



Arbutus O'Dell

March 2, 1949 - June 17, 2017

Arbutus O'Dell, 68, of Hurricane, formerly of Craigsville, departed this Earth on June 17, 2017.

She retired from the WV Department of Highways, her final job, after twenty years of service in 2014.

Arbutus was a member of St. John United Methodist Church, Scott Depot.

She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, mother-in-law and friend. She was a 20-year survivor of brain cancer. However, that is just an example of the woman who always beat the odds. She raised two children who adored her and although she did not have the opportunity to graduate from high school, she later obtained her GED and made sure her two children not only graduated from high school, but also graduated from college and then law school.

She worked for years, sometimes on Christmas and Thanksgiving, to make sure the generations after her had it better. She was simply the most giving and sweet person imaginable. Arbutus was a true expression of God's love. She loved others more than herself and her life was one of sacrifice. She adored her grandchildren and took every opportunity to spend time with them. She smiled often and put people at ease. Arbutus loved to travel, going to the

beach, taking long walks and reading, but her greatest love was spending time with her family. Arbutus was simply the best and now she can rest after a race well run. We love and will miss you . . . but you know that.

Arbutus was survived by her loving husband, Larry R. O'Dell of Hurricane; children, Tony L. O'Dell (Jaye) of Hurricane, and Tammy R. Harvey (Shane) of Hurricane; mother, Nora Nickens (Bill) of Swartz Creek MI; sisters, Linda Miller (Tiny) of Flint, MI, and Mary Stanley of Flint, MI; brothers, Lee Stanley of Belle and Dale Stanley of Flint, MI; grandchildren, Courtney Deeds (Donald) of Roanoke, Jonathan O'Dell of Hurricane Andrew O'Dell of Hurricane and Michael Harvey of Hurricane; and a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 7:00pm on Friday, June 23, 2017 at St. John United Methodist Church, 4536 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV with the Rev. Dr. Martin Hallett officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 pm Friday at the Church

You may share sympathies with the family on Arbutus tribute page at ChapmanFuneralHomes.com

Chapman Funeral Home, family owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the O'Dell family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. John United Methodist Church
4536 Teays Valley Road
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Arbutus O'Dell*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *So sorry Tony and family for your loss. Prayers*

Anna - June 27, 2017 at 10:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Arbutus O'Dell.*



June 22, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Arbutus O'Dell.*



June 22, 2017 at 10:25 AM

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“ Tammy, Shane, and Michael,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Mrs. O'Dell sounded like the most AMAZING mother, grandmother, and friend. We will definitely keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

All our love,

James, Tanya, Luke, and Wade Hunter

Tanya Hunter - June 22, 2017 at 07:21 AM

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“ What a beautiful picture and exactly how I remember her. I worked with her at DOH. She was so kind and precious to me. I will never forget her. It was not the warmest office (people) but we always made each other laugh. God bless her in Heaven and lifting the family in prayers. I wish I could make it to the service. I will be thinking of you all.



PATTY - June 22, 2017 at 07:18 AM