



Craig J. Odeen

February 4, 1943 - July 2, 2014

Guilderland-Craig Joseph Odeen, 71, died Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at St. Peter's Hospital after a determined battle with cancer. Born in Vermillion, SD, he was the son of the late Philip and Margaret Veronica O'Connor Odeen. He was a US Army Vietnam War veteran. Craig was the Assistant Director of Finance and retired from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

A graduate of Canton High School, Canton, SD. He then graduated with a BS in Political Science and a MS in Public Administration from the University of South Dakota. Member of Beta Theta Pi, and ROTC.

Craig started his career as an intern at the NYS Department of Civil Service, moving to the Office of Children and Family Services. He dutifully served NYS for over 40 years.

Actively involved for over 40 years at the Church of Christ the King serving as a Eucharist minister, choir member, and the pastoral council. Craig was also very involved in the Knights of Columbus, serving as Grand Knight.

Craig's passions were his wife, children, politics, theater/entertainment and especially friends and family. Commitments were very important to Craig, especially those to family and friends. Craig found a calling later in life as an

associate with Williams-Sonoma.

Craig is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Linda Walsh Odeen; son, Andrew (Breeze) Odeen; son, Stephen Odeen; and his two grandchildren Kemper and Adelia Odeen. He is also survived by his brother, Philip (Marjorie) Odeen, and sister-in-law Lizabeth (Ronald) Regon, in addition to several nieces, nephews and other family members.

Funeral services on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 10:30 am at the Church of Christ the King, Westmere where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will be at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Monday, July 7, 2014 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Church of Christ the King, Westmere. The parish family will gather at 4:30 pm for a service of prayer and remembrance. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Christ the King Church, or a charitable organization of your choice.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery

Western Ave
Guilderland, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Christ The King Church
20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Service

JUL 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

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20 Sumter Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall



“ *Craig J. Odeen*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - December 12, 2015 at 03:00 PM



“ *Linda , Craig and I were in the military together, including a tour in Viet Nam. He was truly the guy that got me through the turmoil that we shared..I have been trying to contact him for years, and was stunned to learn of his passing when I went on line to find him today . Please accept my condolences in his passing, He was the BEST. He was my hero. Jerry Walth*

Jerry Walth - December 20, 2014 at 06:43 PM

DK

“ Linda - My deepest sympathies and apologies. As to the apologies, this note is late and wholly inadequate, but age tends to make recluses of most of us. I didn't know Craig had been ill, let alone that he died, I doubt that my addition would have added much to the multitude of good wishes you received, but I regret that it wasn't there. I engaged with you much more than I did with Craig, but I still saw him frequently back in the days when we were both out and about, and he never failed to project an image of caring, good humor, and good will. His obituary aptly captures the interests and priorities I perceived in him, for all the demands of a busy career as a civil servant, you knew his first and foremost concerns were you, Steve, and Andy. He certainly was self-effacing - to a fault. I never knew about his DIY skills, I certainly could have distracted him endlessly with tales of my ineptitude, had only I known. And he sure didn't wear his religion on his sleeve, I knew he had strong religious belief, but I had no idea of the context - of the denomination, even - until now. I'm glad to know he had that type of comfort when he passed and I sincerely hope that that comfort is available to you. Craig was a very good man - father, husband, civil servant, friend - and I cannot begin to appreciate how much you must miss him. Again, my most sincere condolences. Dave Kellogg

Dave Kellogg - July 18, 2014 at 11:20 PM

MS

“ Dear Craig's Family.

Please accept my condolences and sympathy on Craig's passing. We were in the Beta house together, and I remember Craig as a friend and true gentleman. I have a very special gift from Craig that I look at every day. As I recall, his aunt was working in Washington, DC, at the time of President Kennedy's assassination, and sent Craig a mass card from the funeral. Knowing of my support and love for the President, Craig gave me this special memorabilia, something I cherish and a special way to remember Brother Craig.

Mike Swanton

Mike Swanton - July 11, 2014 at 08:03 AM

LM

“ *Linda & Family, So sorry for your loss - Craig was a wonderful man - what a shock when I read the newspaper - -- sorry I couldn't make the service but my thoughts and prayers were with you then and now. Linda it was so good to run into the two of you last year. My deepest sympathy to all. Louise Mabin*

Louise Mabin - July 09, 2014 at 12:33 PM

CA

“ *Steve,*
I'm so very sorry to learn of the loss of your Father. Know I'm thinking of you, and wish your family peace, comfort and strength through this difficult time.

*Hugs,
Cass P.*

Cassandra - July 08, 2014 at 04:31 PM

DM

“ Dear Linda and Family,

It was such a joy to work with Craig at Williams-Sonoma. He was always smiling and happy! I can hear his laugh still! I have fond memories of hearing about his children's visits and you and him going out to the southwest to visit your son. One of the best memories of my time at Williams-Sonoma was the get-together we had at your house. Craig embodied the spirit of hospitality! I always think of him whenever I see Dulce de Leche sauce...I remember he always liked that on his ice cream! I'll have to have a bowl of ice cream with dulce de leche in honor of Craig! The old Williams-Sonoma 813 family sure is missing a big part of themselves without Craig in person but we have his gentle spirit always with us in our hearts and thoughts! God Bless you and your family!

*Sincerely,
Danielle Miller*

Danielle Miller - July 06, 2014 at 07:19 PM

PL

“ To the Odeen Family

I worked with Craig for many yeats at DFY/OCFS. I would sit and talk to him manthly when I had to see him for the Independent Living Program. Love his laugh, that is what I remember most. What a nice man! My thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family.RIP Craig

Pattie Lind - July 06, 2014 at 12:29 PM

ES

“ *Linda and the Odeen Family:*

My sincere condolences on the loss of your most beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Your feelings of sadness must be overwhelming.

Fondly recall when we worked at the N.Y.S. Dep't of Social Services during the 1970's.

May your period of bereavement and grief be, mercifully, short.

God bless you all.

Edward J. Bradley, Sr., Albany, N.Y.

Edward J. Bradley, Sr. - July 06, 2014 at 01:19 AM

HI

“ *Linda: Soooooo sorry -please accept my sincere condolences to you and your boys. You know what an absolutely nice, caring person I saw in Craig!*

Hildy

Hildy - July 04, 2014 at 10:32 AM



Gail Sundling

*Dear Linda, Steve, Andy,
The Sundling family are heart broken of Craig's passing. He was a great father, husband and friend. A hole is left in our neighborhood and our family. Our prayers are with you all.*

Love Tom and Gail Sundling

Gail Sundling - July 05, 2014 at 09:05 PM