



## Mr. Otis Gene Grady

June 22, 1962 - October 30, 2025

Otis Gene Grady, son of the late V. H. Grady and Pearl L. (Cooper) Grady, was born on June 22, 1962, in Arkansas and peacefully departed this life on October 30, 2025, at Baptist Health Medical Center – North Little Rock. He was 63 years old.

Otis accepted Christ at an early age at Rising Sun Missionary Baptist Church in Forrest City, Arkansas, where he learned the importance of faith, family, and compassion. Educated in the Forrest City School District, he grew up surrounded by love, laughter, and the strong values his parents instilled in all their children.

In his younger years, Otis moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he lived for nearly thirty years and worked in the culinary industry, developing his gift for cooking and connecting with people through food. About six years ago, he returned home to Forrest City to be closer to family and continued his passion for cooking. Over the years, he worked at KFC, Waffle House, Ole Sawmill, and finally C. R. Smalls, where he remained employed until his health began to fail.

Otis was also a gifted artist. Long before the digital age, he could be found creating hand-drawn signs, murals, and billboards for local businesses and community events. His artistic eye and steady hand left a creative imprint throughout Forrest City, and his work reflected his patience, pride, and imagination.

Affectionately known as “Nervous,” a nickname lovingly given by his sister Shirley, he was also known for calling himself “Southern Bill.” Those who knew him best would say that name fit him perfectly—he was a Southern gentleman with charm, humor, and plenty of personality. A true jokester, Otis loved to laugh, have fun, and make everyone around him feel comfortable. Outgoing and lighthearted, he was the life of any room wherever he went.

He deeply loved his children, cherished his family, and enjoyed good company. And in the words of those who knew him best—he loved the women, too—always respectful, playful,

and full of that signature Nervous charm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, V. H. and Pearl Grady; one sister, Lula Ware; two brothers, John Grady and George Grady; one son, Antonio Rogers, who now welcome him home.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving children: Taneka Millbrooks of Ruston, Louisiana, Otis (Jessica) Grady Jr. of Jacksonville, Arkansas, Angel Grady (Juan) Oliver and Jessica Reed of Forrest City, Arkansas, Oniah Beckham of Cleveland, Ohio, and Cortez Graham; Erica (Keith) Phillips of Belleville, Texas; his devoted brothers Ezell Grady of Nashville, Tennessee, Kenny Grady of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Victor Grady of Atlanta, Georgia, and Harold Grady of Minnesota; and his loving sisters Lena Mae McClean of Cleveland, Ohio, Inez Patton of Cleveland, Ohio, Dora Mull of St. Louis, Missouri, Rosa Swift of Forrest City, Arkansas, Shirley Brown of Forrest City, Arkansas, and Veonia Franklin of Forrest City, Arkansas.

He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever remember his laughter, kindness, and zest for life.

A loyal Cleveland Cavaliers fan, Otis loved basketball, music, good food, and time spent surrounded by loved ones. His laughter, creativity, and generous heart will forever be remembered by those who were blessed to know him.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation  
1900 South Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335  
(870) 633-1914  
mjkimble@yahoo.com  
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

## Repast

NOV 8. 5:30 PM (CT)

Forrest City Civic Center  
1335 North Washington Street  
Forrest City, AR 72335

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ *Shurelle Parchman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



**Shurelle parchman** - November 15, 2025 at 01:59 AM



“ *Eddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



**Eddie Hodges** - November 12, 2025 at 06:49 PM

GS

“ *Rest in peace classmate from 1980 FCHS...  
From Jacksonville Florida...*



**Gary Smith Sr** - November 07, 2025 at 09:26 PM

IM

“ *Irene Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



**Irene moore** - November 07, 2025 at 11:56 AM

BC

*Barbara Green-Chavis*

**Barbara Chavis** - November 07, 2025 at 05:05 PM

KS

“ I'm sending my deepest condolences to the Grady family, he was A awesome person to meet, may God Bless you all and keep your spirits strong.



Kaitlyn Slater - November 07, 2025 at 07:56 AM

DB

“ Darrell and Gloria Black purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mr. Otis Gene Grady.



Darrell and Gloria Black - November 06, 2025 at 09:08 PM

DB

“ Darrell and Gloria Black planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Otis Gene Grady.

