

*Homegoing Celebration*

for

*Dea. Trennial Owens, Sr.*



*Sunrise*

April 8, 1921

*Sunset*

June 5, 2008

**Saturday, June 14, 2008**

**1:00 p.m.**

***Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church***

Kinlaw, Georgia

Dr. Leon Washington, Pastor  
Rev. Randy Sewell, Presiding

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# No More!

No more will I hear your voice.  
No more can I seek your face.  
No more easing the pain we could not erase.

No more red beans and rice.  
No more Price is Right.  
No more wondering if the Lord would  
take you by night.

No more pain.  
No more suffering.  
Now you're with the Lord receiving  
His comforting.

No more will your afflictions have  
you bound.  
I know you are in Heaven smiling down.

*I love you more than words can even  
BEGIN to express...  
always and forever!*

Your Great-Granddaughter,  
*MeMe*

## Obituary

*For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.*

Job 18: 25-27

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Jesus is Lord over Spirit, soul and body; delivered from this present evil world on June 5, 2008 at 5:25 pm, Deacon Trenial Owens, Sr., is now seated with Christ in heavenly places. He was born on April 8, 1921 to the union of the late Joseph Owens and Georgia Forcine Owens in St. Marys GA. After the death of his mother, he was raised in the Jefferson Community, Woodbine, GA, by his grandmother and his aunts.

In April 1942, Deacon Owens married Ethel Scott. For 66 years, the Lord blessed their union and sealed it with his Holy Spirit. Together, Deacon and Sis. Owens have six children.

Deacon Owens accepted Christ and joined Westlight Baptist Church at an early age and served faithfully until his health declined. In 2005, the Pastor and members of Westlight awarded "Deacon Emeritus" in recognition and honor of his long, outstanding Deacon service.

He served in World War II in the U.S. Army with duties assigned in China and India. Upon his return from the war, he began work at IIT Rayonier in Fernandina, FL. He retired in 1983 after 36 years of service.

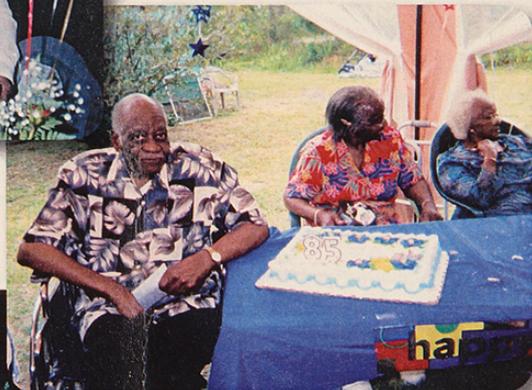
He was an avid sportsman with a passion for fishing, hunting, and baseball. He was also a member of Pioneer Lodge #179 and American Legion Post 511. He enjoyed fellowship with his church, family, and friends. He adored his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Deacon Owens shared his sweet spirit with his friends and family. He never met a stranger. He loved and welcomed all into his home. He never had a harsh word to say, and did not believe in arguing. He loved, and in return, he received love from all who knew him. He was recognized as a generous, caring, and faithful man. A man who kept his word and did just what he told you he would do.

He will be sorely missed, but he is finally at peace, in the presence of the Lord, and in the company all his loved ones and friends who have preceded him.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories the love of his life, his devoted wife of 66 years, Ethel Scott Owens; six children, Theodosia (Lewis) Carswell, Overland Park, KS, Georgia (Marion) Baker, Yulee, FL, Trenial Owens, Jr., Fort Lauderdale, FL, Willie J. Owens, Shirley C. Owens, and Berma J. Owens, all of Woodbine, GA; his sister, Elizabeth Mitchell, Sanford, FL; three grandchildren whom Deacon Owens raised, Katura E. Owens, Jacksonville, FL, Jean "Tina" Owens-Cannon, Woodbine, GA, and Keith F. Jordon, Honolulu, HI; 12 other grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren to whom his love and parental skills were also extended; four nephews, Harvey (Jimmie) Harper, Thomas Scott, Jr., Reuben Scott, and Hardy Scott; Godchildren, Nancy Walker and Donnell Hill; devoted friends, Mrs. Rose Cuthbert, Mr. Dennis Green, the Drummond/Sullivan Family, and Mr. Jenkins Baker; and a host of sorrowing grandnieces, cousins, and friends.

