

Pall Bearers

RaNard Owens Nathan Walker
Marcus Robinson Johnathan Owens
Nathaniel Walker Willie Hanton

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Poem

One night I had a dream...

I was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.
In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.
Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed
that during the low periods of my life,
When I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord,
that if I followed you, you would walk with me always.
But I noticed that during the most trying periods of my life
there have only been one set of footprints in the sand.
Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?
The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one
set of footprints in the sand, is when I carried you".

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg

Simmons Funeral Home of Santee

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Celebrating the Life of **Mr. Willie Owens**

APRIL 18, 1946 - JULY 18, 2025



FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 - 11:00AM

SIMMONS FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY CHAPEL

2868 COLUMBIA ROAD

ORANGEBURG, SC 29118

REVEREND ANNA MILLER, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

Reverend Anna Miller, Presiding

Prelude.....Soft Music

Processional/Final Viewing.....Clergy and Family

Song of Praise.....“Your Tears”

Music by Bishop Paul Morton

Prayer.....Reverend Annie Miller

Scripture

Old Testament.....Psalm 91

New Testament.....John 3:16

Philippians 2:10-11

Selection.....“Something About the Name Jesus”

Music by The Rance Allen Group

Acknowledgements

Selection.....“I’ve Learned To Lean”

Music by Lee Williams & the Spiritual QC’s

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Anna Miller

Prayer, Committal & Benediction

Recessional.....”Joy In My Soul”

Music by The Rance Allen Group

Special Thanks

The family of the late Mr. Willie Owens wish to express our sincere gratitude for all acts of kindness and sympathy extended during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your continued prayers. May God bless each of you.

-The Family

Reflection of Life

Let the Life I Live Speak for Me — Willie Owens, known as “Big Will” to family and friends was the oldest of six boys born to the late Prezzie Owens, Jr. and Mary Lee Washington on April 18, 1946. He entered into eternal rest on Friday, July 18, 2025 at MUSC Health of Orangeburg.

Willie served our country in the Vietnam War and later obtained his GED from Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College.

Willie was married to Katie Owens for over 50 years of partnership, friendship and dedication with each other. He enjoyed driving truck, riding motorcycles and spending time with his family.

Willie drove truck for JT Bozard Trucking for over 10 years and also worked for C&D Building Supply for a number of years. He fought a good fight of faith, kept his eyes on the Lord and stated that “he was ready to go home”.

Willie leaves to cherish fond memories: his wife, Katie Owens, of the home; three daughters, Tandra (Rodney) Busby, Debbie Hanton, and Yvette (Tyrone) Snell; two sons, RaNard Owens, and Willie (Crystal) Hanton; eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; three brothers, Leroy Owens, Pop, and Myron Washington; one sister, Marlene; along with other family and friends.