



## Michael Fitzgerald "Mike" O'Dell

August 9, 1965 - January 29, 2024

Michael Fitzgerald O'Dell, 58, was born August 9, 1965, in Muskogee, OK to Floyd and Margie (Byrd) O'Dell and passed away Monday, January 29, 2024, in Muskogee. Mike attended school in Fort Gibson where he graduated with the Class of 1983. Mike furthered his education in college, but becoming a firefighter for the City of Muskogee was his ultimate career. Starting as a Private, he was quickly promoted to Driver. His determination to become the best public servant and firefighter took him to Captain, on to Training Officer, and ending his career as Fire Chief. He retired in 2019 after 30 years of service. Never one to sit still, Mike took a position with the City of Muskogee as the Code Enforcement Officer, a job he really enjoyed. Mike was an avid golfer and enjoyed his time with friends. His life changed when his grandbaby, Harper, was born. Mike's love was unconditional for both his family and his firefighter family, and that love knew no bounds. His legacy of devotion, loyalty, and passion to help others will never be forgotten and will live on through his family and brothers and sisters of the Muskogee Fire Department. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd O'Dell and Margie O'Dell Arnett; stepfather, Jim Arnett; brother, Floyd O'Dell II; stepbrother, Jimmy Arnett; uncles, Harold and Billy O'Dell, Don Byrd, and Paul Harper; aunts, Louise Venus, Marlene Bryan and Walter, Kathy Fulmer; niece, Heather O'Dell; Mamaw and Papaw O'Dell; and Grandma Harper.

He is survived by his son, Josh O'Dell and Chelsea Skora and granddaughter, Harper O'Dell and Jaxson Thayer; Carol O'Dell, his forever best friend and former wife; sisters, Sandra Imel and husband Arlyn, Kristie Edwards and husband Eddie; brother, Mitchell O'Dell; step-sisters, Marcy Colley and husband Mark, Lori Miller, Michelle White, and Cindy Farr; nephews, Brandon O'Dell, Aidan and Parker Noblitt, Parker Edwards; niece, Ashton White and husband Levi and great-nephew, Statler; sister-in-law, Cydney Crossland O'Dell; uncles, Cloyd and Betty O'Dell, Charles and Linda Harper, Victor Harper; aunt, Ruth O'Dell; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

A visitation is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2024, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home in Muskogee with the family receiving friends, 5PM-7PM.

Mike's service will be live streamed at <https://livestream.com/fbcmuskogee/events/852063>

Mike's celebration of life will be 11AM Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the First Baptist Church in Muskogee with Pastor Kelly Payne officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow in the Greenhill Cemetery in Muskogee, OK with Arlyn Imel, Eddie Edwards, Brandon O'Dell, Levi White, Jake Cox and Gordon Lee serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers are Scott Crow, Reggie Grant and all Muskogee Firemen, current and retired.

The family of Michael Fitzgerald O'Dell has entrusted his care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory, Muskogee, OK. 918-910-8883. Online condolences may be left for Mike's family at [clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com](http://clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N York  
Muskogee, OK 74434

# Previous Events

## Visitation with Family to Greet Friends

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home and Crematory (Muskogee)  
1020 West Okmulgee Ave  
Muskogee, OK 74401  
(918) 910-8883

## Celebration of Life

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
111 South 7th Street  
Muskogee, OK 74401

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ *J Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of Michael O'Dell*



**J C Ledbetter** - February 15, 2024 at 02:48 PM

DB

“ *Della Booth lit a candle in memory of Michael O'Dell*



**Della Bentley Booth** - February 10, 2024 at 11:59 AM

TG

“ *TONYA GANN lit a candle in memory of Michael O'Dell*



**TONYA GANN** - February 04, 2024 at 02:23 PM

FM

“ *<https://livestream.com/fbcmuskogee/events/8520639>*

**FBC Muskogee** - February 03, 2024 at 11:29 AM

GS

“ *Sending my love to you all.best of memories to this wonderful man.*

**Glenda Smoot** - February 02, 2024 at 08:44 AM

JH

“ *James Harris lit a candle in memory of Michael O'Dell*



**James Harris** - January 31, 2024 at 10:36 PM

CJ

“ Charlie & Deanne Randolph/Austin Jackson purchased the Fire Lily and Rose for the family of Michael Fitzgerald "Mike" O'Dell.



Charlie & Deanne Randolph/Austin Jackson - January 31, 2024 at 08:40 PM

JH

“ Julie Regmund and Janice Howe purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Fitzgerald "Mike" O'Dell.



Julie Regmund and Janice Howe - January 31, 2024 at 08:02 PM

EB

“ Eunice Brown lit a candle in memory of Michael O'Dell



Eunice Brown - January 31, 2024 at 06:57 PM

BH

“ Mike will truly be missed by all that knew him. I had the pleasure of going to school with him and working with him at the Muskogee Fire Department. What a great friend.

Berry Harris - January 31, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Mike's pics



Clifford Garrett - January 30, 2024 at 08:43 PM