



## Mrs. Odessa York Odom

February 27, 1923 - January 8, 2021

Odessa York Odom of Monroe, Georgia, formerly Starkville, Mississippi, went to her Heavenly Home on January 8, 2021. She was surrounded by many family members who loved her.

She is survived by her sons: Jimmy Lee York of Tyler Texas, Larry Stennis York and wife Brenda of Louisville, Mississippi and Randall Wesley York and Jill Benedict of St. Augustine, Florida, nine grandchildren; Jay York, Jeremy York, Jonathan York, Amy York Dodd, Christina York, Stephen Edwards, Angela Coggins, Shannon Edwards, twenty great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Surviving siblings include Irvin Watkins, Irene Green and Theo Watkins.

Odessa was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Lee York (Jimbo), daughter Patsy York Edwards, granddaughter Anna York Lopez and great grandson Tate Dodd, brothers Mayon Watkins and Donald Watkins, sisters Marcelene Davis, Lois Adams and Fontaine Lee.

Odessa's joy in life was showering her family and friends with her home cooking. A few of her families favorites were Chicken and Dumplings, homemade biscuits with homemade sugar syrup, chocolate and sweet potato pies and her coveted 3 layer chocolate cake. Thanksgiving was always a special holiday for her as she would spend hours perfecting her Chicken and

Dressing serving all that entered her home.

During summer months Odessa would open her doors to all who wanted to visit. She would frequently host her nieces and grandchildren. Many memories were made while riding horses and shelling peas. Although she herself did not learn to drive until she was in her 40's she took great pride in teaching all of her grandchildren how to do so.

She was a great friend to many. Odessa held many lifelong friendships and continued to have breakfast socials on Saturday mornings after spending a couple of hours "finding good buys" at local garage sales. She continued to enjoy gospel singings and traveling when able.

Odessa valued her relationships with her siblings and would look forward to their yearly "brother and sister" gatherings where there would be plenty of weekend shenanigans. She remained committed to the "Watkins Reunion" that began in 1990.

Odessa held a strong love for the Lord all of her life. She shared that "What the world needed was a light" and like the Sunday school teacher she once was continued to coach her Grandson on how to deliver the reading of the 8 Beatitudes of the Bible.

We will celebrate the life of our Mother and Beloved Grandmother on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at Victory Baptist Church in Mathiston, MS, beginning at 12:30.

The interment will follow at Craig Springs Cemetery in Sturgis, Ms.

Friends and Family are welcomed.

Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements.

Friends can leave online condolences at [calvertfuneralhome.com](http://calvertfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Victory Baptist Church  
24223 MS-15  
Mathiston, MS 39752

## Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda York purchased the Lavender Reflections S pray for the family of Mrs. Odessa York Odom.*



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**Linda York** - January 13, 2021 at 10:32 AM

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“ *Odessa was a wonderful mother-in-law to me. She taught me many important things over the years. She is the one that taught me how to make the dressing that people still ask for today and I always gave her credit for taking the time to teach me. But the most important things that she taught me are more personal and more important than dressing. A special jewel of a person. I love her very much and cherish the memories of our last visit in the wonderful home she was in where we spent the afternoon talking about the goodness of God, reading the Bible and singing some of her favorite old songs. We always, through the years would tease and laugh a lot. Precious Memories. The thoughts that we know that she is in Heaven now, we can all take comfort in. Our loss truly is Heaven's gain. Linda*

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**Linda York** - January 12, 2021 at 05:11 PM

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“ *Theo & Betty, Shane, Samantha, Dustin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Odessa York Odom.*



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**Theo & Betty, Shane, Samantha, Dustin** - January 12, 2021 at 02:57 PM

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“ To the York family. Your mother was a dear precious saint. I was a child, young lady that she instilled the importance of life, faith and relationship with God. She was my Sunday school teacher, friend and mentor. What a blessed life. I know u all will miss her but I know she and all her precious family along with Jesus is having a 🙌🙌 time. My prayers and love are with u all as you celebrate but adjust to family times without her sweet presence. 🙏🙏🙏💕

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**Peggy Ray Rose** - January 11, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Odessa York Odom.



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January 11, 2021 at 11:14 AM