

Celebrating The Life Of



Terry
Benjamin Owens

May 7, 1943 ~ July 25, 2023

"May the work I've done, speak for me. May the life I've live speak for me"

Wednesday August 2, 2023

New Horizon Church International
Bishop Ronnie Crudup. Sr, Officiating

My Life Story

A beloved Father Grandfather, Brother, Prominent businessman, Avid golfer and Great Friend left this world on July 25, 2023. Born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on May 7, 1943, to Reverend Johnnie B. Owens, Sr. and Charlene Bourn Owens, Jerry (affectionately known as "Pal") attended 16 Section Elementary and Rowan Junior and High School. He was an honors graduate of Tennessee State University, where he received a full golf scholarship and was Captain of the TSU Golf Team. At the age of 16, he was awarded Golfer of the Year in the National Golf Tournament in Chicago, Illinois. Numerous articles have been published regarding his golfing career on the "Chitlins Tour," Upon graduation, he moved to Detroit, Michigan where he continued his golf career until he returned to his hometown and opened up a clothing store called "The Style Shop for Men." In 1970, he moved to Jackson, Mississippi and opened up the Jerry B. Owens Business and Professional Building on Highway 55 which consists of Universal Life Insurance Company, doctors' office and a pharmacy, Thereafter entered into a partnership with Richard and Carol Burger and they started the Ric and Vic's Clothing store located at the Mini Mall. Ric and Vic was one of the sponsors of Solid Gold, the weekly dance show host by Lee King. Approximately three years later, he purchased the land at 2440 Bailey and built two commercial properties called "On the Avenue." Never one to miss an opportunity, once the buildings were complete, he opened Classy Rags Clothing, LeChic Hair Salon, Classy Auto Sales, Precision Motors, Consolidated Foods, and an Office Supply Company.

He received numerous business awards, including Businessman of the Year by the Urban League. Jerry was well-loved and never met a stranger with his kindness. He was a charter member of the Hub City Business and Professional Men's Club, where he served as President.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Letitia Wallace, and his sisters, Judy Diane Owens Gambrell and Lisa Bowman Macklin.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory and legacy, daughter, Marva Owens James, Esq, sons, The Honorable Marcus Wallace and Richard "Freemont" (Cheryl) Champion, grandchildren, Bria' Wallace, Austin James, Essence (Dezron) Wallace-Odomes, Dejah Wallace, and Marcus Wallace II, sisters, Johnnie Ruth Owens, Yolanda (Russell) Coleman, Rosalind (Lee) Nixon, Felicia Fairley, Mattie Ponder, and Regina Fisher, brother, Douglas Ross, aunts, Helen Bourn-Moore and Vivian McLaurin, nieces, Danyelle Gambrell McCarty, Esq, Angel Byrd, MD, PhD, Alfreda (Anthony) Gray-Barney, Esq, nephews, Jonathan Byrd, Genada Byrd and Christopher Thomas, and a whole host of devoted cousins and friends.

I've lived a life that's full
I traveled each and every highway
And more, much more
I did it, I did it my way.

Order of Service

Master of Ceremony - Othor Cain

Processional Clergy and Family

"This Little Light of Mine"

Mississippi Mass Choir & Rev. Charles E. Polk
(One of Jerry's best friends)

Song "I Won't Complain" New Horizon Church

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 23:1-6 Pastor Jerry Mannery
We Are One Church-Jackson, MS

New Testament John 15:13-14 Pastor Percy Hester
(You Are My Friends) Maranatha Pentecostal Church-Newton, MS

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Klaus Tate
Greater Mt. Calvary Church-Jackson, MS

Solo "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Calandra Daniels

Words of Encouragement Bishop Isiah Williams
Rehoboth Int'l Ministries-Pearl, MS

Reflections

As A Business Partner-Vernon Jasper

As A Friend-Socrates Garrett

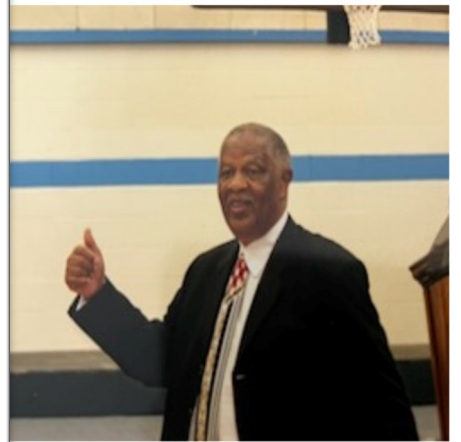
As A Son-The Honorable Marcus L. Wallace

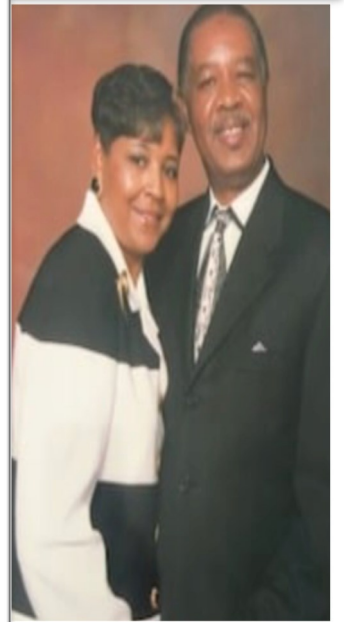
Acknowledgements/Obituary (Read Silently).....Dr. Peggy S. Johnson

Solo "He's Done Enough".....Pastor Bobby E. Stapleton Jr.
Rehoboth Int'l Ministries-Pearl, MS

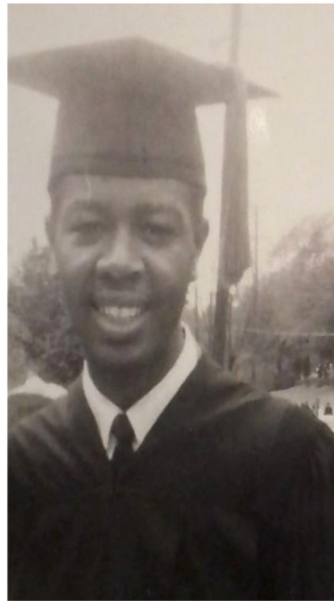
Eulogy Bishop Ronnie Crudup Sr.
New Horizon Church-Jackson, MS

Recessional









Acknowledgements

Your words have comforted us, your support has strengthened us, and your love has sustained us. We extend our deepest thanks to you for your kindness during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express and it will never be forgotten.

The Entire Family

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the church instead on behalf of Jerry B. Owens, New Horizon Youth Ministry, by Cashaap at \$NHCI or through the Church's website at www.nhcms.org.

Active Pallbearers

*Marcus L. Wallace, II - Christopher G. Thomas - Austin James
Charles Davis - Allison G. Byrd - Eric Lewis - Jonathan Q. Byrd
Willie Brown (Lil Willie) - Cedric Bourn - Jessie Williams - Thomas Rogers
Richard Shaw*

Honorary Pallbearers

*Charles Cockrell - Dwight Gipson - Matt Thomas - Gregory Terry
Ron McLeod - Anthony Cole - Linell Palmer - Clarence Thornton
Alvin Stamps - Jeff Williams - Willard Anthony - Alex Crowell
Marcus Burger- Robert Jones (Frog) - Baxter Barnes (Trent)
Billy Brown (Haystack) - Sheriff Tyree Jones
Supervisor David Archie*

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Interment

*Garden Memorial Park
8001 US 49 North * Jackson, MS 39209*

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