



Ina Ruth Owens

October 14, 1930 - March 30, 2026

God granted Ina Ruth Taylor Owens entrance into His world on October 14, 1930, in Honoraville, Alabama, to the loving arms of Cannie Berry Taylor and Arthur Lee Taylor, Sr. Ina was the firstborn of five children. In 1939, she moved with her parents and siblings from Alabama to the Sunshine State of Florida.

Ina's education began in the elementary schools of Alabama. She was later educated in the Orange County Public School System and graduated from Hungerford High School in the historic city of Eatonville, Florida.

Ina began working early in life as a young woman to help out with the care and financial stability for her family to maintain equilibrium, structure, and strength. It was these traits that helped Ina to develop into a loving and caring person who worked diligently to nurture and provide for her family. Ina evolved herself and was constantly growing and improving her life and mindset, which flourished into a woman of God that all people came to love. Her undisputed character set her apart and highlighted her elegant, stylish appearance, mannerisms, and total beauty. She was brilliantly polished by the excellence of God's Holy Spirit through his beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Ina met and married the love of her life, Herman R. Owens, Sr., and to their holy union, they welcomed and embraced nine children whom they loved.

Ina was a dedicated worker who was willing and eager to learn. Her work history includes long-term job stability with Sunland State Hospital for several years, moving from the housekeeping department, working her way up into the nursing department, and later becoming a floor supervisor, managing the night shift staff. She also worked part-time as a domestic housekeeper, working and caring for generations of the prestigious Hooper Family of Apopka, who embraced her as a family member to this day. In addition, she worked at the Quest Group Home.

Ina also answered the call of God to become a disciple of Christ to do His bidding by working faithfully in His vineyard. She joined St. Elizabeth Church of God by Faith, becoming one of the founding families upon its establishment. There, she was a faithful member, serving in many capacities or wherever she could. She served her church faithfully as she played the drums, was a spiritfilled psalmist, a member of the choir, and led congregational songs. She also delivered meals to the elderly and visited the sick in her community. In addition to baking and cooking meals to share with others and even invited some to her table. She absolutely loved people and had no respect of person.

Ina was preceded in death by her parents, Cannie and Arthur Lee Taylor, Sr.; daughters, Ivey Cannady and Vivian Owens; son, Roderick Owens; siblings, Auburn Taylor and Annie Jewel Hughley; and grandchildren: Kiambra Owens, Lonnie B. Cannady, Jr.; great-grandsons, Antwon Owens and Terrance Dunn.

Left to cherish her precious and unforgettable memories are her 4 Daughters: Earlene Owens of Brooklyn, NY, Elaine Owens of New York, New York, Linda Owens of Washington, DC, and Ina Owens of Apopka, Florida; 2 Sons, Herman R. Owens, Jr. of Apopka, Florida and Randy Owens (Pamela) of Texas; siblings: Author Lee Taylor, Jr. and Ruth Griggs; and a host of loving

and devoted Grandchildren, Great-grand children, and Great-great-grand-children; in addition to other daughters and sons in heart, Rosa Lewis (Fred), Cynthia B. Williams, Tangela Brown, Michael Bellamy, Theresa Sims (Willie), Lurella Wynn, Willie Johnson (Jean), Minnie Scott, Mamie Kelly, Pattie Wright, Areta McKenzie, Sylvia Hudson, Saffore McGowan, Sadie White, Jackie Fair, and Carolyn Robinson, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Orlando Memorial Gardens

5264 Ingram Road
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Mother Owens will be truly missed, her kindness to all. A special lady in my life. Condolence and prayers to the family.*
Arreta McKenzie

Arreta McKenzie - April 11 at 05:32 AM

BS

“ *Beverly Taylor Sweet lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens*



Beverly Taylor Sweet - April 11 at 02:22 AM

LB

“ *Though we were first cousins, she was truly more like a sister to me. She would always say that you can't get any closer than first cousins unless you are siblings—and I know in my heart that was true for us. I carry so much love for her, a love that I will hold in my heart forever.*

While her absence leaves a deep void, I find comfort in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. To my family, be strong and hold on to faith, knowing that one day we shall all be reunited again.

