



Mildred Oden

July 6, 1923 - December 18, 2016

Mildred Louise Marshall Oden, formerly of Terrell, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2016 in Farmersville, Texas. Mildred was born July 6, 1923 in Terrell to Ward and Minnie (Fowler) Marshall. She was welcomed into Heaven by her parents, her husband, John Piney Oden, Jr., her brothers: Ward Everett Marshall, Jr., Paul Moody Marshall, Joseph George Marshall and Jack William Marshall.

Mildred loved to express how much she cared. There was no limit to the activities that she engaged in because there was no limit of love that she had for her family, her Lord, her friends and anyone who had the wonderful chance to meet her. She embodied what a Proverbs 31 woman should be in that she made sure to always model love by giving to others with her time, talent and her wisdom. She worked as a nurse in her early life and would get picked up by the doctor in Terrell after which they would go around the countryside in a horse and buggy, helping any family in need of medical care. She also worked at Holton-Johnston Hospital in Terrell. She then worked at Rockwell International until retirement.

Her devotion to her husband, Johnny, began when they were on a blind date swimming with friends at the City Lake in Terrell. Six weeks later, they eloped to Dallas. They were devoted to each other for over 62 years until his passing in 2008. She and Johnny would play bridge and square dance and truly enjoyed each other's company every day that they had together. Their legacy of commitment and unity was shared with each subsequent generation.

Caring for her family and friends was the greatest joy of her life. Her never-ending hospitality was the hallmark of her personality. There was never a time that anyone, be it family, friend, or friend-of-a-friend, didn't have an open invitation to come by, eat and spend time. She was gracious, elegant and a southern lady in every sense of the word. Even in the frustrating moments of life, the strongest words her family remembers her saying were "ye gods and little fishes!"

Mildred's legacy also included her famous recipes for cornbread, banana bread and other foods that kept the family close-knit all year long. Mildred loved visits so much and she will always be remembered for her "long goodbyes." She would often put off the inevitable end of any visit with repeated admonitions to be careful, one more hug, another "I love you," and "take one more plate," after which she would stand in the driveway waving and praying for whomever was departing to have safe travels. Every moment spent with Mildred was a moment that made you feel like you were transported to a time where old fashioned values were still important and time was plentiful to just relax, share a story and realize that there is no problem that a good visit wouldn't cure. To say she will be greatly missed is an understatement, and Mildred left great memories and examples of how to carry on her tradition of love and devotion.

She leaves this legacy to: her sons, Steve Oden and his wife, Gini, of Hot Springs, Ark., and Greg Oden and wife, Margie, of Leonard. Also grandchildren: Bethany Russell and husband, Charles; Greg Oden and wife, Marti; Chelsey Cordell and husband, Thomas; Cassie Gutierrez and husband, Tim; Todd Oden and wife, Kim; Kyle Oden and wife, Jennifer. Also great-grandchildren: Ashley, Madelyn, Ryan, Parker, Arianna, Morgan, Caden, Ian, Kaitlyn, Marietta, and Jacob; two great-goddaughters, Maci and Makenzie; niece and nephew, Debbie Boyd, and Paul Marshall; and beloved extended family and a host of friends.

Graveside service for Mildred will be held at 2:30 pm, Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at College Mound Cemetery in Terrell with the family receiving

friends from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel.

Cemetery Details

College Mound Cemetery

15010 FM 429 South
Terrell, TX 75161

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations
642 N Rockwall Avenue
Terrell, TX 75160
(972) 524-0881
<https://www.maxslaytonfunerals.com>

Graveside Service

DEC **21**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

College Mound Cemetery
15010 FM 429 South
Terrell, TX 75161

Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred Oden*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM



“ *Mildred was a one of a kind! She was always concerned about everyone else's needs and comfort. She was a tiny little lady but full of spunk, sweetness and laughter! Like I told Greg often....if you cannot find her just check my pocket because I wanted to take her home with me. She will be missed dearly. Sending prayers of comfort and peace as your family mourns the loss of one precious little lady!*

Dava Montgomery - December 24, 2016 at 08:59 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mildred Oden.*



December 20, 2016 at 04:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mildred Oden.*



December 20, 2016 at 04:11 PM

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“ Thank you for all of the sweet words and support to my family. Mildred has been my other mother and one of my dearest friend's for the last forty years. In the last few declining years she swore I was her sister, sometimes to just lay down and hold her for comfort, and sometimes to fight like brats. She said that's what sister's do!! Our dispositions complimented each other thru holidays, births, and deaths, and kept our family balanced. Laura Ingalls and Nelly Olson, you figure who is who!! I loved her with all my heart, and she is leaving a hole our hearts, and an end to an era. Merry Christmas in heaven, Mildred!! As you said to me the other day, it has been quite a ride, and we got it done!! Although, I am not done, your memory, love, and wisdom to this stubborn daughter in law will see me thru!

Margie Oden - December 19, 2016 at 08:17 PM

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“ Donna Oden purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Mildred Oden.



Donna Oden - December 19, 2016 at 08:03 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of Mildred Oden.



December 19, 2016 at 06:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mildred Oden.* ”



December 19, 2016 at 04:41 PM