



## Rev. Donald Ray Owens

October 29, 1952 - July 25, 2022

Reverend Donald Ray Owens age 69 of Anderson S.C., transitioned to his Heavenly Home, with the Lord, on Monday, July 25, 2022 at the AnMed Health Medical Center. He is a native of Sampson County North Carolina, and was born October 29, 1952. He was the son of the late James Lewis Owens, and Lula Wright Owens. He received his Bachelors of Arts from NC A&T State University, and his Master In Divinity from Erskine College. Rev. Owens was the Pastor of New Hopewell Baptist Church for twenty eight years. He leaves to cherish fond memories his devoted wife Princess Owens of the home, one daughter Deitre Helvy (David) of Greenville S.C., one brother Robert Lewis (Lisa) Owens of El Paso Texas, and 3 grandchildren, Joshua, Princess and Jonathan. Funeral services for Rev. Donald Ray Owens will be held Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 2:30 P.M. at the New Hopewell Baptist Church, burial will follow in the Church Cemetery. Public viewing will be Saturday from 12:00-6:00P.M. at Holloway's Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## New Hopewell Baptist Church

209 Dorchester Road  
Belton, SC

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 30. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Holloway's Funeral Home  
101 Holloway Blvd  
Belton, SC 29627  
hollowaysfuneral@bellsouth.net  
<http://hollowaysfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL 31. 2:30 PM (ET)

New Hopewell Baptist Church  
209 Dorchester Road  
Belton, SC

## Burial

JUL 31 (ET)

New Hopewell Baptist Church  
209 Dorchester Road  
Belton, SC



# Tribute Wall



“ *Holloway's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



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**Holloway's Funeral Home** - August 01, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ *Holloway's Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



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**Holloway's Funeral Home** - July 28, 2022 at 06:13 PM

**SB**

*My condolences to the Owens family. Praying that GOD gives you strength during this difficult time. May HE cover and protect 🙏 you.*

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**Sally C Boseman** - July 31, 2022 at 09:29 AM

**PR**

*I was saddened to hear of Pastor Owen's passing. He will be missed greatly. I hope you will feel God's arms comforting you during this difficult time.*

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**Priscilla Rothery** - July 31, 2022 at 02:39 PM

RH

*I Love you dearly Pastor and I will really miss you. Most humble, lovely and kind man I have ever known. There will never be another one like him.*

**Ramona Hunter** - July 31, 2022 at 05:55 PM

JJ

*Princess, I was so very sorry to hear about Don. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Joanne Johnson** - August 07, 2022 at 02:49 PM

CP

“ *Princess, I am so sorry to hear of Don’s passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I think of you often and the times we shared. Sending you a hug. Caroline Peeples*

**Caroline Peeples** - August 07, 2022 at 06:14 PM

MT

“ *Princess, I am just now hearing of the loss of your husband. I am so very sorry. Sending love and prayers for comfort for you and family. Marjorie Thomas*

**Marjorie Thomas** - August 07, 2022 at 02:17 PM

JT

“ *Princess,  
Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you and family. I am so saddened to learn of Don’s passing. God bless you and keep you in his care.*

**j Ray & Cheryl Thomas** - August 06, 2022 at 10:26 PM

HG

“ *My sincere condolences to your family and the church family of New Hopewell Baptist Church.*



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**Harriet Dennis Galloway** - July 31, 2022 at 02:27 PM

GS

“ *Thank you Pastor Owens for speaking at my son Going Home Service April 7, 2016 it was an honor.sir. My condolencse to the family and friends.*



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**Gloria Cobb Smith** - July 30, 2022 at 10:00 PM

G&

“ *Pastor Owens and Princess were my neighbors for many years.. They warmly welcomed me into their lively home for a women's Bible study. Pastor would loan me his car charger. I borrowed it enough that he finally gave it to me with kindness. Dietra baby sat my kids. Their smile could light up a room. I truly hated to see them move. Death is so bittersweet. Sweet that pastor is with Jesus, bitter in that he will really be missed. Thankful that the Holy Spirit ,the Ultimate Comforter is with you ,and God catches your tears family. My sincere condolences.*

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**Gwen Prince &family** - July 30, 2022 at 07:46 PM

TF

“ We were saddened to hear of the passing of Rev. Owens . We first met him and his family during his attendance at Ebenezer Baptist Church , Anderson, SC. His presence and presentation were gentle yet powerful . May God continue to embrace the family. Rev .Owens, peacefully take your rest .

The Bolden Family - July 30, 2022 at 08:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Donald Ray Owens.



July 29, 2022 at 09:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Donald Ray Owens.



