



## Mrs. Wanda Irene Owens Reed

March 17, 1949 - April 24, 2024

Wanda Irene Owens Reed, 75, wife of the late Ray Dover Reed, of 419 E. Springwood Drive, Seneca, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at Cottingham Hospice House.

A native of Clayton, GA, Mrs. Reed was the daughter of the late Rev. Eldon C. Owens and Clara Nix Owens. In appreciation of her 25 years of excellent service and dedication, Clemson University's Department of Mechanical Engineering presented her with the award for Staff Excellence. Mrs. Reed not only volunteered at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen; she was on the board that helped establish it. She was also on the board of Collins Children's Home and was a member of Hepsibah Baptist Church. Mrs. Reed was well known and loved throughout the Deaf community. She was heavily involved with the South Carolina School for Deaf and Blind, and was an activist and mentor for the local Deaf community, whom gave her the title of "Deaf Mama".

Mrs. Reed is survived by her son: Darren Ray Reed (Wanda Renee); brothers: Charlie Dean Owens (Annette) and Laland Lamar Owens (Cheryl); brother-in-law: Ralph Reed; sisters-in-law: Mary Reed Owens and Barbara R. Rice; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Reed was preceded in death by her two nephews; and one niece.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Hepsibah Baptist Church with burial to follow at Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery on Highway 28 in Clayton, GA.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Friday, April 26, 2024, at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to Macedonia Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 343 Jerry Gap Road, Clayton, GA.

The family is at their respective homes.

# Cemetery Details

## Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery

Highway 28  
Clayton, GA 30525

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
davenportfhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

APR **27**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hepsibah Baptist Church  
1304 Friendship Road  
Seneca, SC 29678

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time.



Patricia Graham Holcombe - April 28, 2024 at 11:05 PM

AC

“ I took care of Wanda when I worked at Lila Doyle and she was such a sweetheart. She would always call me “string bean” since I was so tiny but she was one of my favorites. She was always the light that filled the room. She will be deeply missed.

Alyssa Crooks - April 28, 2024 at 01:17 PM

KP

“ Wanda, your spirit and good cheer will be missed. I know you will be happy to be with Ray, your darling. Kathryn Poole

Kathryn Poole - April 27, 2024 at 09:19 PM

IM

“ Wanda was a testimony of God’s grace. I loved her humor and saw her face her challenges with faith. Her memory is a blessing.



iris Manley - April 27, 2024 at 03:45 PM

SJ

“ *Shelia James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Wanda Irene Owens Reed*



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**Shelia James** - April 27, 2024 at 10:16 AM

SB

“ *SCSDAA Boards purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Wanda Irene Owens Reed.*



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**SCSDAA Boards** - April 26, 2024 at 11:42 AM

JA

“ *Janice & Jimmy Allmond purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Wanda Irene Owens Reed.*



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**Janice & Jimmy Allmond** - April 26, 2024 at 12:39 AM

FW

“ *Frankie Williams lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed*



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**Frankie Williams** - April 25, 2024 at 11:24 PM

DB

“ Dennis Norma Baumgarner sent a virtual gift in memory of Wanda Reed



Dennis & Norma Baumgarner - April 25, 2024 at 08:08 PM

RR

“ Ronnie, Sr and Ann Riddle purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mrs. Wanda Irene Owens Reed.



Ronnie, Sr and Ann Riddle - April 25, 2024 at 08:01 PM

RR

“ Ronnie, Sr and Ann Riddle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Wanda Irene Owens Reed.

Ronnie, Sr and Ann Riddle - April 25, 2024 at 08:01 PM

AO

“ Wanda was my Dads cousin and we all loved her very much! She was always so nice to Uncle Alan Owens and that really meant alot. I'm a Tarheel fan and we would give each other grief about each other's picked team!! She was a Clemson fan and im a diehard Carolina tarheel fan! So we wouldgive each other grief over our teams!! But I loved Wanda for always being there. You just knew if there were anything she could help with She did!!! Wanda we miss you but know we will see you again someday. We loved you so very much.

Ashley Owens - April 25, 2024 at 07:40 PM

CO

“ Cheryl Owens purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Mrs. Wanda Irene Owens Reed.



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**Cheryl Owens** - April 25, 2024 at 10:40 AM

CO

“ Cheryl Owens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Wanda Irene Owens Reed.

