



Garland Vanderbilt Odom

May 30, 1945 - April 18, 2026

Garland Vanderbilt Odom, age 80, of Pinson, Alabama, passed away on April 18, 2026.

He was born on May 30, 1945 in South Carolina. He lived in Orangeburg, South Carolina before moving with his family to Miami, Florida at an early age. He graduated from Miami Edison High School. He was preceded in death by his father Murray David Odom, mother Emily Carolyn Odom, brother Thomas Odom, and sister Susan Jaques.

Garland is survived by his loving wife, Wanda Odom; his children, Richard Odom Sr. (Luanne), Deanna Krack (Norman), and Allison Rice (Daniel); his cherished grandchildren, Hannah Blackwood, Katheryn Trueblood (Preston), Richard Odom Jr., Andrew Krack, Lula Belle Rice, and Wyman Rice; and his sister, Linda Cope.

Garland proudly served his country in the United States Army as Specialist 4 during the Vietnam War receiving the Vietnam Service Medal. His duty as a lineman transitioned into working for Bell South where he retired after 35+ years.

He was a 33rd Degree Master Mason of the Bush Lodge No. 777 of F. & A.M. of Alabama for 42 years reflecting the Grand Principles of Brotherly Love, Charity, and Truth while demonstrating his deep commitment to God, service, and his community.

Garland will be remembered for his humor, smile, devotion to his family and the love he shared with those around him. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, strength, and service that will be treasured by all who knew him.

Funeral service will be held Friday, April 24, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM for friends just prior to the service. A graveside service will follow immediately at Bethel United Methodist Cemetery.

Garland Vanderbilt Odom will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Bethel United Methodist Cemetery

9417 Thermal Road
Warrior, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home
2214 Decatur Highway
Gardendale, AL 35071
(205) 631-8810
gardendalefuneralhome2@gmail.com

Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Garland Vanderbilt Odom.

April 23 at 04:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Garland Vanderbilt Odom.



April 23 at 12:14 PM



“ Garland and Frank enjoyed lodge and shooting sports together. The four of us always enjoyed our dinners together at Jack's on Sunday nights. Such a great friend. Will be greatly missed. Nancy and Frank

Nancy Callahan - April 22 at 12:05 PM



“ Clint and Libby purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Garland Vanderbilt Odom.



Clint and Libby - April 22 at 10:46 AM



“ 98 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - April 22 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Garland Vanderbilt Odom*.



April 21 at 05:09 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Garland Vanderbilt Odom*.



April 21 at 12:53 PM

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“ Your National Life Underwriting Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Garland Vanderbilt Odom.

Your National Life Underwriting Family - April 21 at 10:50 AM

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“ Your National Life Underwriting Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Garland Vanderbilt Odom.



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