



## Odie Bryant Gregory

December 5, 1924 - October 1, 2019

Odie Bryant Gregory of White House, Tennessee passed away October 01, 2019. He was born December 05, 1924 in Cato, Tennessee, the son of Sam Y. Gregory and Myrtle E. Gregory. He served in both the United States Army (WWII) and the United States Air Force (Korean Conflict). He was honorably discharged in 1954 and went to work for the Metro Transit Authority and in 1957 joined Nashville Electric Service (NES) working in various capacities until his retirement in 1998.

Odie is preceded in death by both parents, his wife Bobbie Nell Gregory, son Michael Lloyd Gregory, sister Era Mai Lankford of Defeated Creek, Tennessee, and brother Gene Alexander Gregory of Nashville, Tennessee. He is survived by his two children Mark Gregory of Schertz, Texas, and Kimberly Draper (Billy) of White House, Tennessee, 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great grandson.

Odie was a member of Ionic Masonic Lodge #254 in Nashville, Tennessee. He was also a 33 degree Scottish Rite Mason, a York Rite Mason, and a member of the Al Menah Shrine. Odie also became a 50 year Mason in 2014. Odie had given many years of devoted service to several Masonic bodies. He worked many years with the Scottish Rite 1st and 3rd degree teams, was a member of the Lighting Committee supporting the Scottish Rite reunions, a past Grand Lecturer, past member of the Grand Lodge Board of Custodians of

the ritual work, member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and helped and supported many of the surrounding Nashville lodges in ritual study and work.

Active pallbearers are Ethan Gregory, Christopher Newman, Dillon Draper, Dick Hitch, Gary Pirtle, and William (Bud) Sanders. Honorary pallbearers are members of Ionic Masonic Lodge # 254.

Visitation will be held on October 4th, 2019 at Phillips Robinson Funeral Home from 2– 8PM with the Masonic Service at 7PM. Funeral services will take place on October 5th, 2019 at 1 PM with visitation beginning at 10AM, Brother Dickie Johnson officiating. Private interment will be at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make memorials to the Masonic Widows and Orphans Fund, [www.grandlodge-tn.org](http://www.grandlodge-tn.org). Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, 2707 Gallatin Rd. (615)262-3312.

# Cemetery Details

## Middle-TN State Veterans Cemetery

7931 McCrory Ln.  
Nashville, TN 37221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Nashville Chapel  
2707 Gallatin Pike  
Nashville, TN 37216  
(615) 262-3312  
info@phillipsrobinson.com  
<https://www.phillipsrobinson.com/>

## Visitation

OCT 5. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Nashville Chapel  
2707 Gallatin Pike  
Nashville, TN 37216  
(615) 262-3312  
info@phillipsrobinson.com  
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## Service

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OCT 5. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home - Nashville Chapel

2707 Gallatin Pike

Nashville, TN 37216

(615) 262-3312

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Odie Bryant Gregory*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Odie Bryant Gregory.*



October 07, 2019 at 07:55 AM



“ *Brother Gregory - You are going to be hearing the phrase "Good job my faithfull servant" from the only voice that matters. You have been a true friend and Brother to me for the entire time that I have known you. You will be impossible to replace and missed by me.*

**Brian Bigelow** - October 05, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ *Farewell, Brother Odie. You will be missed by your Masonic Family, for you have raised and taught many of us, myself included; THANK YOU...*

*My deepest condolences to Brother Odie's family.*

*-Carlo Malabanan, PM  
Observance Lodge #686*

**Carlo Malabanan** - October 04, 2019 at 09:27 AM

HW

“ To the family,  
I knew Odie for over 50 years, his son (Mike) and I graduated from high school together.  
He was a close companion with me in the Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite.  
I am so sorry to hear of his passing, he helped so many during his life that God gave him.  
May he Rest In Peace.

So long for now my brother.  
Herschell Watson

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**Herschell Watson** - October 04, 2019 at 08:38 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Odie Bryant Gregory.



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October 03, 2019 at 06:02 PM

RJ

“ Odie's commanding voice will be missed in the hall of West Nashville Phoenix lodge, but I am sure the Celestial Lodge above is already taking notice of his presence. Every time I heard Odie perform, I cherished it as one of those great moments when everyone present felt the truest meaning of the words. His slow, deep, clear pronunciation of the words will forever be the benchmark of my own work. Till we meet again Brother.

Robert Jenner, WM  
West Nashville Phoenix Lodge #131

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**Robert Jenner** - October 03, 2019 at 12:17 PM

GH

“ *The Voice!!!! Mr. Odie was a class act, always a gentleman. He was a great mentor to many including my husband, Bubba Hayes. Bubba loved to imitate his voice. Prayers for the family.*

*Gwen Hayes*

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**Gwen Hayes** - October 03, 2019 at 11:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Odie Bryant Gregory.*



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October 03, 2019 at 05:26 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Odie Bryant Gregory.*



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October 02, 2019 at 10:08 PM

VC

“ *My sincerely condolences to the family. My heart is broke as I loved Odie so much. Working with him was such a joy. He was my friend and will forever be. I'll hold on to the memories until we meet again. Love ♡ you Kim and Billy. He was one of a kind and I know he will be missed. Love Vanessa*

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**Vanessa Cartwright** - October 02, 2019 at 09:17 PM

JJ

“ James, Patrick & JD purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Odie Bryant Gregory.



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James, Patrick & JD - October 02, 2019 at 08:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Odie Bryant Gregory.



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October 02, 2019 at 05:37 PM

MG

“ Brother Odie will be missed by the fraternity has a whole. I'm grateful to been able to sat in the lodge with him on several occasions. Has was a wealth of knowledge, voice that was unmistakable when he spoke. He was a great influence on so many masons especially in middle Tennessee. Prayers for my brother and his family in this time of sadness.  
Rest In Peace my brother  
Fraternal regards,  
M. David Gilbreath  
New Middleton lodge #249  
GaTnMason



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M. David Gilbreath - October 02, 2019 at 04:22 PM

D3

“ Prayers for the family at this time. No doubt in my mind that there is a strong bass voice in heaven waiting to welcome us all! Bro. Odie was one of a kind and will be sorely missed.

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**Dorrence Stovall, PM, 32** - October 02, 2019 at 04:06 PM

GP

“ That's as natural as a goose goin barefoot!

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**Gary Pirtle** - October 02, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ Odie would always say, "if I tell you a rooster dips snuff, you can look under his wing for the can". That is one thing that I always loved about him, you could count on what he said.

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**Joe Nelms** - October 02, 2019 at 03:09 PM