



Pastor Elvin M. Owens

February 5, 1937 - April 22, 2023

Pastor Elvin Melvin Owens, was born on February 5, 1937, in Elba, sweet home of Alabama, and transitioned on April 22, 2023, at the grand age of 86 years.

He leaves to cherish his memory one devoted wife of 65 years, Evangelist, Missionary Earline (Williams) Owens. His first occupation was building chairs, he was a highly skilled man. He settled in Michigan in 1962 where they raised their family of eight children. He was a retiree of General Motors Malleable Iron Plant while holding fast to The Lord, serving full-time in his ministry as the Senior Pastor of Grace Church of God in Christ for over 50 years. His favorite pastime was to watch Westerns. He loved to dress, drive and live holy with a sense of humor.

The Owens family witnessed Pastor Owens laying hands on the sick, seeing miracles performed by The Almighty God. Pastor Owens was a preaching machine whose sermons and sayings moved sinners to become saints. His interpretation of the Bible scripture led many souls to be saved and lives changed. His amazing ability to memorize scriptures captivated your attention. He was a devoted son and son-in-law went back to Alabama his lovely wife by his side regularly taking care of their parents and preaching revivals. Pastor E. M. Owens always added color and charm to any environment.

Pastor Elvin M. Owens will be missed by his loving children, Elvin (Terri Larsen) Owens, Jr., of Minneapolis, MN, Angelia (Lee) Brooks, Diane (Michael) Simmons and Frances Smith all of Saginaw, MI, Louis (Phyllis) Owens, of Flint, MI, James (Monique) Owens and Evelyn (Jason) Ware, both of Saginaw, MI; his siblings, one brother, Lewis (Betty) Owens of Florala, AL; three sisters, Pearlene Caldwell of Enterprise, AL, Willene Carson, of Ozark, AL and Rosie L. Taylor of Elba, AL; he also leaves behind a wonderful legacy for all 36 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Rufus E. and Estellar (Burrows) Owens; one brother, James Owens; seven sisters, Louise Belcher, Eloise Johnson, Alzene Kelly, Blonzell Belcher, Cora Owens, Carlene Owens, and Mary D. Owens; one daughter, Melissa Washington and a grandson, Louis Owens Jr.

We take solace in wise counsel as he used to say, "What you do for man will die when you die, what you do for others will live on, what you do for GOD will last forever." Pastor Owens did a mighty work for God in Christ Jesus.

Funeral service will take place at 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at World Outreach Campus, 2405 Bay Street, Saginaw, MI 48602. Pastor Hurley J. Coleman, Jr. will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Friends may call at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 on Wednesday, from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

World Outreach Campus
2405 Bay Road
Saginaw, MI 48602

Burial Service

MAY 4 (ET)

Forest Lawn Cemetery
3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Tribute Wall

EB

“ *Elaine Brown lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Elaine Brown - May 26, 2023 at 12:53 AM

AF

“ *Athon Gates & Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Athon Gates & Family - May 05, 2023 at 10:35 PM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Virginia Johnson - May 04, 2023 at 06:31 PM



“ *Praying for my friends that are more like family at their time of bereavement. Rest in Jesus Pastor Owens. Job WELL DONE!*



Jackie Thompson - May 04, 2023 at 12:54 PM

RA

“ Rosie Anderson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Rosie Anderson - May 04, 2023 at 12:51 PM

FP

“ Frances Palmer sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



frances palmer - May 04, 2023 at 10:37 AM

FP

“ Frances Palmer lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



frances palmer - May 04, 2023 at 10:37 AM

DL

“ Deacon Donnie & Sharyn Langston lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Deacon Donnie & Sharyn Langston - May 04, 2023 at 08:55 AM

SH

“ Shirley Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Shirley Hughes - May 03, 2023 at 06:26 PM

SC

“ Susanne Floyd, RUTH ST. COG purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Pastor Elvin M. Owens.



