



## Odell Pedro Young

January 25, 1945 - March 2, 2018

Deacon Odell Pedro Young, peacefully on March 2, 2018 at his home in Alexandria, VA. Odell, a native Alexandrian, was the last child of the late Emma Jones Young and Arthur P. Young.

Odell was a graduate and 1962 senior class president of the historic Parker-Gray High School and received his Bachelors degree in 1975 from George Mason University. A dedicated professional, Odell retired as a contractor in the Import/Export Control at NASA- Goddard Space Flight Center.

Odell was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. His smile transcended time and His faith in God was unshakable.

He was ordained a Deacon at Zion Baptist Church at the age of 19. We will always remember how he drove seniors to vote, visited with the sick, how he raised powerful prayers, and provided sound counsel to those in need. He believed in the power of God to restore the soul!

Deacon Odell Young was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Roosevelt and Arthur and nephews Danny Carter, Roy Watkins, And Anthony Young.

Deacon Odell Young leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife Sharon;

his children, Dwayne and Kimberly; his granddaughter Octavia; two sisters, Emma Watkins and Jean Carter; two sister-in-laws, Forestyne Ogden and Linda Casey. Odell viewed all of his nieces and nephews as his own and his memory will be cherished by Delores Watkins, Dennis Watkins, Odell Watkins, Howard Watkins, Thomas Watkins, Alonzo Young, Pamela Young, Inga Hays, Sonja, Bronda Reed, Carla, Carl Jr., and Devaunte Ogden and a host of great-nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Comfort Cemetery

6600 So. Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church  
606 A South Washington St.  
Alexandria, VA 22314

## Interment

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Comfort Cemetery  
6600 So. Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA 22306

# Tribute Wall

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“*To the Family of Odell P. Young,  
Our hearts go out to you as you suffer the terrible grief over the loss  
of your husband and father. Surely there is no greater pain in the  
universe.*

*We can remind you of the core of our faith; that God is like Jesus,  
sharing our pain, accepting our perplexity and our anger, holding us  
close in our grief. Suffering and death strike everywhere, at any  
time. God is with us and within us, with a love that will not let us go.*

*We know that Odell will be missed and his memory will be forever  
cherished. We pray your spirits will be lifted by the hope of eternity  
through Jesus Christ for your loved one knowing that during his  
lifetime he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior “Weeping  
may endure for a season but young comes in the knowledge of  
God’s love.”*

*Although it sometimes seems to us, our prayers have not been  
heard,  
God always knows our every need, without a single word.  
And He will not forsake us, even though the way seems steep,  
For always He is near to us, a tender watch to keep.  
And in good time, He’ll answer us, and in His love He’ll send  
Greater things than we have asked and blessings without end.  
So though we do not understand why trouble comes to man,  
Can we not be contented just to know that it’s God’s plan? ---H.S.R.*

*Respectably Submitted by your sisters,  
Forestyne Ogden & family and Linda Case & family*

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**Forestyne Ogden & Linda Casey** - March 13, 2018 at 12:43 PM

JJ

“ James and Kathleen Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Odell Pedro Young.



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**James and Kathleen Johnson** - March 12, 2018 at 11:54 AM

SG

“ Odell, such a kind spirit when he enters a room. I feel truly Blessed to have meet Mr. Odell and his family. My heart goes out to you Mrs.Sharon job well done. His work is with the Lord now, what a special day, celebrating the life in such a special way. Love Always to my favorite neighbors. 🍀🙏🙏

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**Sharon Green** - March 12, 2018 at 07:36 AM

ZH

“ I will always remember Deacon Young at Zion Baptist .....he was a man of integrity, wisdom and honor.....he encouraged all of us children at Zion to do and be our very best in anything we did....thank you Deacon Young for your memories of Godly love you showed all the youth of Zion.

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**Zannetta Harper** - March 11, 2018 at 09:34 PM

LH

“ We send our prayers of comfort to our Alexandria family from the James Corbin family in Steelton and Harrisburg, Pa. Blessings

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**Leatha Penny Corbin Hairston** - March 09, 2018 at 12:39 PM

AL

*I always felt like a member of the family. Having known the Young family for over 35 years. I pray and I know that all your beautiful memories will help to sustain you at this difficult time presently and in the days ahead.*

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**Archie H. Borgus III** - March 10, 2018 at 07:30 PM

ET

*Odel was the greatest. I miss this dear friend.*

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**Evan Taylor** - September 29, 2025 at 03:23 AM