



## Thomas Earl Oden Sr.

May 6, 1938 - January 30, 2021

Thomas Earl Oden, Sr. known as “Tom Earl”, Mr. Tom, Daddy, Granddaddy, Papa, Uncle Tommy, was born on May 6, 1938 to the late John Archie Oden and Viola Smith Oden in Beaufort County, NC. He entered into eternal rest on January 30, 2021 at 10:22 PM at Vidant Medical Center, Greenville, NC. Although we are in unprecedented times, the family was able to be with him during his last days on earth.

Tom Earl attended SW Snowden High School, Aurora, NC. After high school he married Rosa Lee Taylor on June 13, 1957. Then he joined the U.S. Navy in July 1957 until June 18, 1967 Machinist Mate. He was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

Tom Earl was employed with Texas Gulf in Aurora, NC over five years and Texfi Industries Textile Company in New Bern, NC for five years. Then in 1976, he decided to start his own dump truck business, he was owner of Oden & Son Trucking Company and in 1986 he started his logging business. His first employee was Thomas Jr. “Juicy”; he started Juicy driving the dump truck at age sixteen. Even his daughter, Derrell drove one of the dump trucks during summer break from college. He and his son, Juicy worked together for over 25 years until he retired in 2002. After his retirement, he spent his time going to auctions, traveling, working on model cars, and sitting in front of his computer searching on Ebay, Country Boys Auction, Amazon, and watching YouTube.

Tom Earl hobbies included collecting “all things”. He loved model cars, trains, & planes. He was an avid collector of Coca-Cola memorabilia, Lionel trains, and countless other items.

Tom Earl was preceded in death by his wife, Rosa Lee Oden; his parents, John Archie and Viola Oden and his sibling, Queenie Oden Cutler.

Tom Earl is survived by children, daughter, Derrell Oden Sturdivant (Walter) Durham, NC, daughter, Vantonnice Earl Oden-Smith (Kim) Greenville, NC, son, Thomas Earl Oden, Jr. (Vanessa) Edward, NC, son, Robert Lee Oden (Angela) Farmville, NC; brother, Jack L. Oden; sister, Malissa “Dee Dee” Cutler (Charlie); 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; great-grandchildren, Mya Oden, Kennedy Smith, McKenzie Oden, Emily Oden; brothers-in-law, Donald Cutler, Edward, NC, George Garolds (Dollie) Chicago, IL, James Garolds (Rebecca) Ernul, NC, Robert Garolds (Wanza), New Bern, NC; sisters-in-law, Emily Taylor Carmen, Boston, MA, Evion Garner, Blounts Creek, NC, Doris Humphrey, Raleigh, NC, Annie Lois Garolds, Greensboro, NC; special cousins, Garland Moore, Grant, New Mexico, Raymond Smith, Blounts Creek; special friends, Ed & Denise Davis, David & Serisa Moore, Tim Moore; God-children, Freda Moore, Fannie Shear, Terrani Moore; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, extended family members and friends & especially those that lived on “Tuten Road” in Blounts Creek as his next door neighbor or across the road.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations  
3205 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Earl Oden Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Mr Thomas and Rosa Lee became very dear to my heart over the past few years! They felt like family to me in the short time I spent with them. Sending my sincere condolences and prayers for the family!*

**Carol Roberson** - February 19, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ *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** - February 07, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ *Jackie Hill lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.*



**Jackie Hill** - February 06, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *MISS HIM LOVED TRADING JUNK*

**JOHN F SINGLETON** - February 05, 2021 at 09:23 AM



“ *Laura Wright lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.*



**Laura Wright** - February 04, 2021 at 08:01 PM



“ *Debra Cogdell lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.*



**Debra Cogdell** - February 04, 2021 at 12:42 PM



“ *Tommie and Garland*



**Pastor Gaeland Moore** - February 04, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Having breakfast with Tommie at the Outer Banks.*  
*-Pastor Garland Moore-*



**Pastor Gaeland Moore** - February 04, 2021 at 12:17 PM

SP

“ Thanks for letting my family(TheEdwards)be a part of this family,We had so much fun together.memories that will last forever.



Sharon Pickett - February 04, 2021 at 10:20 AM

CM

“ Corrina Bell Moore lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.



corrina bell moore - February 04, 2021 at 08:22 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Oden Sr..