Susanne Floyd, RUTH ST. COG - May 03, 2023 at 05:09 PM

SB

“ Shadana Black sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Shadana Black - May 03, 2023 at 04:31 PM

MR

“ To the Owens family. I send my deepest condolences on the passing of Elder Owens. He was a big part of me coming back to church. He was a caring man. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Michelle rupert - May 03, 2023 at 03:21 PM

FN

“ Freddie Nowell lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Freddie Nowell - May 03, 2023 at 03:02 PM

SF

“ Stephanie Ford sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Stephanie Ford - May 03, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Elvin M. Owens.



May 03, 2023 at 10:01 AM

CW

“ Sending My Deepest Heartfelt Condolence To The Owens Family ❤️🙏



Connie Whittington - May 03, 2023 at 09:56 AM

PW

“ Patricia Whiting-Spinner lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Patricia Whiting-Spinner - May 03, 2023 at 09:50 AM

MS

“ Min. Thomas & Helen Speed sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



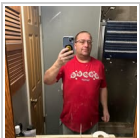
Min. Thomas & Helen Speed - May 03, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Pastor Elvin M. Owens.



May 03, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ Diane and family Jan and I are praying for y'all god bless



Scott Sayers - May 03, 2023 at 07:44 AM

CH

“ Our prayers and condolences are with you Mother Owens and the entire Owens Family. We share so many memories as a whole of Pastor Owens. He was a powerful man of God and loved his family. On behalf of the Monroe Family you are forever in our prayers. We love you! Praying that God would give you Peace and comfort during this time. Pastor Owens rest well with the Lord! Monroe Family

Catherine Hicks - May 02, 2023 at 12:52 PM

GD

“ We love you James, Monique, Jr. and the rest of the Owens family. Praying that God keep you close and soon heal your hearts.



Greg & Cynthia Davis - May 02, 2023 at 09:56 AM

CJ

“ Chris Jernigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Chris Jernigan - May 01, 2023 at 11:11 PM

AF

“ Athen And Margery Flournoy lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Athen and Margery Flournoy - May 01, 2023 at 07:48 PM



“ *Ramona Palmer lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Ramona Palmer - May 01, 2023 at 06:30 PM

TS

“ *To James, Paster Elvin, my cousin Imani and the rest of the Owens family I'm sorry for the lost of your Father, Grandfather, uncle and brother. I know how it feels to lose a father.*



Tequila Sidney - May 01, 2023 at 06:19 PM

RD

“ *Rev Robert D Jones, Jones, Detroit sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Rev Robert d Jones, Jones, Detroit - May 01, 2023 at 05:15 PM

CW

“ *Sending words of comfort to my Owen's family.... Elder took me as daughter I think the day we met because Holy spirit connects with Holy spirit...his saying sticks with me as well as with anyone he said it to..."I love and there ain't nothing you can do about it." My prayers are with you all,...*

Cynthia D Washington - May 01, 2023 at 09:06 AM

YF

“ *Yolanda Foster lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Yolanda Foster - May 01, 2023 at 02:28 AM

VG

“ *Venita GainesTippins*



Venita GainesTippins - April 30, 2023 at 04:08 PM

VF

“ *Venita GainesTippins & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Venita GainesTippins & Family - April 30, 2023 at 04:06 PM

LC

“ *Larry Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Larry Clemmons - April 30, 2023 at 10:28 AM

RS

“ *Sis. Rubie Moorer & Family*

We are praying for the Owens Family. We remember all the wonderful fellowships with you all at the old Good Shepherd COGIC. We love you.

