



## Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens

September 16, 1927 - August 5, 2015

William Robert (Bob) Owens Sr., husband of Vivian Frances Whitten Owens, died at his home on Wednesday August 5, 2015 following an extended illness. Born in Union, South Carolina on Friday September 16, 1927 he was the first born son of William Ray Owens and Inez McAlister Owens. He grew up in Easley, graduating from Easley High School in 1944. He then served in the Merchant Marine before serving in the United States Army during World War II. He married his wife of 66 years on Wednesday June 8, 1949 in the new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Walhalla, South Carolina. He graduated from Presbyterian College in 1951 and began his career as a teacher in the Walhalla schools, before becoming principal of the new South Pine Street Elementary School where he served until retiring in 1984. He earned a master's degree in school administration from Western Carolina University in 1957. Active in civic and community affairs, he served as scout master of Walhalla Troop #45 and was named the Jaycee's outstanding young man of the year in 1964. And in 1992 was Walhalla Lion's Club Lion of the year. A member of the Walhalla Presbyterian Church since 1951, he served as Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, deacon, elder, and clerk of the Session.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Owens is survived by his son Robert Owens, Jr. (Carolyn) of Walhalla; and his daughters: Nancy Owens Dobson (Truette) of Seneca and Katherine Owens Moxley (Charles) of Mountain Rest; brother: Garnet Owens of Ocala, FL; grandchildren: Kimberly Owens Klenda (Mike) of

Union, Kentucky, Dohnia Owens Galloway (Ryan) of Darlington, SC, Ned Truette Dobson III (Suzanne) of Long Creek, SC, Lisa Dobson Jordan (Kevin) of Conway, SC, William Charles Moxley (Katherine) and Grace Elisabeth Moxley both of Mountain Rest, SC; great grandchildren: Caleb Klenda, Abigail Klenda, Eliana Klenda, Kaelyn Klenda, Dohnia Elizabeth Galloway, Goodson Galloway, Suzi Dobson, Zane Dobson, Cade Jordan and Carson Jordan. In addition to his parents, Mr. Owens was predeceased by seven siblings: Wilma Cely, Patricia Mobley, Jack Owens, Douglas Owens, Jerry Owens, Joyce Connelly and Mike Owens.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM, Saturday August 8, 2015, at Walhalla Presbyterian Church, 600 East Main Street, Walhalla, SC. There will be a private burial service.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Friday August 7, 2015 at Davenport Funeral Home

Memorials may be made to the Bob Owens Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1157 Walhalla SC 29691 or to a charity of one's choice.

The family is at their respective homes.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
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<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*

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January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *I am sorry to just learn of Mr. Owens passing. Living so far from Walhalla makes it difficult to stay in touch. Mr. Owens was my teacher in high school and also the Class of 1956's home room teacher. He faithfully led us and helped us in so many ways. We have had reunions about every 5 years since graduation and Mr. Owens attended all of them. He will be sorely missed and remember at all those to come. May G-d bless Mr. Owen's family and keep them healthy and safe. John Butler*

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**John Butler** - August 24, 2015 at 04:15 PM



“ *Thank you for guiding so many of us along the way.*

*Joan Miller Clute Class of 59*

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**Joan Miller Clute** - August 16, 2015 at 02:24 PM

LT

“ Sorry to learn today August 11 of the death of Mr. Owens. He was a wonderful man to work for and the teachers who worked for him always knew we had his support ; we also knew he would support us but would also let us know in a very dignified instructive manner how to do better at whatever we were doing.He was my principal when I was a sixth grader at South Pine Street; was my school bus advisor there also, was my supervising Principal during my student teaching days, and was my first and best boss when he hired me as a third grade teacher. Simply put I loved Mr. Bob Owens and I am so sorry I didn't know of his passing. Love to the entire family.