*God bless,
Laura Bridges*

Laura Bridges - April 10 at 01:53 PM

LH

“ May God bless the Owens and Taylor families with strength at this time of sorrow I Called her Ms. Owens. Ms. Owens walked in the "Spirit of God" which she was always so kind and sweet to me and also had a soft voice and welcomed me into her home she will be missed by many amd I will also miss her Amother beautiful flower that been picked from the garden by The Almighty

Loretta Hughley - April 10 at 12:01 PM

MN

“ Murlice Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens



Murlice Nelson - April 10 at 12:32 AM

CO

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Carol Owens - April 09 at 10:25 PM

MN

“ Murlice N. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ina Ruth Owens.



Murlice N. - April 09 at 10:21 PM

MN

“ Murlice N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ina Ruth Owens.

Murlice N. - April 09 at 10:21 PM

LP

“ My love and prayers are with you, the Owens family as you are going through this difficult period of grief. Mother Owens will be missed by many. Sending love and prayers. Laurice Peterson 🙏❤️🌸



Laurie Peterson - April 09 at 03:20 PM

AS

“ Anita's Insurance Services purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ina Ruth Owens.



Anita's Insurance Services - April 09 at 01:32 PM

SW

“ ".I've experienced many years of love from Mother Owens." I will treasure each moment for the rest of my days! Love and prayers to the entire family. "I'm praying that God will grant you the needed strength to move forward in life"



Sadie White - April 09 at 05:48 AM

DO

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Dale Owens - April 09 at 02:36 AM



“ In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ina Ruth Owens.



April 08 at 01:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ina Ruth Owens.

April 08 at 01:13 PM

PS

“ *“My little bit of mess”, I will always hold you in my heart forever. Your smile and laughter always show the love you share for everyone. When I call and say my little bit of mess, this is your little bit of mess. The laughter in your voice. Told me how much we loved each other. RIP I love you...*

Pamela M Stevens - April 07 at 08:53 PM

FC

“ *My sincere condolences family. One of the sweetest people on this side of Heaven! Such an infectious laugh and spirit. She will be sorely missed.*



Faith Hughley- Carter - April 07 at 08:48 AM

SL

“ *Sadie Lowman lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens*



Sadie Lowman - April 07 at 06:23 AM

SL

“ *Sadie Lowman sent a virtual gift in memory of Ina Ruth Owens*



Sadie Lowman - April 07 at 06:22 AM

LH

“ *LISA H lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens*



LISA H - April 06 at 11:25 PM

HM

“ Harold & Wendy McKnight lit a candle in memory of Ina Owens



Harold & Wendy McKnight - April 06 at 08:42 PM

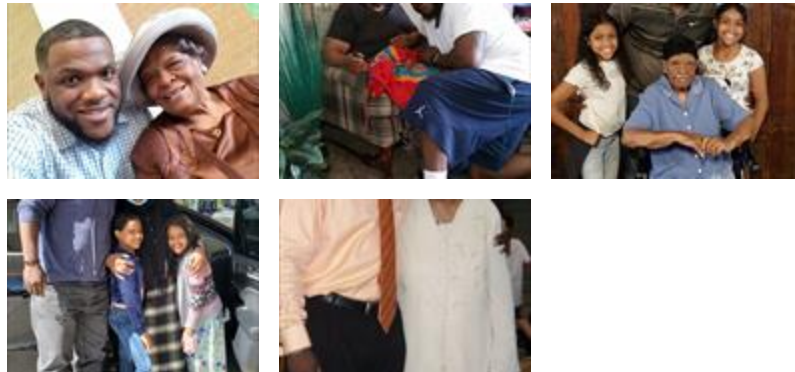
AT

“ What a beautiful life and legacy she leaves behind. Her integrity and wisdom is admired by all. We should all strive to live the life she lived. They don't make them like her anymore. My heart hurts to think I don't get one more hug, but I know she is sitting in the highest of heavens and may her kindness and godliness live on though all who love her 🙏☀️🌸😊