Rachel Sherman - April 30, 2023 at 08:21 AM

RC

“ *Rose Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Rose Coleman - April 29, 2023 at 09:47 PM

BF

“ *Batts Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Batts Family - April 29, 2023 at 06:41 PM

MF

“ *Our Sincere Condolences and Prayers for the Family of Pastor Elvin M. Owens. We had wonderful services and fellowship during the District #8 era.*



Mo Earlean & Valarie Shepard and Family - April 29, 2023 at 01:15 AM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



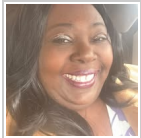
Dorothy Price-Omar - April 28, 2023 at 07:39 PM

MJ

“ Marie Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Marie Jones - April 28, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ I remember the Pastor and his first lady coming to IGA. I met the entire Owens Family. May God 🙏 be with you during your time of mourning!

Beatrice Baldwin - April 28, 2023 at 05:49 AM

MD

“ You have received your reward, thy Good and Faithful Servant. Rest in our Father's arms. Family may the Lord of Comfort be with you. Amen.



Marquetta Davis - April 27, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences are extended to the Owens family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Cheryl Fentress-Nash - April 27, 2023 at 12:53 PM

DK

“ *We Send Our, Condolences, Sympathy And Prayers To The Families.*



Deacon Bobby & Thelma (Moten) Kelley - April 27, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Praying your strength Owens and extended families*



Sylvia George - April 26, 2023 at 09:03 PM

LE

“ *Sincere Condolences To The Family of Pastor Elvin Owens and The Ware Family. Praying Comfort and Strength At This Time.*



LUCY ANN ERBY - April 26, 2023 at 08:33 PM

DA

“ Debra Austin lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Debra Austin - April 26, 2023 at 07:24 PM

WC

“ Wendy Christian lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Wendy Christian - April 26, 2023 at 07:22 PM

JW

“ Jean Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Jean Willis - April 26, 2023 at 06:32 PM

LH

“ Leslie Taylor Henton sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Leslie Taylor Henton - April 26, 2023 at 05:38 PM

LH

“ *Leslie Taylor Henton lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Leslie Taylor Henton - April 26, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Pastor Elvin M. Owens.*



April 26, 2023 at 05:31 PM

CH

“ *Catherine Hicks lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Catherine Hicks - April 26, 2023 at 10:39 AM

CP

“ *Cheryl Kay Payton sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Cheryl Kay Payton - April 26, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Pastor Elvin M. Owens.



April 26, 2023 at 06:52 AM



“ *Healthformation4U* lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Healthformation4U - April 26, 2023 at 03:55 AM



“ *Betty Holmes* lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Betty Holmes - April 26, 2023 at 03:54 AM



“ *Dicy Powell* sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



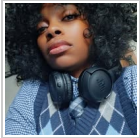
Dicy Powell - April 26, 2023 at 12:07 AM

JP

“ Prayers and condolences to the Owens Family. May God bless you with comfort, peace, and strength during your time of bereavement! Much love to you all! ❤️🙏🙏
🙏



Josephine Pelt - April 25, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ Stephanie Miller lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Stephanie Miller - April 25, 2023 at 08:41 PM

CG

“ Carletta Griffin-Salaam sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Carletta Griffin-Salaam - April 25, 2023 at 07:04 PM

TW

“ Elvin your Alabama family loves you tremendously and always looked forward to seeing you when you visited. A powerful man of God you will be missed so much but your Legacy will live on. Praying for my family
Tabitha Owens Woods



Tabitha Owens Woods - April 25, 2023 at 06:58 PM

MR

“ Praying fir the immediate and extended family may God comfort you in your time of bereavement from Micshell Ray and family.

Micshell Ray - April 25, 2023 at 06:10 PM

MR

*for

Micshell Ray - April 25, 2023 at 06:11 PM

ST

“ Stephanie sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Stephanie - April 25, 2023 at 06:10 PM

MB

“ Marilyn K Burns-Bowman lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Marilyn K Burns-Bowman - April 25, 2023 at 05:54 PM

BD

“ Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Brittney Donald - April 25, 2023 at 05:08 PM

TB

“ Tyretha Baston sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Tyretha Baston - April 25, 2023 at 12:37 PM

SB

Rip Pastor Owens From The Boone Family.

