



## Michael O'Dell Dowell

May 12, 1952 - October 25, 2020

Michael Odell Dowell, 68, of 150 Lamberth Drive, Danville, died on Sunday October 25, 2020 at Sovah Health after being in declining health for the past two weeks.

Mr. Dowell was born in Danville, VA on May 12, 1952, a son of the late Cecil Odell Dowell and Arilda “Granny Sally” Celestine Jones Dowell. Mr. Dowell proudly served in the United States Army for over 20 years, and retired at rank of First Sergeant. He went on to work as a guidance counselor at Southside Elementary School where he shaped thousands of young minds. He ended his career as a mental health counselor at Piedmont Mental Health Services. He was of the Baptist faith and was involved with the Wounded Warrior Project. Mr. Dowell was an avid collector of muscle cars and enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Lynn Niblett Dowell of the residence; children, Randy Michael Dowell (Jasmine) of Anderson, SC, Bianca Celestine Dowell (Andrew) of Danville, VA, Chancellor Christopher Dowell of Danville, VA, Brandi Dowell Barton of Milton, FL, Pamela Gay Dowell of Danville, VA and Joseph Coleman Merricks (Lou Ellen) of Blairs, VA; sister, Gail McGhee (Donnie) of Danville, VA; grandchildren, Christopher Michael Odell Moore, Justin Andrew Moore, Adam Joseph Barton, and Randy Michael Dowell, Jr.; five great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was predeceased by a son, Michael Odell Dowell, Jr.; and siblings, Johnny Ray Dowell, Kathy Marie Smith, and Jimmy Dale Dowell.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel with the Reverend Carl Burger and Mr. Wade Williams officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the United States Army and the American Legion Dan River Post 1097.

The family will receive friends prior to the service from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Dowell family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Mike will was a joy to work with. We were co-workers through Mental Helath and the Court Service Unit. Our work partnership endured for more than 20 years. Rest my sweet brother, you fought a great fight for those that were less fortunate. Condolences to your family

Bonnie Draper - October 29, 2020 at 06:34 PM



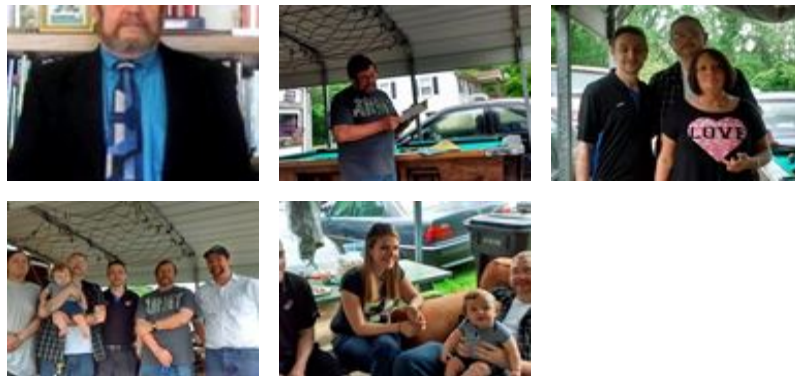
“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael O'Dell Dowell.



October 29, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes - October 28, 2020 at 03:08 PM

JM

“ Praying for you all.



James and Christy Marlow - October 28, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael O'Dell Dowell.



October 28, 2020 at 10:53 AM

DS

“ David Smythers lit a candle in memory of Michael O'Dell Dowell



David Smythers - October 28, 2020 at 10:31 AM

DS

*I am sorry you died Mike, and I am praying for your Family. " They that wait upon the Lord shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall walk and not be weary. They shall run and not faint." A cousin, Gloria*

David Smythers - October 28, 2020 at 10:38 AM

CS

“ Like a father to me.was ALWAYS there when i needed him.hands down the BEST FRIEND ANYONE COULD EVER WANT OR HAVE IN THERE LIFE. I WILL AIRWAYS CHERISH THE TIMES WE HAD SHARED.LOVE AND MISS YOU MY FRIEND

Christopher williams sr. - October 28, 2020 at 10:12 AM

AS

“ Mr. Dowell and I worked together my first two years teaching. He was a very kind and compassionate man. He was always willing to listen to my concerns even though I was one of the youngest members on the faculty. He treated all the students and staff in our school like family and was genuinely concerned about each of us. I am so sorry to hear of his passing, and I am praying for his family.



Ashley Stanley - October 27, 2020 at 03:19 PM

EM

“ Eddie Mathews lit a candle in memory of Michael O'Dell Dowell



Eddie Mathews - October 27, 2020 at 01:23 PM

RM

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Dowell at Memorial Hospital & Henry Cointy. He was such a gentle soul and I'm sure he's going to be missed by those that knew and loved Mike. Rest In Peace sweet Prince and hopefully your reward will be tremendous.

Ricky Mitchell - October 27, 2020 at 08:26 AM

RJ

“ *mike was a good friend to me and my dad he will be sadly missed. rest easy my friend love u mike*

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**raymond owens jr** - October 27, 2020 at 02:30 AM

DN

“ *My heart is broken for a dear friend and co-worker. You have a heart of gold for everyone you meet and loved every student as if they were your own. Prayers for his family 🙏🙏*

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**Debra Nelson** - October 26, 2020 at 10:56 PM

LR

“ *Many prayers for the family. I have know Mike for over 20 years. He was a great man that worked hard and loved his family!*

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**Leah Riddle** - October 26, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ *He was my Guidance teacher in elementary school. Even now that I am a sophomore in college I remember him fondly and I'm so sad that such a good, kind soul is gone.*

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**Victoria Puryear** - October 26, 2020 at 10:08 PM

MA

“ *Best person I could ever talk to in school. I'm gonna miss you Mr. McDowell. May you rest easy 🙏*

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**Maggie** - October 26, 2020 at 09:37 PM

EC

“ So very sorry, praying for all the Family. Mike was a Good man and friend. Will be missed by all who knew him!



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**Edna Combs** - October 26, 2020 at 08:37 PM

DO

“ Prayers to the family



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**Donna** - October 26, 2020 at 06:36 PM

DS

“ Deborah S lit a candle in memory of Michael O'Dell Dowell



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**Deborah S** - October 26, 2020 at 04:23 PM