Anita & Trisha - April 06 at 08:25 PM

DO

“ THE WORLDS BEST GRANNY



Dale Owens - April 06 at 06:10 PM

EK

“ Erica Kemp lit a candle in memory of Ina Owens



Erica Kemp - April 06 at 05:28 PM

DN

“ The Newsome family sent a virtual gift



Dot Newsome - April 06 at 10:45 AM

CJ

“ To the Family,
Your Mother was a wonderful neighbor, a friend and true Child of God, she will be missed but never forgotten. Take comfort in knowing that her presence is with the Lord. He will give you strength in this difficult time.
Mary Charles Brown



Caren Jones - April 05 at 10:57 AM

TA

“ Thomas Family Loachapoka AI purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ina Ruth Owens.



Thomas Family Loachapoka AI - April 04 at 06:24 PM

TA

“ Thomas Family Loachapoka AI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ina Ruth Owens.

Thomas Family Loachapoka AI - April 04 at 06:24 PM

WF

“ Beautiful and Sweet memories.



West Family - April 04 at 04:16 AM

TD

“ Lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens



Terric Durden - April 03 at 07:06 PM

DN

“ Dot & Annie Newsome lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens



Dot Newsome - April 03 at 04:28 PM

PG

“ Patricia A Grant & Kirby Grant lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens



Patricia A Grant & Kirby Grant - April 03 at 03:48 PM

BS

“ Britt Shaw lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens



Britt Shaw - April 03 at 11:49 AM

CW

“ A loving Mother will be mist from us. Always smiling. Another solider gone home. That's what we are living for. Family be encourage.



Charlie Mae Warren - April 03 at 10:55 AM

CJ

“ Mrs. Owens will truly be missed. She was a neighbor in ever since of the word , such a kindhearted, caring woman of the true and living God. I will miss her presence on 19th street but the Lord called for her presence elsewhere. Her beautiful smile, soft voice and always a kind word to share , I will always remember Mrs. Owens.



Caren Jones - April 03 at 10:22 AM

CD

“ Clara Desue lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens



Clara Desue - April 02 at 07:01 PM

MS

“ Earlene And The Owens Family I Am So Sorry For Your Loss Of Your Beautiful Mother 😞 Mother Ina Ruth Owens. May The Lord Give You The Owens Family The Strength 💪 To Get Through This Time Of Sorrow. The Owens Family LOVE ❤️ YOU



MONICA SCOTT - April 02 at 04:58 PM

MS

“ MONICA SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens



MONICA SCOTT - April 02 at 02:49 PM

CD

“ Clara Desue lit a candle in memory of Ina Ruth Owens



Clara Desue - April 02 at 11:27 AM

MS

“ Our prayers are with the Owens Family in the loss of their Mother Ina Ruth Owens. May God give you all strength in your hour of sorrow. We go a long way back from Saint Elizabeth Days when Momma Nora Edward's was Pastor.
Mamie Long Kelly and Minnie Long Scott



Minnie Long Scott - April 02 at 05:46 AM

NH

Sis. Ina, you and your family are in our prayers. You did a wonderful thing when you went to take care of your Mother. The Lord continues to Bless you and your family during this time. I didn't know your mother BUT I knew you and it's clear her sweet spirit was in you as well. Please know that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We Love You All,, The McKinley Family.

need him4@gmail.com - April 06 at 07:10 PM

MN

Mother Owen's
U are Truly Miss From The Church Family.
I'll Always Remeber Your Love, Sweet Spirit & That Sweet Smile.
Heaven Has Truly again A Beautiful, Sweet Angel.
Take Your Rest. I'll Never 4get My Mother Owens ❤️U, but ZGod ❤️U
Best. ❤️❤️

Murlice Nelson - April 09 at 10:28 PM