Sandra Boone - April 25, 2023 at 03:08 PM

PS

“ Seeing Pastor Elvin and his wife in chance encounters was a joy. From a gas station in SC or hotels in GA and AL. I will miss you cousin. But your awesome spirit lives on.

Phyllis Goosby Smith - April 25, 2023 at 12:21 PM

PB

“ To the Family and Friends of Pastor Elvin Owens It is with sadness that we send you our deepest condolences on his passing. May the love and grace of God strengthen you and his peace comfort U much love to you all we love you God Bless



Patrick & Sharon Brown - April 25, 2023 at 12:15 PM

MS

“ *Min. Thomas & Helen Speed sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Min. Thomas & Helen Speed - April 25, 2023 at 11:00 AM

JW

“ *Jean Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Jean Willis - April 25, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Pastor Elvin M. Owens.*



April 25, 2023 at 10:16 AM

CF

“ *Caldwell Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Caldwell Family - April 25, 2023 at 09:14 AM

KF

“ *Pastor E Owens have always been my kind of a pastor who was the example of leadership. RIH*
Kirk D. Floyd and family.

Kirk D Floyd - April 25, 2023 at 09:14 AM

EC

“ *Evelyn Couch lit a candle in memory of*
Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Evelyn Couch - April 25, 2023 at 04:32 AM

PK

“ *Pamela-Louise & Noland King lit a candle in*
memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Pamela-Louise & Noland King - April 25, 2023 at 01:40 AM

MS

“ *Marvin Surles lit a candle in memory of Pastor*
Elvin M. Owens



Marvin Surles - April 24, 2023 at 10:48 PM

LA

“ *Leopold And Janel Arnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Leopold and Janel Arnett - April 24, 2023 at 10:12 PM

YC

“ *Yvonne Corley sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Yvonne Corley - April 24, 2023 at 09:30 PM

BA

“ *I'd meet Pastor and Lady Owens at McDonalds downtown on Friday mornings. It was the breakfast spot when taking my kids to school. Always pleasant, always Christlike. I thank God for having our paths cross.*

Bishop Dempsey Allen - April 24, 2023 at 09:17 PM

MM

“ *MELVIN&BESSIE MCKANDES lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



MELVIN&BESSIE MCKANDES - April 24, 2023 at 09:08 PM

ME

We are praying for the family, stay with God family.

MELVIN - April 24, 2023 at 09:11 PM

TP

“ Tammy Price lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Tammy Price - April 24, 2023 at 07:26 PM

PG

“ I would like to express my condolences to the Owens family Elder Owens was a great friend to my day and his ministry servant well done 🙏🙏

Pamela Gibson - April 24, 2023 at 06:24 PM

LK

“ Lesley Kaiser lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Lesley Kaiser - April 24, 2023 at 06:12 PM

LK

My heartfelt condolences to the Family of pastor Owens

Lesley Kaiser - April 24, 2023 at 06:13 PM

MT

“🙏 To Owens Family Sending Condolences, Prayers, Love and Hugs ❤️ I'm So Sorry To Hear Of Passing 🙏 Elder Owens. ❤️ You.



Mary Hannibal, Fort Worth, Texas. - April 24, 2023 at 05:59 PM

ES

“ Ethel N. And Robert A. Shaheed sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Ethel N. and Robert A. Shaheed - April 24, 2023 at 05:39 PM

EF

“ Ethel N. And Robert A. Shaheed & Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Ethel N. and Robert A. Shaheed & Family - April 24, 2023 at 05:38 PM

RD

“ Rev Robert D Jones, Detroit sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Rev Robert d Jones, Detroit - April 24, 2023 at 04:52 PM

CE

“ *Carletta Evans lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Carletta Evans - April 24, 2023 at 04:40 PM