February 04, 2021 at 07:24 AM

FH

“ Freda & Harry lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.



Freda & Harry - February 03, 2021 at 09:29 PM

VO

“ Miss you papa , love Austin



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**Vanessa Oden** - February 03, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ To all the family & friends of Mr. Thomas, I am so sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are of and for you'll! May the Peace and Blessings of the Lord be with each one of you throughout this difficult time! 🙏❤️



*Theresa McCabe Adkins*

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**Theresa Adkins** - February 03, 2021 at 05:59 PM

FS

“ I am going to miss my God father. My sisters & I have shared some great times with him & Ma Rosa. He loved to show us all of his new toys but we knew not to touch them. I pray for strength & peace for the family. May all of the good times & memories put a smile on your face.

*Love you all!*

*Frannie Shear*

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**Frannie Shear** - February 03, 2021 at 05:04 PM

VS

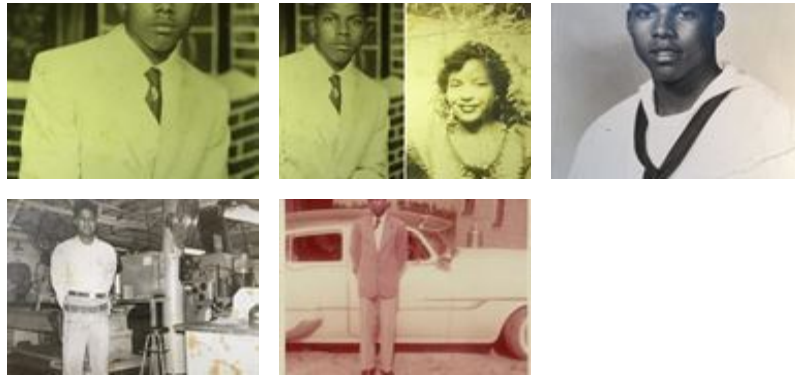
“ *Daddy you will be missed.* ❤️



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**Van Smith** - February 03, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ *85 files added to the album Life Tributes*



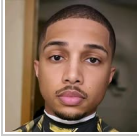
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**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - February 03, 2021 at 04:35 PM

AO

“ *Anchell Oden lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.*



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**anchell oden** - February 03, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Marcus Oden lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.*



Marcus Oden - February 03, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Ezekiel Moore, Sr, Alvin, Myra and Ramona Moore and Family sends our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Family. May God Comfort You All.*



Agatha Moore - February 03, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ *I already miss these conversations.*



Robert Oden - February 03, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Oden Sr..*



February 03, 2021 at 12:07 PM

EC

“ Ernest B. Clemons lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.



Ernest B. Clemons - February 03, 2021 at 07:14 AM

SC

“ Steven Cutler lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.



Steven Cutler - February 03, 2021 at 03:40 AM

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 - February 02, 2021 at 10:55 PM

KM

“ Kanye Midgette lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.



Kanye Midgette - February 02, 2021 at 08:15 PM

DA

“ My God . I am so sorry. He was missing his true love. Rose Lee ,  
The both of them is together in heaven . No more pain or suffering.  
They both are resting with the lord . Thank you for all the up dates .  
May God keep his Arms around you . Love you much . 🙏🧐🙏

Daphine - February 02, 2021 at 07:12 PM

AO

“ Angela Oden lit a candle in memory of  
Thomas Earl Oden Sr.



Angela Oden - February 02, 2021 at 07:09 PM

DA

“ Daphine lit a candle in memory of Thomas  
Earl Oden Sr.



Daphine - February 02, 2021 at 07:05 PM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Daphine - February 02, 2021 at 07:02 PM

AO

“ *Angela Oden lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.*



Angela Oden - February 02, 2021 at 07:00 PM

AM

“ *Amanda Midgette lit a candle in memory of Thomas Earl Oden Sr.*



Amanda Midgette - February 02, 2021 at 05:12 PM

EC

“ *In this sorrowful time, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Thomas E. Oden. May our Lord comfort and strengthen each of you during this difficult time. Memories of Mr. Oden will always be cherished in our hearts and minds.*  
*Ernest (Ben) and Jo-Anne Clemons & Family*



Ernest B. Clemons - February 02, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Thomas Earl Oden Sr..*



February 02, 2021 at 04:34 PM