



Mr. John Franklin Owens

December 23, 1951 - August 29, 2020

Mr. John Franklin Owens, age 68, of Shelbyville, passed away Saturday, August 29, 2020.

Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Thursday, September 3, 2020, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Brother Robert Bailey will officiate. Burial will follow at Willow Mount Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

He was born in Lynchburg, Tennessee, on December 23, 1951, to the late John Morgan and Bernie Alberta Ingel Owens. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carrie Owens Cannon Pitts; two brothers Barney Ray (Baby Ray) and John Lewis (Buddy) Owens.

John was a 1970 graduate of Shelbyville Central High School and a member of Bethany Primitive Baptist Church, in Booneville, TN. After high school, he joined the National Guard and was employed at Jostens and Stewart-Potts. In 1978, John became a member of the Shelbyville Police Department until 1998. He then began working at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy as a supervisor of training until his retirement in 2013. He was also a rider coach trainer at the Mid Tenn Motorcycle Education Center until his death.

John had a passion for working on cars, riding motorcycles, and a big heart for children. He leaves to mourn his passing, a wife of 48 years, Ida R. (Poochie) Owens; three sons, Martin Thomas (Leah) Owens, Nashville, TN; Michael Lee and John Paul Owens, both of Shelbyville, TN; grandchildren, Jourdan Owens, San Diego, CA; Paige Owens, Knoxville, TN; Clarissa Owens, Newport, TN; Courtney Owens, Bean Station, TN; and Preston Owens, Anchorage, AK; sister, Ruth Owens, Flat Creek, TN; brothers, Jesse and Joe (Shirley) Owens, all of Shelbyville, TN; an aunt, Jessie Bell Sebastian, Fayetteville, TN; mother-in-law, Ruby G. Trollinger, Shelbyville, TN; sisters-in-law, Susie Stewart and Lisa (James) Carden, both of Shelbyville, TN, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel
2022 North Main St.
Shelbyville, TN 37160
(931) 684-8356
feldhausgowensmith@gmail.com
<http://feldhausgowensmith.com/>

Service

SEP 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel
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Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Kimberly Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Kimberly Harvey - September 08, 2020 at 09:04 AM

DW

“ *Jim and Shirley, May your memories surround you and bring you comfort.*

Dorothy and Henry Wright - September 04, 2020 at 10:07 AM

ED

“ *John Owen taught me to shoot and also told me the worse thing a cop wants to hear is the sound of a shotgun being racked. I have never forgotten these lessons. He also taught me how to protect myself. Good man who the community will miss.*

*Elaine Tonsmeire Drake
312 Smith Chapel RD.
Tullahoma, TN 37388*

Elaine Tonsmeire Drake - September 03, 2020 at 01:55 PM

BJ

“ *Bennie Jennings lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Bennie Jennings - September 03, 2020 at 12:08 PM

MH

“ *Minnie L. Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Minnie L. Henderson - September 02, 2020 at 11:29 PM

OE

“ *Otis And Volinda Eady lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Otis and Volinda Eady - September 02, 2020 at 09:37 PM

DS

“ *Mr. Owens, you made quite an impression on me in 10 weeks that will last a lifetime. Godspeed Sir, you've earned your wings way too soon. May you rest easy. Prayers to your family.*

Denise Short - September 02, 2020 at 06:34 PM

MF

“ *Motorcycle Safety Foundation purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. John Franklin Owens.*



Motorcycle Safety Foundation - September 02, 2020 at 11:50 AM

RW

“ *Rita Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Rita Willis - September 02, 2020 at 08:11 AM

RW

A very nice person. My deepest sympathies to family

Rita Willis - September 02, 2020 at 08:14 AM

RW

“ *Rita Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Rita Willis - September 02, 2020 at 08:10 AM

RB

“ *Ray Beatty lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Ray Beatty - September 01, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Franklin Owens.*



September 01, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *Kristy English lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Kristy English - September 01, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *I never realized how much of an impact knowing John Owens would have on my life. In 2004, I attended the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy. Mr. Owens was an Instructor at that time and not only helped me in driving, but also, ran part of the O course with me, yelling at (or as we say motivating) me. I couldn't have done it without his motivation. He believed in me, which after years as an MPD officer, helped me to get back to TLETA. No doubt he made an impact on all those that traveled through those TLETA doors. As friend told me not too long ago, that's how we live on as a mentor.... helping others along their journey so they can accomplish their dreams. Thanks to him and his dedication to law enforcement and to those aspiring to be law enforcement officers, I am one of those people. Rest In Peace Sir.*

Kristy English - September 01, 2020 at 05:28 PM

MH

“ *In our thoughts and prayers . Charles and Mary Henderson*



Mary Henderson - September 01, 2020 at 04:04 PM

BA

“ *Betty Buckingham And lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Betty Buckingham and - September 01, 2020 at 02:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. John Franklin Owens.*



September 01, 2020 at 12:10 PM

BD

“ *My sincere thoughts and prayers*

Barbara Draine - September 01, 2020 at 10:13 AM

BD

“ *Barbara Draine lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Barbara Draine - September 01, 2020 at 10:11 AM

JR

“ *James Rippy lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



James Rippy - September 01, 2020 at 08:06 AM

VC

“ *Virginia Christmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Virginia Christmon - September 01, 2020 at 07:53 AM

AR

“ *Angela Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Angela Ray - September 01, 2020 at 07:26 AM

CY

“ CynthiaPhillipsGreer lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens



CynthiaPhillipsGreer - August 31, 2020 at 10:52 PM

LM

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Owens Family! You will be in my thoughts prayers!!

Yours truly, Larry and Connie McGowen

Larry McGowen - August 31, 2020 at 09:15 PM

TS

“ Terence Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens



Terence Smith - August 31, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ Nancy Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens



Nancy Buchanan - August 31, 2020 at 06:48 PM

SW

“ *Shelly Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



shelly walker - August 31, 2020 at 05:03 PM

LW

“ *Leah Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Leah Ward - August 31, 2020 at 01:21 PM

MW

“ *Martha Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Martha Williams - August 31, 2020 at 12:25 PM

ME

“ *I was at the police academy when he taught there. He was always kind to me. RIP*

Misty Eneks - August 31, 2020 at 11:04 AM

RR

“ *Rita Rippy lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Rita Rippy - August 31, 2020 at 09:16 AM

DS

“ *John was a fine man. He trained many many motorcycle riders police and civilians alike. I was one of them. It was an honor sir and to his family my thoughts and prayers....*

Davud Smith - August 30, 2020 at 09:22 PM

PC

“ *John & I played tenor sax in high school band. Rest easy, John.*



Patti Williams Cantrell - August 30, 2020 at 05:29 PM



“ *Brenda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Brenda Wilson - August 30, 2020 at 04:19 PM

ET

“ *Elsie Trice lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Franklin Owens*



Elsie Trice - August 30, 2020 at 11:08 AM

GJ

I will forever remember John as a coach who tried successfully to portray himself as a hard-ass, but was actually a deeply caring man. He taught me more than anyone in my life. We were the same age. God rest your soul, John, and comfort your family and all who loved you.

Dr. Gardiner Jones

Gardiner Jones - August 30, 2020 at 05:54 PM



So sorry to see you go. It was my honor to know and to have worked with you. Godspeed my friend,

Bill Gleason - September 03, 2020 at 10:48 AM