



## Rudy E. O'Dell

June 5, 2013

Retired Master Sgt. Rudy Eugene O'Dell, 76 of Hurricane, WV, passed away on Wednesday June 5, 2013 at Broadmore Assisted Living, Hurricane.

Rudy was born to the late Bernard and Pauline Martin O'Dell in Shinnston, WV.

He served his country in the US NAVY, and was retired from the WV State Police as a Master Sgt. Rudy was stationed in Winfield and Point Pleasant detachments, where he was the first WV State Trooper to respond to the Silver Bridge collapse. He was instrumental in the identifying of each victim. He was a member at St. John's Masonic Lodge #24 A.F. & A. M., Shinnston, WV.

Rudy was an avid card player, who also enjoyed golf, hunting, fishing and riding his ATV at his son's farm.

Surviving Rudy are his son and daughter-in-law, Rudy Eugene O'Dell, II and Cynthia Evans O'Dell, grandson, Conner Evans, and his cousins, Joyce Pelley-Jenkins, Roger Martin, George Martin, Frank Martin and Thelma Martin.

Funeral service for Rudy will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Pastor Cheryl L. Carey officiating.

Friends may visit an hour prior to the service at the funeral home 10:00 a.m..

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane  
3941 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Rudy E. O'Dell

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ Rudy was a great man and will be missed by many. I looked forward to talking to him every year at the Annual State Police Golf Tournament. I will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers.  
Major Mark DeBord, WVSP Retired

Mark DeBord - June 17, 2013 at 10:39 AM



“ Rudy and I have had many laughs together. He taught me how to lose graciously playing poker! I had the great pleasure stopping and seeing him just in the last month.  
I hugged him and told him I loved him and he returned the same.  
Great guy!  
Randy Marion

Randy Marion - June 10, 2013 at 06:22 PM



“ Rudy was one of the finest mentors I ever worked with. Always missed and never forgotten.....God Bless and comfort his family.  
Mike Hatten

Mike Hatten - June 10, 2013 at 07:23 AM



“ God Bless You, Rudy. You were truly one of West Virginia's Finest.

Kathy Harris - June 08, 2013 at 11:30 AM

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“ My family has very happy memories of Rudy! Always quick with a smile. He was a hoot to play golf with. Mom said he would come into the store in he uniform all formal and scare her. He like to mess with her. God bless him and his family.  
He epitomized what a state trooper should be!  
Bill Rardin and the Rardin family

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**bill rardin** - June 08, 2013 at 10:17 AM

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“ Condolences to Rudy's family. Rudy was a good man and one of West Virginia's Finest that ever wore the Green of a WV State Trooper. He will be greatly missed by his family & friends.  
"R.I.P. RUDY

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**John Hilliard, Ret. WVSP** - June 08, 2013 at 08:46 AM



“ "Great picture of Rudy. As a girl, I sat across the kitchen table from him more times than I could even begin to count. He may stop for breakfast or just a cup of coffee; by himself or with a fellow officer; morning, noon or night. He knew Jo Ann would always have a pot of coffee on. In later years, we never knew when he might stop in for Sunday dinner or even Thanksgiving. He knew there was always a place for him. Rudy was a gem and a great friend to my whole family. Rest In Peace, Rudy. Love you!" Julie Sommer Bibbee

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**Julie Bibbee** - June 07, 2013 at 07:35 PM

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“ Rudy was a good man. Always upbeat and friendly, just an all around good trooper and an asset to our community. I was sorry to learn of his passing. His family is in our thoughts and prayers. Frank Addington

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**frank addington** - June 07, 2013 at 07:03 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy on your loss. Working with Rudy is a cherished memory. Ed Campbell*

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**ed campbell** - June 07, 2013 at 06:09 PM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rudy E. O'Dell.*



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June 07, 2013 at 12:03 PM

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“ *I am a retired WV State Policeman that, at times, worked with Rudy. Along with others, we were on the Silver Bridge detail together. I have always respected Rudy, as an individual and a fellow state policeman. My condolences to his family.*

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**John P Fulks Sr** - June 07, 2013 at 08:20 AM