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**Louise L Towe** - August 11, 2015 at 08:16 PM

MD

“ Marianne Addis Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



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**Marianne Addis Dillard** - August 11, 2015 at 01:34 PM

BR

“ Barbara Roach lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



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**Barbara Roach** - August 11, 2015 at 11:52 AM

JS

“ *Fond memories of Mr. Bob Owens. He was always a gentleman and a wonderful example to all who knew him.* ”



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**Joan Harden Smith** - August 10, 2015 at 02:58 PM

BS

“ *Bernice Satterfield lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens* ”



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**Bernice Satterfield** - August 10, 2015 at 09:54 AM

BS

*Friends,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. Lean on God as He will help carry your burdens. Praying for you and love you!*

*Bennett and Bernice Satterfield*

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**Bernice Satterfield** - August 10, 2015 at 09:57 AM


KB

“ *Kristy Blair Billingsley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens* ”



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**Kristy Blair Billingsley** - August 09, 2015 at 09:33 AM

  
Patricia  
Bright

“ Patricia Bright lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



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**Patricia Bright** - August 08, 2015 at 08:38 PM

TM

“ Tina Alexander Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



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**Tina Alexander Martin** - August 08, 2015 at 06:54 PM

PL

“ Prayers for the family. I have many wonderful memories of Mr. Owens and our time at South Pine Street. Pat Littlefield



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**Pat Littlefield** - August 08, 2015 at 01:25 PM

JM

“ Jim And Becky Manley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



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**Jim and Becky Manley** - August 08, 2015 at 04:51 AM

JM

“ *Joyce Montjoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



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**Joyce Montjoy** - August 07, 2015 at 10:58 PM

MS

“ *Melissa Nix Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



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**Melissa Nix Smith** - August 07, 2015 at 09:54 PM

BM

“ *Bob did a great job as an educator. We interacted with him thru our children and grandchildren. Beside that he was a great American and most friendly person I have ever known.*

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**Bobby Moss** - August 07, 2015 at 09:02 PM

CM

“ *Cathy Craig Murdock lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



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**Cathy Craig Murdock** - August 07, 2015 at 08:08 PM

AB

“ *Mr, Owens was the Principal of Pine Street School where my children Garvin, Barrett and Natalia attended. He was always kind and knew every child's name. Mr, Owens made it easy for the to leave my children in his care knowing he would call me if they needed me. We were Blessed to have him as part of their Education years.*



*Audrey Barrett Barker*

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**Audrey Barker** - August 07, 2015 at 07:44 PM

AC

“ *Anne Cannon lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



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**Anne Cannon** - August 07, 2015 at 06:29 PM

TB

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Owens have been wonderful neighbors to Eddie and me - we have many found memories of them both. One favorite is several years ago on July 4th the neighborhood fireworks show was just getting started, and here come the two of them hand in hand. They stood with us at the ends of our driveway - and never let go of each other. It was so sweet. To the family - you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Tracy Burrell** - August 07, 2015 at 04:03 PM

TB

“ Tracy Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Tracy Burrell - August 07, 2015 at 03:59 PM

WT

“ William Todd lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



William Todd - August 07, 2015 at 03:53 PM

BW

“ Betty White lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Betty White - August 07, 2015 at 03:30 PM

WS

“ Walt & Judy Stephens lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Walt & Judy Stephens - August 07, 2015 at 02:56 PM

PB

“ *Mr. Owens was my principle when I attended South Pine Street Elementary school back in the late 60s. He was so very nice. He was very approachable and that is important to a child, especially a shy one. Even as a little girl I came to learn that though he had to have a stern expression occasionally, his kindness and understanding was what would set him apart in our memories. It was easy to treat him with respect, he always treated us that way. He was a principle whose example should be followed by others. Mrs. Owens, I also was blessed to have you as a teacher and you were so kind, sweet and understanding as well. I feel very fortunate to have been taught valuable life lessons from the two of you. You are in my prayers as well as your children. This is a difficult time, but the Lord will help you all through. Mr. Owens will be missed, but he leaves behind a legacy of kindness and compassion that touched so many young lives in very positive ways.*

*Pamela Ball*

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**Pamela Ball** - August 07, 2015 at 02:43 PM

PA

“ *Philip & Joan Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



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**Philip & Joan Addis** - August 07, 2015 at 02:36 PM

LB

“ Larry And Pam Ball lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Larry and Pam Ball - August 07, 2015 at 02:21 PM

JF

“ Praying for the family. Mr. Owens was a good man. He will be missed by all!