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# Tribute Letter

To My Granddad (Pop):

As I cry through my tears, I am both saddened and happy. Saddened because I will miss you so very, very much. You were the head of our family, a man of valor, and the foundation on which we all stood. You were a loving man who gave from your heart, who would not ever see anyone mistreated or be without. I am happy because your spirit is now with our God Almighty. You are now basking in His eternal Glory. Amen! It is a transition we all must make one day. I am happy for you because you have missed your mom for 81 years and now you get to be with her eternally.

I thank you again, (as I have done many times before) for raising me as your own. I know that I will always be "your baby". I will miss all the stories you have told me over the years about the "good ole days". I will always remember all the World War II stories even though I had no idea of what you were talking about ☺. I will miss all the time you made me laugh hysterically without trying to be funny. But please know, I will keep all those times we shared (just me and you) in my heart. I am thankful to God for allowing you to be here with us for 87 years. Thank you for loving and raising my girls, JeAntae, MeMe, and Neisha.

I know there were times that as a family we were scandalized, scrutinized, and condemned. I saw the pain through your eyes. You never complained, you just talked to the Lord. You could have looked on those periods with bitterness, condemnation, and deep hurt, but you didn't. You understood (better than I) that the battle was not yours, it belonged to the Lord. What was meant for evil, God turned it around for good. In obedience to Him, you humbled your family. Those periods of apparent loss of good was divinely restored to us with accrued interest!!!

My life will never, ever be the same without you, but you have built a solid foundation for me. I would not be who I am today; I would not have the love, the compassion, the understanding, the depth, and the soul-searching desire for more of God's presence in my life if it had not been for you and Grandma. You took care of me when I could not take care of myself. I prayed for you when you could not pray for yourself.

I thank my heavenly father for giving me to you. You taught me so much with such few words. Your actions were my teacher, and your belt was my instructor ☺. Thank you for raising me the right way. I rest in hope and faith in God that we all will be together again on the other side. I am thankful that you suffer no longer and are now resting in His arms. I have no doubt!

With all my love,

Tina

## Order of Service

REV. RANDY SEWELL, PRESIDING

Processional

Selection..... Woodbine Community Choir

Prayer..... Rev. Jeffery Muchison

Solo..... Bro. Charlie Taylor

Scripture:

Old Testament..... Rev. Wayne Rogers

New Testament..... Min. Calvin Walker

Selection..... Woodbine Community Choir

Memorial Reflections:

As a Deacon..... Dea. Laurie Drummond

As a Friend ..... Bro. Dennis Green

As a Co-Worker..... Bro. Herman Albertie

As I Knew Him..... Dea. Jenkins Baker

Resolutions & Acknowledgements..... Sis. Flora Rudolph

Solo..... Sis. Emma Benjamin

Special Tribute ..... JeAntae Burnett

Great Granddaughter

Eulogy..... Rev. Mack Devon Knight

Recessional



## *Active Pallbearers*

Dea. Charles Green                      Bro. Homer Sullivan  
Bro. Eddie Drummond                  Bro. Michael Fugate  
Bro. James Jordon, Jr.                  Bro. Clarence Parrish

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Dea. Jenkins Baker                      Bro. Jerry Tillman  
Dea. Laurie Drummond                  Bro. Herman Albertie  
Dea. Alphonso Weston                  Bro. Dennis Green

## *Floral Attendants*

Friends of the Family

## *Ushers*

Westlight Baptist Church  
Hamilton Chapel United Methodist Church

## *Acknowledgements*

The family of the late Trenial Owens, Sr. wishes to express our deepest thanks and appreciation of everyone for their acts of kindness during our time of sorrow. Your phone calls, visits, food, and prayers eased the pain of our loss tremendously. We ask that you continue to keep our family in prayer as our hearts continue to heal. A very special thanks to Shadara Clark, his caregiver, Mrs. Rose Cuthbert, Mrs. Luberta Sullivan, Hospice of the Golden Isles, Drs. Sykes and Hou, and the staff at St. Vincent Medical Center.

## *Repast*

Westlight Baptist Church



## *Final Arrangements Entrusted to:*

### **Myers Funeral Home**

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