. She was a loving and caring woman. We have so many wonderful memories, that we will forever cherish. She will always be in our hearts. Family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love Always, Amanda Midgette



Amanda Midgette - April 14, 2020 at 08:35 AM



*You will always be in my heart....I will never forget you.. your memories with you and your children will burn in my heart also.. even though I will not see your face on this side again.. we will meet and laugh together again.. god continue to watch over Thomas and the family.. in jesus name amen  
Love Angela B Moore & family*

Angela Moore - April 14, 2020 at 12:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden.*



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April 14, 2020 at 07:48 AM



“ *Angela Oden lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden*



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**Angela Oden** - April 13, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ *GOD BLESS YOU ALL! Be not dismayed whatever betide GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU! I truly thank GOD for the years HE let Rosa and me enjoyed together. Rosa Lee was just like a mother to me she always encouraged my Heart. Rosa Lee was so very, very Good to my three daughters and we Loved her dearly! To her Lovely Bless Family, you can Thank God that Rosa Lee is healed forever and she woke up in Glory to sleep no more. Praise Our GOD! We will continue lifting the family up before GOD! We Love Y'ALL Dearly!*

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**Hazel James. Moore** - April 13, 2020 at 10:22 PM

RO

“ Robert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



Robert - April 13, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden.



April 13, 2020 at 09:53 PM

VS

“ Van Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rosa Lee Oden



Van Smith - April 13, 2020 at 07:27 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album Rosa Lee Oden



Derrell Sturdivant - April 13, 2020 at 07:24 PM



*Beautiful love yall*

**Angela Moore** - April 14, 2020 at 12:52 PM



*So speechless right now grew up having a second mom a good neighbor good friend great woman spirit and heart you will be dearly missed from the Moore family*

**Imogene Moore** - April 16, 2020 at 07:35 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



**Derrell Sturdivant** - April 13, 2020 at 07:18 PM