



## Gary O'Dell

September 23, 1940 - October 17, 2018

Gary Wayne O'Dell Gary Wayne O'Dell, age 78, passed away unexpectedly on Wed. Oct 16, 2018 at N Kansas City, Hospital. He is survived by his sister Diana, his children Anne, Amy and Chad and his grandchildren Violet, Awais and Haaris. Gary taught in the Kansas City, KS-MO school systems for 40 years. He was a life-time educator. He loved education and learning and was a life time unrepentant dumpster diver as well as a humanist. He was born and raised in Excelsiour Springs, Mo. and kept life long connections with that community. Gary loved his friends, his neighbors, his community. He left us too soon and we will miss him like crazy. Per his wishes his body was donated to the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. His family will be holding a memorial services to honor Gary on Monday 4pm Oct 22 at 6120 NE 48th St. Kansas City, Mo. 64119, followed by a reception at his home 4728 NW Fisk Dr. Parkville, MO 64151 Fond memories and words of comfort may be shared at [www.CashattFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.CashattFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM (CT)

Northland Christian Church  
6120 NE 48th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64119

# Tribute Wall



“ Gary O'Dell

October 04, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ There are good teachers everywhere. Great ones, the ones that change how you think about teachers, the subject and the world are a gem. You were one of those men. Thanks.

Dominic Del Debbio - October 24, 2018 at 09:21 AM

JM

This is Jerry Moore . I went to school with Gary. I went into the Marine Corps right after school. So I didn't see much after that . I put 23 years in the Corps. Sorry to hear he passed.

Jerry Moore - October 29, 2018 at 08:26 PM



“ I was so sad to hear of his passing. I had the opportunity of being one of his students. What an amazing person he was. There are so many of us to have benefited from him.

Rachael McCool - October 22, 2018 at 06:07 PM

DD

“ I'm so saddened to hear of Gary O'Dell's passing- he was one of the few teachers at Oak Park who really made a difference in my life- others couldn't see past my crazy hair color or naps in class. he was different- he took the time to work with me, and I'll never forget his kindness and spunk! I may cry at every stoplight I see today- rest easy O'Dell.

DeeDee Daily - October 22, 2018 at 12:02 PM

TN

“ I am so sorry to hear the news about Mr. O'Dell. He was one of my favorite teachers at Oak Park. I had him for several years and was also his teachers assistant at one point. Whenever I came back to OP to visit I always made a point to stop in and see him. His stories were phenomenal and his zest for life and learning were awesome. He made learning fun and that is what made him a great teacher. I always remember him telling stories about his bike trip to Washington state and about all the treasures he found on the side of the ride and in weird places. He will be truly missed! Sending my deepest condolences to his family.

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**Terri Nelson** - October 22, 2018 at 05:59 AM

LC

*I am so sorry to Mr. O'dell's family and friends for the loss of such a great man! He was one my my teachers at Oak Park and made learning such a fun experience! He will truly be missed!*

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**lisa clark** - October 22, 2018 at 06:57 AM



*Thank you.*

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**Amy Redwine** - October 22, 2018 at 10:10 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Amy Redwine** - October 21, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gary O'Dell.* ”



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October 21, 2018 at 12:04 PM