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**Cheryl Owens** - April 25, 2024 at 10:40 AM

KG

“ Darren and family, I am so sorry for this great loss! There is no one in the world like Wanda Reed. She was my first boss at Clemson University and quickly became a beloved friend. She always pointed out the positive in situations and always found the good in every person. My life is better because she was in it. I am so thankful for her and all the memories that I can recall as I miss her presence. The photo is a recent trip we took together to her hometown, Highlands, NC. She so enjoyed sharing about her hometown, all her special spots, and the people she loved! She is now pain free and with her beloved Ray. May God engulf you in His perfect peace and comfort and you walk through the days ahead. Darren, you were the apple of her eye! There was never a conversation we had without her bragging on you. You were a JOY in her life! God bless you and keep you. Kaye Golden



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**Kaye Golden** - April 25, 2024 at 08:45 AM

TN

“ Prayers for the family.



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**Troy Nicholson** - April 25, 2024 at 07:01 AM

SD

“ *Sonya Dobson lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed*



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**Sonya Dobson** - April 25, 2024 at 12:02 AM

OM

“ *Wanda was one of God's chosen gems. God's blessings to you all in this time of great loss and sorrow.*

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**Ouida McDow** - April 24, 2024 at 11:45 PM

KL

“ *A truly beautiful Lady. Deepest Sympathy and Prayers to her Family.*



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**Keith & Louise Lusk** - April 24, 2024 at 09:56 PM

SM

“ *Susan Meeler sent a virtual gift in memory of Wanda Reed*



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**Susan Meeler** - April 24, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ *Doug Linda R. lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed*



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**Doug Linda R.** - April 24, 2024 at 07:59 PM



“ *Philip Addis lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed*



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**Philip Addis** - April 24, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ *Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed*



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**Bobbie Jean Ledford** - April 24, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ *Jan Cobb lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed*



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**Jan Cobb** - April 24, 2024 at 07:28 PM

LH

“ I grew up within 1/2 mile of Wanda and her brothers. I have nothing but fond memories of Wanda. May she rest in peace.

*Dr. Larry J. Hawkins, Lt Col USAF (ret.)*

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**Larry Hawkins** - April 24, 2024 at 06:54 PM

JB

“ Jimmy Barker lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed



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**Jimmy Barker** - April 24, 2024 at 06:38 PM

MC

“ Mischelle Chambers lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed



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**Mischelle Chambers** - April 24, 2024 at 06:30 PM

DH

“ Diane Hughes lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed



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**Diane Hughes** - April 24, 2024 at 06:11 PM

IR

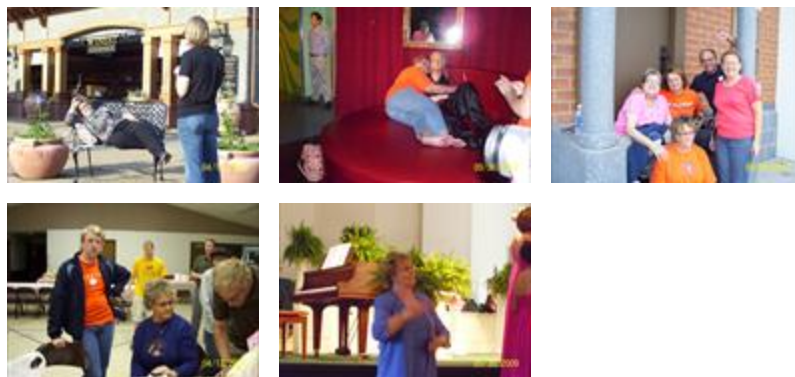
“ *Dink&Iris Duncan lit a candle for Mrs.Wanda Irene Owens Reed*



irisduncan - April 24, 2024 at 05:50 PM

LW

“ *Wanda was my first sign language teacher. She was always ready to give encouragement. She was involved with the Deaf at church and in South Carolina*

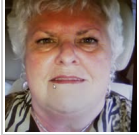


Linda Wilson - April 24, 2024 at 05:48 PM

KL

“ *I thought Wanda belonged to me personally for the first several years of my life. We were together so much. She has always been near and dear to me. Wanda reached her final goals, seeing her Lord and Savior and meeting up with Ray. What a reunion! Darren, you have always been the apple of her eye. A real void will be in the lives of so many who knew Wanda. May God give you all comfort and the precious memories bring you smiles. Love y'all so very much.*

Karen (Owens), Danny and Nicole Lovell - April 24, 2024 at 05:29 PM



“ *Jenny Thomas lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed*



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**Jenny Thomas** - April 24, 2024 at 04:22 PM

PN

“ *Darren and family my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. So many great memories of your parents. Especially when y'all come to Hopewell. Patti Nelson*



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**Patti Nelson** - April 24, 2024 at 03:55 PM

DL

“ *Darrin, Wanda has always been so special to me. She is in the arms of Jesus.*



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**Donna Lusk** - April 24, 2024 at 03:55 PM

JL

“ *Joyce Lusk lit a candle in memory of Wanda Reed*



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**Joyce Lusk** - April 24, 2024 at 03:55 PM