July 29, 2022 at 04:40 PM

FS

“ Our prayers are with the Owens family. Praying God comfort, and peace will rest upon all of you. Rev. Owens you will be greatly missed and thank you for our sharing in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Rev. Frank Spear, Jr., and the Spear family, Pendleton, SC

Frank Spear - July 29, 2022 at 03:56 PM

SB

“ Sherika Burton lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens



Sherika Burton - July 29, 2022 at 01:57 PM

JN

“ John Smotherson Durham N.C. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rev. Donald Ray Owens.



John Smotherson Durham N.C. - July 29, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Donald Ray Owens.



July 29, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Donald Ray Owens.



July 28, 2022 at 10:02 PM



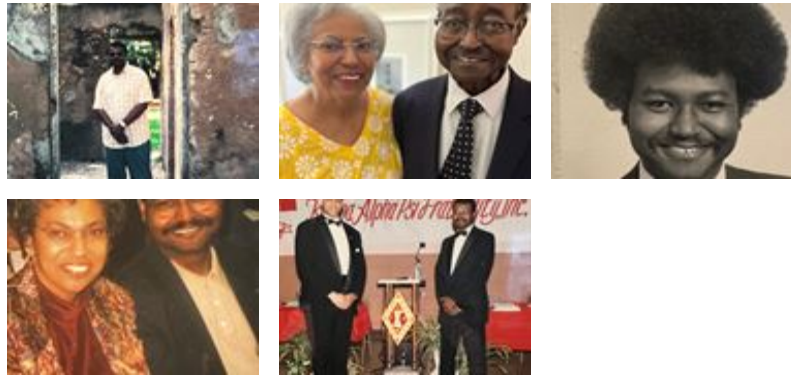
“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Donald Ray Owens.*



July 28, 2022 at 06:11 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Holloway's Funeral Home - July 28, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *To the family of Pastor Owens you have my deepest sympathy my prayers are with you all*

Dianne Merriweather - July 28, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Veronica Williamson Murdaugh lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



Veronica Williamson Murdaugh - July 28, 2022 at 12:22 PM

VM

*Rev. Owens Baptized me under Acts 2:38, when he was Pastor at Huspah Baptist Church. I will never forget that Sunday morning. My Prayers and Thoughts are with the Family.*

**Veronica Williamson Murdaugh** - July 28, 2022 at 12:34 PM

DR

“ *Dosher Physical Therapy/ Hamel Rehab purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Donald Ray Owens.*



**Dosher Physical Therapy/ Hamel Rehab** - July 28, 2022 at 09:41 AM

HJ

“ *Harriett Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



**Harriett Johnson** - July 28, 2022 at 09:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Donald Ray Owens.*



July 28, 2022 at 08:38 AM

KH

“ *Kathi Haynie lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



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**Kathi Haynie** - July 28, 2022 at 06:35 AM

SO

“ *We the Owens family wish to send our condolences in the loss of your dearest loved one. We know he will be missed. The friends, cousins, and family of Big Piney Grove will always remember him.*



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**Samuel, Daffie, George and Christel Owen** - July 28, 2022 at 05:12 AM

MC

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Joe Chester lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



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**Mr. & Mrs. Joe Chester** - July 27, 2022 at 09:55 PM

JF

“ *Prayers for the family, may God continue to grant them the strength they will need in the coming days. Another flower has been gathered in God's garden in Heaven.*



*The Fields & Harrison Families*

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**Jennie Fields** - July 27, 2022 at 07:25 PM

KE

“ Kelly English lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens



Kelly English - July 27, 2022 at 04:29 PM

AJ

“ Angie Jarecki lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens



Angie Jarecki - July 27, 2022 at 04:19 PM

DH

“ May God's presence be felt by your entire family during this difficult season.

debin hammond - July 27, 2022 at 04:12 PM

SF

“ Stacy Forrester lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens



Stacy Forrester - July 27, 2022 at 04:09 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hearne lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



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**Mary Hearne** - July 27, 2022 at 04:07 PM

HA

“ *Hazel Allen lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



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**Hazel Allen** - July 27, 2022 at 02:39 PM

SM

“ *Shirley Morris lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



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**Shirley Morris** - July 27, 2022 at 11:50 AM

FR

“ *Frances Rice lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



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**Frances Rice** - July 27, 2022 at 11:19 AM

