



Arrie Owens, Jr.

September 27, 1944 - May 18, 2026

Arrie Owens spent his early childhood in rural Alabama just outside of Birmingham, before eventually moving to Orlando, Florida, where he attended and graduated from the historic Jones High School. After graduating, he continued his education at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, Florida, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Services. Arrie would go on to earn a Master's degree from Rollins College.

Following college, Arrie began a long and meaningful career with the State of Florida in the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in the late 1990s. Over the course of 37 years,

Arrie dedicated his life to supporting communities across Florida through his work in Juvenile Justice, Community Engagement, and Children and Families. Throughout his career, he was consistently recognized and commended for his strong work ethic, commitment to service, and outstanding performance.

Arrie was a man who loved cheering on and supporting Jones High School Tigers, FAMU Rattlers, and the Atlanta Braves. He found joy in soulful music,

with a deep appreciation for artists like Al Green, B.B. King, The O'Jays, and The Temptations. Those who knew him will remember his straightforward personality, which often revealed his kindness, understanding, humor, and natural ability to mentor others.

Above all, Arrie deeply loved his family. He cherished his children, grandchildren, niece, Pam, nephews, and a wide circle of church family, extended relatives, and community friends.

He is survived by his sons, Arrie Owens III, and Aaron Owens; daughters-in-law, Rose Owens and Holly Owens; and grandchildren: Aaron A. Owens, Noah Owens, Samantha Owens, and Oliver Owens.

Though he is no longer with us, Arrie's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched, the family he loved so deeply, and the example he set for all who knew him. His strength, wisdom, and unwavering presence will continue to guide and inspire us. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park Cemetery

2700 Bruton Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32805

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
1012 South Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Service

MAY 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sharron Beauford lit a candle in memory of Arrie Owens, Jr.*



Sharron Beauford - May 25 at 10:10 PM

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“ *Condolences to the family of my classmate Arrie Owens, Jr. May your memories of Arrie be forever with you as laughter, love and fun. R.I.P.*



*Jacqueline Tribue Scott
c/o Jones High School 1964*

Jacqueline Tribue Scott - May 25 at 06:52 AM

MS

“ *MONICA SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Arrie Owens, Jr.*



MONICA SCOTT - May 21 at 12:55 PM