



## Vernon Rodger Odden

October 25, 1931 - September 11, 2018

Vernon Rodger Odden, age 86, of White Lake, died Tues. Sept. 11, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Fri. Sept. 14, 2018 at the Andersonville Community Church with Pastor Bruce Darling officiating. Visitation will be from 2-5 and 7-9 PM Thurs at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly. Military honors and burial will be held at 10:00 AM Tues. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Mr. Odden was born in Decorah, Iowa on Oct. 25, 1931 to Elmer and Hannah (Hove) Odden. He grew up on a farm and was proud of being an Iowa farm boy. He was a Korean War Veteran, serving in the US Army. He was retired from GM after 42 years of service, loved welding, and was a member of the Andersonville Community Church. Surviving are his wife Betty Jo; 4 children, Rodger (Kelly) Odden of Holly, Craig (Bonnie) Odden of White Lake, Tim (Vickie) Odden of Gaylord, and Jeff (Sue) Odden of Highland; 12 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and 2 brothers, Dave (Ann) Odden and Bob (Char) Odden. He was preceded in death by his daughter Sherry Lynn Odden and brothers Art and Orville Odden. Memorial donations may be made to the Andersonville Community Church. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

## Visitation

SEP 13. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

SEP 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Andersonville Community Church  
10310 Andersonville Rd.  
Davisburg, MI 48350

## Burial

SEP **18**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
Holly, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vernon Rodger Odden*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 12, 2018 at 03:35 PM

RO

*Love my Uncle Verne so much. There is so much love with and our family in fact that's pretty much all we have is a few months amount of law. It's in our genes passed down from our grandparents Elmer and Anna Odden. What a wonderful voice we are, and I love you all. God-bless you aunt Betty you're in my prayers everyday.*

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**Ronda odden** - September 16, 2018 at 06:04 PM

HS

“ *86 years of blessings!! To my family...I pray God's Presence remains near you as the days go on and that you feel the love being poured out. Uncle Vern was truly one of a kind and a blessing to all who knew him. My deepest sympathy!!*

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**Henry and Susie Shoemaker** - September 13, 2018 at 11:21 PM

LF

“ Lora Garland(Dillon) and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Vernon Rodger Odden.



Lora Garland(Dillon) and Family - September 13, 2018 at 05:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vernon Rodger Odden.



September 13, 2018 at 11:35 AM

JW

“ Justin and Jessica Haenel WSC purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Vernon Rodger Odden.



Justin and Jessica Haenel WSC - September 13, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vernon Rodger Odden.



September 12, 2018 at 02:34 PM



“ 27 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - September 12, 2018 at 02:29 PM

“ Aunt Jo, Rodger, Craig, Tim and Jeff:

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I know you are grieving Uncle Vern's passing but we all know he is in a much better place now. I bet Dad was second in line behind Christ to welcome him to Heaven.*

*A few years ago I lost a good friend of mine in a Line of Duty death. I wrote the following as a tribute to him, his dedicated service to our great nation and his ultimate sacrifice on the altar of freedom.*

*I believe this describes Uncle Vern's life as well as it did my own Father. I hope you enjoy it. We love you!*

*Eric and Lois Odden*

*There are those young men and women that choose early in life, as you did, to make a positive difference in not only their life but also those around them. You are of a bloodline in our country that is most prominent to me and others who have chosen this same profession. It is a bloodline that is shared by families of men and women that proudly wear the uniform, badges, and titles of our military and our law enforcement families.*

*A bloodline that has a legacy and depth of honor and pride that only those that have been touched by the sacrifices of serving their country, at times the ultimate sacrifice, will ever truly appreciate. It is one that runs strong through those that are willing to sacrifice all to protect and serve, whether here on our shores or abroad, so that other Americans can sleep soundly, live, celebrate, pray, and enjoy our way of life safely. "Honor, Integrity, Duty and Espirit de Corps" ... to some they are mere words but to you they are a way of life.*

*"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."*

*Rest In Peace Uncle Vern.*

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**Eric Odden** - September 12, 2018 at 01:04 PM

JO

*Eric and Lois, thank you! I would bet my dad and your dad are running around heaven with there cowboy hats on! Thank you for your awesome tribute. Jeff*

**Jeff Odden** - September 13, 2018 at 05:12 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon Rodger Odden.*



September 12, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Vernon Rodger Odden.*



September 12, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vernon Rodger Odden.*



September 11, 2018 at 06:21 PM

BO

“ *Bob&Char Odden purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Vernon Rodger Odden.*



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**Bob&Char Odden** - September 11, 2018 at 05:19 PM