IC

“ *PRAYING FOR THE OWENS AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME 🙏🙏🙏🙏 #GODBLESS*



IRMA CHISM - April 24, 2023 at 03:49 PM

TG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Owens Family.*



Tresia Givens - April 24, 2023 at 03:42 PM

ES

“ *Ella Scott lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Ella Scott - April 24, 2023 at 03:03 PM

FJ

“ *Felicia Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Felicia Jones - April 24, 2023 at 02:28 PM

BD

“ *Brittney Donald lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Brittney Donald - April 24, 2023 at 01:56 PM

RA

“ *ReGina Adams lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



ReGina Adams - April 24, 2023 at 11:51 AM

KD

“ *Condolences 🌸 and prayers to the Owens Family. 🙏🌸🙏 Miss'y K. Dukes*



Kathryn Dukes - April 24, 2023 at 11:29 AM

EW

“ I Am so Grateful to Have Known Pastor Owen's He and Mother Owen's and their Family have made such a powerful Impact in the City of Saginaw and the Grand ol Cogic. Rest on Servant of God see you inthe Morning



Elder James weston - April 24, 2023 at 11:22 AM

CO

“ Chris Jernigan Riverfront Optical sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Chris Jernigan Riverfront Optical - April 24, 2023 at 10:53 AM

CP

“ Sending our condolences and praying for you'll Ennie Bell and Candy Pearson.



Candy Pearson - April 24, 2023 at 10:53 AM

PM

“ Pastor Herbert Morris. Praying for the Family.



Pastor Herbert Morris - April 24, 2023 at 10:39 AM

MJ

“ Praying for the family, During this saddens time. Apostle Edward & Mattie Jackson.

Mattie Jackson - April 24, 2023 at 09:05 AM

VM

“ Veronica K. McClain lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Veronica K. McClain - April 24, 2023 at 09:02 AM

VF

“ Valerie Foster sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Valerie Foster - April 24, 2023 at 08:39 AM

PS

“ Prayers To the Owens Family God Bless Y'all Love Y'all To Be Absent From the Body is to be Presence With the Lord Get Your Rest Pastor Owens Job Well Done 🍷🙏🍷



Phyllis Scarbrough - April 24, 2023 at 07:47 AM

HJ

“ OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO MOTHER OWENS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME. SENDING OUR LOVE YOU ALL. "TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!" HOUSTON & ELAINE JACKSON, JR.



HOUSTON AND ELAINE JACKSON, JR. - April 24, 2023 at 05:54 AM

PA

“ To the Owens family ,sorry for your lost ,he was a great man of God just keep onkeeping your hands in God s hands and he will direct your path. I will be praying for y'all. Love Pearlie mae wesby adams

Pearlie mae wesby adam - April 23, 2023 at 09:39 PM

PR

“ Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC of Flint, MI would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family. May God comfort each of you during this transitional period.

Pastor Randolph - April 23, 2023 at 05:36 PM

CC

“ Clifford Carter lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Clifford Carter - April 23, 2023 at 04:22 PM

PN

“ To the family of Pastor Elvin M. Owens you have our prayers and condolences at this your hour of bereavement. Pastor Owens Mrs. Owens have much to proud of through God's grace. Thank for the musical gift's in your family. To God be the glory.
Pastor James H Nelson, Grace Chapel Church.

Pastor James H. Nelson - April 23, 2023 at 07:46 AM

CS

“ Camisha Simpson sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Camisha Simpson - April 22, 2023 at 08:58 PM

CS

“ Camisha Simpson lit a candle in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Camisha Simpson - April 22, 2023 at 08:54 PM

CS

“ Camisha Simpson sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens



Camisha Simpson - April 22, 2023 at 08:51 PM



“ *Louis Weems sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Louis Weems - April 22, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ *Carol Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Carol Jackson - April 22, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ *Joanie Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Pastor Elvin M. Owens*



Joanie Williams - April 22, 2023 at 12:52 PM