Judy Fricks - August 07, 2015 at 01:56 PM

RT

“ Rhonda Tippett lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Rhonda Tippett - August 07, 2015 at 12:55 PM

JM

“ James E. Mayer lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



James E. Mayer - August 07, 2015 at 10:35 AM

BF

“ *Bernice Cantrell/cheryl Fowler lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



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**bernice cantrell/cheryl fowler** - August 07, 2015 at 09:42 AM

RC

“ *Rebecca Cromer lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



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**Rebecca Cromer** - August 07, 2015 at 08:52 AM

TG

“ *Mr. Bob Owens was always one of my favorite principals in Oconee County. He did a great job with our Walhalla students at Pine Street Elementary. Not only was he an outstanding educator but lived an exemplary life here in Oconee County. My sympathy to Mrs. Vivian and their children and grandchildren. He shall be missed.*



*Tally and Katherine Grant*

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**Tally Grant** - August 07, 2015 at 07:42 AM

KH

“ Karen Harmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



karen harmon - August 07, 2015 at 06:55 AM

JK

“ Mr. Owens, as I always respectfully called him, was a giant in the field of public education. He modeled the various behaviors that all educators and administrators should emulate.

John Kelley - August 07, 2015 at 05:44 AM

RA

“ Richard And Connie Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Richard and Connie Addis - August 06, 2015 at 07:30 PM

AL

“ Adam Littleton lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Adam Littleton - August 06, 2015 at 07:07 PM

BD

“ *Bobbie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



**Bobbie Duncan** - August 06, 2015 at 07:06 PM

JS

“ *Jake And Faye Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



**Jake and Faye Smith** - August 06, 2015 at 05:48 PM

RA

“ *Rod & Katherine Albertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



**Rod & Katherine Albertson** - August 06, 2015 at 05:06 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Burrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



**Sandra Burrell** - August 06, 2015 at 04:59 PM

LT

“ *Leland And Richadene W Talley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



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**Leland and Richadene W Talley** - August 06, 2015 at 04:37 PM

DL

“ *Danny, Karen & Micah Lee lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



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**Danny, Karen & Micah Lee** - August 06, 2015 at 04:28 PM

TS

“ *Terry And Kay Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens*



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**Terry and Kay Sanders** - August 06, 2015 at 03:34 PM

NM

“ *Nancy I am so sorry for your loss . May you find peace and comfort in the Lord*

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**Nona McAlister** - August 06, 2015 at 03:32 PM

NM

“ Nona McAlister lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Nona McAlister - August 06, 2015 at 03:31 PM

BJ

“ Becky Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Becky Johnson - August 06, 2015 at 02:55 PM

BJ

*My love and prayers to the family.*

Becky Johnson - August 06, 2015 at 02:56 PM

JF

“ JIM And MARGARET FARMER lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



JIM and MARGARET FARMER - August 06, 2015 at 02:48 PM

JF

*RIP to one of the finest Gentlemen I have ever known.*

JIM and MARGARET FARMER - August 06, 2015 at 02:49 PM

JC

“ Joe & Pat Culbertson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Joe & Pat Culbertson - August 06, 2015 at 02:36 PM

DH

“ Doug & Sheila Hamby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Doug & Sheila Hamby - August 06, 2015 at 02:25 PM

DN

“ Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - August 06, 2015 at 02:11 PM

JJ

“ Juanita&Ken Johns lit a candle in memory of Mr. William "Bob" Robert Owens



Juanita&Ken Johns - August 06, 2015 at 02:01 PM