



Walter Odell Bales

August 25, 1934 - January 5, 2013

Walter Odell Bales, one of twelve children born to the union of the late John and Mary (Rickerson) Green, was born August 25, 1934 in Waynesville, Missouri where he grew up and attended Anderson School.

On November 12, 1960, Walter was united in marriage to Effie Melzone Gan in Waynesville, Missouri. They shared over 52 years of marriage together and many wonderful memories.

For several years, Walter worked for Les and Jim Bales doing construction work. He later became self-employed as a carpenter and built Speedy's Service Station, Mrs. Dorothy Moore's home and laid brick for houses and commercial buildings in Richland. He also installed siding on homes throughout the county.

In his spare time, Walter enjoyed being outdoors while coon hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Coon Hunters Association. Walter especially liked to spend time with his family and treasured the memories of every family gathering and playing with the kids. Walter had a very contagious laugh and he had a desire to see everyone happy.

Walter made a profession of faith at an early age and was an active member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Waynesville until his health began to

decline.

Walter went home to be with his Lord Saturday, January 5, 2013 in the Richland Care Center having attained the age of 78 years. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew and loved him.

Walter leaves to cherish his memory his wife: Effie of the home; one son Eddie Dean Bales (Kendra) of Laquey, MO; one brother: Paul (Ethlyn) Bales of Waynesville, MO; foster son: SPC Brandon Balk of Ft. Stewart, GA; several other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Walter was preceded in death by ten siblings: William Alva Bales, Clarence H. Bales, Ella Mae (Bales) Helm, Homer Bales, Margorie Ruth (Bales) Priddy, Ephram Bales, John Junior Bales, Mildred Lee (Bales) Currell, Leo Bales and Anna Marie (Bales) Hawkins.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Russell Johnson officiating. Soloist Charlas Bales sang "Farther Along" and "Amazing Grace". Serving as escorts were Billy Bales, C.P. Bales, John Bales, Willie Bales, Jeff Beard and Dave Stevens. Serving as honorary escorts were Bill Bales, Dick Bales, Jim Bales, Bill Brashear, Wayne Helms, Roger Price and Chuck Thompson.

Burial followed in the Gospel Ridge Cemetery of St. Robert, Missouri. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Gospel Ridge Cemetery

St. Robert, MO 65584

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter Odell Bales*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - January 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Walter Odell Bales*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Wilma Gibson Woods lit a candle in memory of Walter Odell Bales*



Wilma Gibson Woods - April 06, 2017 at 11:25 AM



rest in peace cuz

Wilma Gibson Woods - April 06, 2017 at 11:26 AM

NP

“ *Nellie Pitcock lit a candle in memory of Walter Odell Bales*



Nellie Pitcock - January 08, 2013 at 12:28 PM

PC

“ *Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Walter Odell Bales*



Pamela Cox - January 08, 2013 at 09:38 AM

SC

“ *SUSAN COVERT lit a candle in memory of Walter Odell Bales*



SUSAN COVERT - January 08, 2013 at 08:02 AM

TA

“ *Toni Alkire lit a candle in memory of Walter Odell Bales*



toni alkire - January 08, 2013 at 05:17 AM

TM

“ *Tammy Morrow lit a candle in memory of Walter Odell Bales*



Tammy morrow - January 07, 2013 at 03:45 PM

TS

“ *You are in our prayers. I have many fond memories of Uncle Odell. He always had a smile and left us laughing. I'll always remember him and Dave making jokes and laughing about the tutu. May God bless and comfort you and Eddie.*



*Love,
Dave & Toni*

Toni Stevens - January 07, 2013 at 02:05 PM

SF

“ *May GOD bless you all during this difficult time,*

Love Sandra,Roland Fagan and Sarah, Matt and Chloe Black



Sandra Fagan - January 07, 2013 at 12:42 PM

NS

“*EFFIE, SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, I WILL KEEP YOU AND EDDIE AND WIFE IN MY PRAYERS, ODELL WAS ONE OF A KIND AND I THOUGHT A GREAT DEAL ABOUT HIM. GOD BE WITH YOU.*
NORMA SMITH

norma j smith - January 07, 2013 at 11:06 AM

MS

“*I know the family has many fond memories of Odell, and he will be missed, May GOD grant you all peace, strength and comfort.*

Marlin Stevens



Marlin Stevens - January 07, 2013 at 09:49 AM

BA

To the family Odell. So sorry to hear about your loss. Bill Anderson

Bill Anderson - January 08, 2013 at 04:21 PM

LG

Odel was a very good person well liked. Good friend. God bless to all.

Lloyd Green - May 05, 2013 at 08:33 PM