



Melvin Wesley "Big Boy" O'Dell

April 15, 1927 - August 26, 2021

Melvin Wesley "Big Boy" O'Dell, 94, of Winfield went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at CAMC Teays Valley, Hurricane.

He was born at Quick, WV to the late Enos Benton and Bessie Taylor O'Dell. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Phyllis Jean O'Dell; sisters, Ruth Ellen O'Dell and Velma Walker; brothers, Dewey O'Dell, Alvin Cecil O'Dell and Delmer Ray O'Dell.

Melvin was retired from Ashland Oil and Seacrist Fuels. He served his country with the US Army during World War II with Troop E 4th Constabulary Squadron.

Melvin had a magic about him that made you feel special just to have known him. His laugh was contagious, his jokes, while he could never get through them also gave everyone a good laugh. Thankful for the memory he left on us, a devoted husband, deeply loved and respected father and father-in-law, and an adore papaw. Thankfully we share the same faith and knowing that this isn't the end.

Left to cherish his memories are his son, John O'Dell (Robin), grandchildren, Bree Schuler (Chris) and Chelsea Tate (David); great grandchildren, Nash and Navy Schuler; sister, Delphia Brandel of Nashville, TN and brother, Frank

O'Dell of Quick, WV. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Gus Andrews officiating. Burial will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

The family will receive friends from 12 to 2:00 p.m. prior to the funeral service.

You may visit Melvin's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the O'Dell family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4349

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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409 Sixth Avenue
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Funeral Service

SEP 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *What a wonderful man and such an honor to have known him. I married into the Smith family (Phyllis' sister, Verna, was my mother in law). Whenever we visited my in-laws in St.Albans we always frequently visited with Melvin and Phyllis and what a warm and welcoming home they had. Melvin always had a lovely smile and his love for Phyllis was always evident. His love for John was there on his sleeve; he was so proud of Johnny's baseball talents and his pitching. Melvin, you have made the world a better place and will be so missed by your family. I can only imagine what a wonderful grandpa he was and will be so missed by his family. May the Lord be with John and Robin these days. Love from the Smith family in Maine: Sherry, Jeff, Jody and Jason.*

Cheryl Smith - September 02, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melvin Wesley "Big Boy" O'Dell.*



August 31, 2021 at 03:40 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. We only knew Melvin for a few years when he lived with John and Robin. He was a real blessing to know. He was so happy living with John and Robin. He was kind, funny, talkative, happy, and an honorable man. The best friend to Nash his great grandson! A best friend to Melo the family dog. Such a very easy person to love. We will miss him. However we know he is living with the LORD and enduring nothing but joy. Rest In Peace Melvin. We will meet again!

Cathie and Larry Zuspan - August 30, 2021 at 06:32 PM

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“ I'll always remember Sunday dinners at grandpa and grandma's. Uncle Big Boy was always so funny and sweet.. John and Family, may you find comfort in the upcoming days.

Shawn O'Dell - August 30, 2021 at 05:57 PM