DS

“ *Rev. Owens was a gracious and caring man of God. We will certainly miss him.*

**Della Baker Sprowl** - July 27, 2022 at 10:50 AM

DS

“ *Della Baker Sprowl lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



**Della Baker Sprowl** - July 27, 2022 at 10:46 AM

LS

“ *Sent in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*

**Linda Swinger** - July 27, 2022 at 10:10 AM

JM

“ *To the family and church family. I always enjoy coming to Hopewell. Rev. Owens will be deeply missed by so many. Such a nice, soft spoken man of God he was. My heart and prayers go out to you all. He has left great memories to all who knew him. Forever grateful that I was one. Continued prayers for you all.* 🙏💙🙏💙🙏💙



**Jamie Mattison** - July 27, 2022 at 09:11 AM

JW

“ James And Margaret Webb sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens



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**James and Margaret Webb** - July 27, 2022 at 03:03 AM



“ Orienthia Brimfield lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens



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**Orienthia Brimfield** - July 26, 2022 at 11:44 PM

CF

“ Crystal Bruce & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens



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**Crystal Bruce & Family** - July 26, 2022 at 11:08 PM

AM

*So sorry for your loss of Rev. Owens praying for the family*

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**Ann Mattison** - July 27, 2022 at 09:10 AM

JC

“ My husband just asked me the other day who would I invite to a certain particular service in our near future, and I named Rev. Owens. He helped shape my life!

*I am so grateful for the life that Rev. Owens lived and how he was such a wonderful example of chasing after God and preaching and teaching the truth. I am saddened that his family members and church family are mourning his passing but I rejoice knowing that he now gets to join so many other members of his church who he shepherded.*

*To serve in ministry as a pastor is a lot of work but to leave a legacy behind of faithfulness, dedication, diligence, and love are the real treasures we get to keep here on earth! He allowed us youth to be us but also made sure we were trained to walk with a reverence for Christ! This wasn't my home church but it was the church I went to Youth Bible study on Wednesdays and Sunday services when my mom was working. The care flowed down to his leaders who led us.*

*Forever grateful for his life lived on earth!*

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**Jenae Chiles** - July 26, 2022 at 10:12 PM

SB

“ *What an awesome man of God. When I think of Rev. Owens I cannot help but to smile. He will always be remembered as a genuine and consistent safe haven for anyone needing a listening ear or just to know someone cares. He was so smooth :-D and soft spoken.... until he stood in the pulpit to preach God's holy word. That's when anyone with any doubts would know w/o a shadow of a doubt that Rev. Owens was only called by God and not man! He BOLDLY proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ every time wherever and whenever he was asked. One thing I learned as an adult from Rev. Owens during Bible study is the true meaning of baptism and being baptized. I never forgot that epiphany moment for me. The biblical meaning of tribulation was another seed planted in my memory by him. This man truly cared about people understanding God's word through every avenue available to him. He spoke in such way that all ages could understand ever book, chapter, or verse he was reading and talking about. He wasn't afraid to be asked a question for clarity. Not many preachers are not willing to give you the opportunity to ask for understanding. He lived a life that was definitely not in vain. Rev. Owens..... you are loved by many including me dear sir!!!!!! You will NEVER be forgotten.*

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**Sonya Brownlee** - July 26, 2022 at 09:35 PM

SB

*Not many preachers are willing to give you.....*

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**Sonya Brownlee** - July 26, 2022 at 09:39 PM

LE

“ *Lynn Edwards lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens*



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**Lynn Edwards** - July 26, 2022 at 09:26 PM

KL

“ Thank you for being a blessing.



Kendrick Latimer - July 26, 2022 at 08:32 PM

+S

“ + Bishop Debbie Sherard lit a candle in memory of Rev. Donald Ray Owens



+ Bishop Debbie Sherard - July 26, 2022 at 08:28 PM

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*He really loved his sheep! Rest on Pastor Owen's! My prayers to the family are being lifted for peace comfort and the love of God!*

+ Bishop Debbie Sherard - July 26, 2022 at 08:30 PM

MM

*The members at New Hopewell Baptist will miss you and your spiritual guidance. May God bless your family and keep them safe until you meet again around the throne.*

Margaret Moorehead - July 26, 2022 at 08:49 PM

RB

*O I want to see Him Look upon His face.*

Robert Barmore - July 26, 2022 at 09:03 PM

DB

*My condolences to the family of God's servant Rev. Owens. His work during his life of service always spoke for him. He was a caring, kind, gentle, strong and out-spoken man as he performed his service for the Lord. Rev. Owens will be dearly missed. I pray that God bless each and every family member with his comfort, love and strength as he guide you in peace during this homegoing celebration.*

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**Delores A. Boston** - July 28, 2022 at 09:31 AM