



## Odessa Mae Livingston

May 12, 1939 - February 21, 2017

Fayetteville, NC

Odessa Mae Bailey Livingston, age 77, a longtime resident of Fayetteville, N.C., passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

Odessa was born in Gainesville, TX and at a young age moved to Pecos, Texas, where she graduated high school at the age of 16. Odessa married the love of her life, William Edward (Billy) Livingston, in 1963 at El Paso, TX. Once becoming an Army wife she moved with him and their daughter, Jackie, as Billy traveled the world on various military assignments. After Bill's retirement from active duty, he followed Odessa on multiple assignments to further her career as a Department of Army Human Resource Officer. Mrs Livingston retired in 1996, at Ft. Monmouth, NJ after serving 32 years as a dedicated civil servant. Odessa was an excellent seamstress, cook, and loved music. She was a kind and caring woman, wife, and mother who helped others whenever she could. She could be firm in demeanor but dole out sage advice and a hearty laugh all at the same time. As such, Odessa was beloved by many of whom lives she touched. She was a proud "preacher's kid" who loved her father with all her heart; one who respected his wishes until the day he died. Odessa had only one child, a daughter, Jackie. The two of them shared a special relationship and more importantly a loving friendship, living close by one another w/ almost daily visits until the very end.

Odessa was predeceased by her parents, Reverend Lon Bailey and Estella Kemp Bailey, siblings: Harvel Bailey, Everett Davis, Jeweline Presley Mays, and Milford Bailey.

Odessa is survived by her husband, William Edward (Billy) Livingston (US Army, Retired), her daughter & son-in-law, Jacquelyn & Darryl Thomas of Fayetteville, NC, her brother, Leonard Bailey of El Paso, TX, and sister, Marilyn Bailey of Austin, TX, and dozens of nieces and nephews throughout the U.S..

Friends may call from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap, VA.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 1 p.m. in the Holding Funeral Home Chapel with Apostle Yanthophalees Jackson officiating.

Burial will follow in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens Big Stone Gap, VA.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit [www.holdingfuneralhome.com](http://www.holdingfuneralhome.com).

Holding Funeral Home is serving the Livingston family.

# Cemetery Details

## Powell Valley Memorial Gardens

5650 Powell Valley Road  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
(276) 679-0030

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holding Funeral Home, Inc.  
17 E. 3rd St., N.  
P. O. Drawer H  
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219  
1-276-523-1470  
holdingfuneralhome@comcast.net  
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## Service

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

MAR 1 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Odessa Mae Livingston*

October 07, 2023 at 10:50 AM



“ *I didn't know and never got a chance to tell Odessa how much I looked to her. Today I am standing firm in a position she once held because of what we taught me. Thank-you Odessa, your hard work did payoff. R.I.P.*

*Adrian Banks-Jones*

**Adrian** - December 02, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ *To the Livingston family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I never met Odessa but my brother Denver Livingston and his wife Lenora had wonderful things to say about her. I am sending my condolence to the family and may God bless you and keep you strong in this time of need.*

*Bertha McNeil*

**Bertha McNeil** - March 11, 2017 at 07:42 PM



JL

“ Odessa was truly a very nice lady with a kind considerate heart. I will always remember the empathy and consideration she showed when Moma and Daddy died. Being married to Billy for so many years it was like having an additional sister. Thanks Odessa for everything. Bro-in-law, Jerry.

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**Jerry Livingston** - March 03, 2017 at 09:07 AM

AK

“ Miss Odessa was a great inspiration in my life. I loved hearing the stories about her life and just being in her company. She will be dearly missed.

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**Ashlee Kilpatrick** - March 01, 2017 at 01:08 AM

KF

“ Kilpatrick family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Odessa Mae Livingston.



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**Kilpatrick family** - February 28, 2017 at 01:57 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Odessa Mae Livingston.



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February 28, 2017 at 11:48 AM

JS

“ John & Theresa Saxton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Odessa Mae Livingston.



John & Theresa Saxton - February 28, 2017 at 09:08 AM

JG

“ Jane Graves purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Odessa Mae Livingston.



Jane Graves - February 27, 2017 at 07:23 PM

FT

“ Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Elp Tx purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Odessa Mae Livingston.



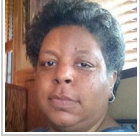
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Elp Tx - February 27, 2017 at 12:38 PM

JH

“ Jody, Jenniffer & Shaun Hall purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Odessa Mae Livingston.



Jody, Jenniffer & Shaun Hall - February 26, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ *Denise Gardner lit a candle in memory of Odessa Mae Livingston*



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**Denise Gardner** - February 25, 2017 at 09:46 AM

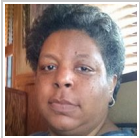


“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Odessa Mae Livingston.*



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February 25, 2017 at 09:39 AM



“ *I am going to miss Aunt Dee. She was a great woman who earnestly loved everyone. Her smile and laugh could brighten your darkest moment. She will be truly missed.*

*-Nene*

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**Denise Gardner** - February 25, 2017 at 08:27 AM