

## Mr. William H. Odom Jr.

May 11, 1931 - October 19, 2018

A celebration of the life of Mr. William H. Odom Jr., 87, of Henderson, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 22, 2018, at First Baptist Church with Dr. David Higgs and Emory "Bubba" Deason officiating under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Mr. Odom passed from this life on October 19, 2018, at Christus Good Shepherd in Longview. He was born May 11, 1931, in Rusk to the late William Harvey and Mary "Mollie" (Brightwell) Odom and was a life long resident of Henderson. William graduated from Henderson High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Ag and Science and a Masters degree in Education from Stephen F. Austin State University. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Odom went on to a 39 year career as a teacher, teaching in Leverett's Chapel and Laneville. William loved working with students in 4-H and FFA. On October 19, 2018, he became the first teacher inducted into the Leverett's Chapel Heroes Hall of Fame.

After his career in education, Mr. Odom became a cattle rancher. He volunteered with Meals on Wheels and also with the children's reading

program in the Henderson Independent School District. William loved to play 42, and on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays he played with the William Odom 42 Club. Mr. Odom was a member of First Baptist Church in Henderson for over 70 years where he was a deacon and also taught Sunday School.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey Odom and Mollie Odom; son, Steve Odom; brother, Forrest Odom; and sister-in-law, Jackie Brady Odom.

Survivors include: wife of 61 years, Joyce Odom of Henderson; son, David Odom of Plano; daughter-in-law, Angela Odom of Henderson; sisters, Elizabeth Hall and husband Howard of Henderson, and Flo Hopson of Mineola; grandson Isaiah Odom and granddaughter Emily Odom; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Rocky Hall, Kelly Hall, Roy Hall, Shane Odom, Eric Odom, and Stefan Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be Dallas Woods, Charles Kindard, Buddy Vinson, Mack Bassett, Ed Russell, Jim Commons, Jerry Orr, Denzil Mobbs, and his former students at Leverett's Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Baptist Church Children's Building at 207 W. Main St., Henderson, TX 75652.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 S. Main St  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Celebration of Life

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
207 W. Main St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - October 21, 2018 at 02:37 PM

JH

*Dear Joyce and family,  
We have just heard of William's passing. We are so sorry for your loss.  
Praying for all of you.  
Love,  
Jaqueta and Ronnie Hardin*

Jaqueta Hardin - October 22, 2018 at 11:22 AM

SH

*Mr Odom was a great teacher.. May he RIP.*

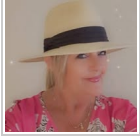
Shelia Ryan Hooks - October 23, 2018 at 11:54 AM

GJ

“ George/Linda Jaeger lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.



George/Linda Jaeger - October 28, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ *Barbara Bangert lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.*



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**Barbara Bangert** - October 24, 2018 at 01:37 PM

KB

“ *Kent And Sandy Brummett lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.*



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**Kent and Sandy Brummett** - October 22, 2018 at 02:44 PM

JB

“ *Jane Brightwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.*



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**Jane Brightwell** - October 22, 2018 at 12:04 PM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb And Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.*



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**Clay Newcomb and Frances Newcomb** - October 22, 2018 at 11:52 AM

BH

“ *Barry Hampton lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.*



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**Barry Hampton** - October 22, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ *Amy Rockey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.*



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**Amy Rockey** - October 22, 2018 at 09:03 AM

SC

“ *Prayers for the family.*

*AJ and Shannon Cook*

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**Shannon Cook** - October 22, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ *Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.*



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**Donna Aaron** - October 21, 2018 at 09:56 PM



“ *Mr. Odom was a huge part of the Leverett's Chapel ISD family. His guidance, dedication and friendship meant the world to not only me but to faculty members as well as his students. Those that rode his bus each day were made to feel special because he always greeted them with a smile and warm greetings each morning. He will be missed but not forgotten.*

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**Barry Barnett** - October 21, 2018 at 04:40 PM



“ *Sandy Lewis McCreary lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.*



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**Sandy Lewis McCreary** - October 21, 2018 at 04:23 PM



“ *Through thirteen years of schooling at Leverett's Chapel, and seven years of college training, I was blessed with many fine teachers. Mr. Odom was among the very best. I'll never forget him. R.I.P.*

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**Larry Hedrick** - October 21, 2018 at 02:41 PM



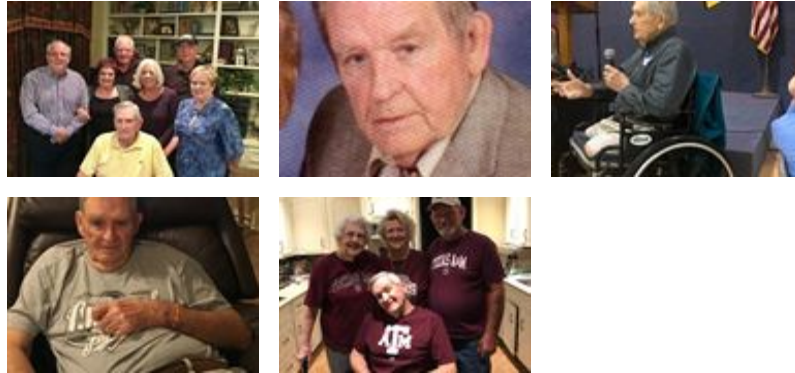
“ *Betty Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.*



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**Betty Johnson** - October 21, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ 38 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - October 21, 2018 at 12:08 PM

CH

*I have such fond memories of my time as a student in Mr Odom's science classes and later as a coworker. He will always be remembered as an outstanding role model and friend. Prayers for the family 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

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**Cindy Hedrick** - October 21, 2018 at 02:20 PM

DD

“ *You were an excellent role model at Leverett's Chapel & many students looked up to you. After your introduction into the Hall of Fame last night at the reunion, your speech was touching & so eloquent - with some funny antidotes! May you RIP Mr. Odom & God bless your family! Your grandson spoke to me briefly when I arrived & many of us talked about how proud he was of his grandfather - very touching!*

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**Darleen Francis Davis** - October 21, 2018 at 09:14 AM

CR

“ Claude Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.



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**Claude Robinson** - October 21, 2018 at 08:46 AM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.



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**pud patterson** - October 21, 2018 at 07:20 AM

LD

“ Sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Mr Odom was an awesome teacher. I Loved his class, he was a teacher that you always knew he cared about you. Thank you Mr Odom for your service to all children.

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**Lana Dean** - October 20, 2018 at 08:14 PM

CD

*Chris & Lana Dean*

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**Chris & Lana Dean** - October 22, 2018 at 10:06 AM

DA

*Mrs. Odom, I was so sorry to learn of the loss of your husband. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Dovena Mitchell Akins*

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**Dovena Mitchell Akins** - October 22, 2018 at 04:34 PM

TC

“ Tony And Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.



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**Tony and Anita Cavaliere** - October 20, 2018 at 07:11 PM

SJ

“ MY PRAYERS ARE WITH THE ODOM FAMILY

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**Sharon Jones** - October 20, 2018 at 05:38 PM

SJ

“ Sharon Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.



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**Sharon Jones** - October 20, 2018 at 05:29 PM

MH

“ David, I was sorry to hear about your dad. Please know you and your family are in my deepest thoughts and prayers.  
Maury  
2 Timothy 4:7



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**Maury Hudson** - October 20, 2018 at 01:19 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William H. Odom Jr.*



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**Bob & Sue Henderson** - October 20, 2018 at 12:32 PM