Darrell and Gloria Black - November 06, 2025 at 09:08 PM

DS

“ DIANNE SHINE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady



DIANNE SHINE - November 06, 2025 at 08:32 PM

MG

“ Marva Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady



Marva Garrett - November 06, 2025 at 10:13 AM

RW

“ Rene' Jenkins Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady



Rene' Jenkins Ward - November 06, 2025 at 10:08 AM

JW

“ Jackie White sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady



Jackie White - November 05, 2025 at 07:31 PM

LM

“ This man meant a lot to me💙 He was my kids dad Cortez's step "dad" ..which made him my kids step grandad💙 I remember he specifically stood out in such a positive way when my son Corbin was born he brought their grandmother Rose Graham to our house the night we brought Corbin home from the hospital and we had a good time celebrating the birth of Corbin That meant so much to me.I wish I could find a picture of that night I'll never forget him and so many more memories 🥺 Angel Grady Ottis Grady and Angel you always called my kids your nieces and nephews and called me sis and I love you so much girl this breaks my heart I will be praying for the family ❤️

Leigh Moore - November 05, 2025 at 04:00 PM

LM

Cortez Graham children...Anitra Graham(20), Celeste Graham(12), Corbin Graham(8), and Camille Graham(6)

Leigh Moore - November 05, 2025 at 04:03 PM

MA

“ Mari lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady



Mari - November 05, 2025 at 08:56 AM

LJ

“ Lee Williams Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady



Lee Williams Jr. - November 05, 2025 at 12:36 AM

BM

“ Sending prayers and condolences to my classmates family. Classmates of 1980 Otis will be greatly missed.



Brenda Marlowe - November 04, 2025 at 10:02 PM

AS

“ My Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy to the Grady Family.



Angela Ramey Smith - November 04, 2025 at 08:03 PM

DF

“ Debra Hargraves Ford sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady



Debra Hargraves Ford - November 04, 2025 at 07:33 PM

ST

“ Shirley Williams Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady



Shirley Williams Thorn - November 04, 2025 at 05:46 PM

SR

“ *Shekita Carter Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



Shekita Carter Rogers - November 04, 2025 at 04:25 PM

MG

“ *Marva Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



Marva Garrett - November 04, 2025 at 10:17 AM

BL

*Lt a candle from the Logan family*

Billy Logan - November 04, 2025 at 06:56 PM

AB

“ *My condolences to the family. OTIS and I grew up together in the same neighborhood and attended the same church RISING SUN M.B. Church (where we would say where the sun rise and the sun sat) As we grew up and went our separate way we would run into each other occasionally and he was always the same no matter where we met. Well old friend the Sun for you has sat from Sunrise to Sunset. RIP.*



Annette Bradley - November 03, 2025 at 07:53 PM

EG

“ *My wife and I send our sincere condolences 🌸 and love to the entire Grady Family. Ottis was a friend of mine from back in the day. Playing basketball 🏀 at the Southside Park. He was always laughing and had a contagious smile. He will truly be missed. Praying for the family during this hour 🙏❤️🙏❤️*



Evangelist Michael K. Gray - November 03, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *Eddie Hodges lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



**Eddie Hodges** - November 03, 2025 at 01:41 PM

RF

“ *My friend my brother in law , gonna miss you OG , R.I.P ,and to the Family my condolences*



**Rodney Frsnklin** - November 03, 2025 at 01:19 PM

L.

“ *L.A lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



**L.A** - November 03, 2025 at 06:32 AM

LH

“ *Lovie A Hardrick sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



**Lovie A Hardrick** - November 03, 2025 at 12:23 AM

OR

“ *Wow OG could really draw I still the picture he drawn of my daughter 33 years ago he be missed*

**Oteria Ruffin** - November 02, 2025 at 07:45 AM

JS

“ *John Swift lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



John Swift - November 02, 2025 at 12:02 AM

KL

“ *Katherine Lyons sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



Katherine Lyons - November 01, 2025 at 11:30 AM

BM

“ *My condolences to the Grady family, Otis will be miss and he was nice and funny. I went to school with 2 of his siblings. Please the family in Pray.*

*Betty Maxey  
Rochester, NY*

Betty Maxey - October 31, 2025 at 02:33 PM

LJ

“ *Linda Green Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis Gene Grady*



Linda Green Johnson - October 31, 2025 at 02:19 PM