



Mother Josephine King Owens

December 20, 1931 - December 1, 2024

Josephine King was born on December 20, 1931, in Troy, Alabama, to parents John King and Annie Mae Carter. Although she was the only child of her biological mother, she was raised as a sister to Mr. Jimmy and Mrs. Mary Wright's nine children. They were a loving and close-knit family. She attended Oakland Heights Elementary and Academy High School.

In 1954, Josephine along with several of her siblings moved to Winter Garden, Florida. Shortly after, she returned home to take care of her elderly mother. In 1957, after the death of her mother, she and her children moved back to Winter Garden. Josephine was always a dedicated and hardworking mother, who put the needs and interests of her children first. During her tenure, she worked as a housekeeper at local hotels. She also worked in the agricultural and citrus industry, working many years for both Luston Long Farm and Zellwin Farm until its closings.

Josephine accepted Jesus Christ as her Personal Savior and was baptized at an early age. She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Troy, Alabama. Upon returning to Winter Garden in 1957, she united with the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, where she served faithfully for 67 years. She was loyal to the Sr. Women Mission and the Golden Angels Ministry. Mother Owens was honored in March of this year, with 10 other senior women for their years of dedicated service to the church and the

community.

One of her favorite pastimes was reading. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles, FISHING (alone or with a friend), and gardening. Her yard is adorned with a variety of beautiful flowers, plants, and trees. She was a jokester and kept everyone laughing! Her independence was remarkable; she was a trailblazer for her family and her resilience was an example and encouragement to those who adored and loved her.

Mother Owens was preceded in death by her Parents: Annie Carter and John King; Daughters: Lena Mae King and Dorothy Jean King Beauford; Great-granddaughter, Joinyle Muiyu; Brothers: Eddie Wright, Sr. and Charles Wright; and Sisters: Willie Mae Collins, Annie Wright, Bessie Rhodes, Mattie P. Blair, Louise McCall, and Minnie Lee Warren.

She leaves cherished memories with her loving Children: Freddie C. King (Gloria), Annie Marie King, Jacqueline Sweeting (Reginald), Rose Mary Reeves (Willie C.), Jacob Brunson, Jr. (Alberdeen), Tyrone Brunson, and Pastor Willie King (Rose); Brother, Willie C. Wright, Sr.; 23 Grandchildren, 68 Great Grandchildren, and 28 Great-Great Grandchildren; devoted Nieces, Pamela Reynolds and Neddie Watkins; devoted Nephews: Craig McCall and Thomas Brunson; a host of other loving nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and many sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Apopka Memorial Cemetery

1221 Washington Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
915 East Plant Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Winter Garden, FL 34787

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Mother Josephine King Owens*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - December 18, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ *Grandma you were first Momma to me and became Grandma around my 2nd Grade year. I Love ❤️ You beyond this side of Heaven. I will miss you everyday for the rest of my days. I no longer have you to come to when things get too much for me. I know you are not too far away and will continue to talk with you anyway. Rest In JESUS R.I.J. my Lady until we meet again. A Virtuous Woman who can find, BUT GOD!
I Love ❤️ You Forever
Your Oldest Granddaughter and 3rd Grandchild
~LadyKatherine G. 💎*



LadyKatherine Gamble - December 17, 2024 at 07:05 AM

TB

“ *Going to miss you my lady, you taught me how to live with you but never without you. Forever your grand daughter*



Tracy Brunson - December 15, 2024 at 10:13 PM



LadyKatherine Gamble - December 17, 2024 at 06:57 AM

PJ

“ *Pastor and Lady Johnson purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mother Josephine King Owens.*



Pastor and Lady Johnson - December 13, 2024 at 12:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Josephine King Owens.*



December 12, 2024 at 11:42 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mother Josephine King Owens.*

December 12, 2024 at 11:42 PM

DS

“ *Dondrea Stevens lit a candle in memory of Mother Josephine King Owens*



Dondrea Stevens - December 12, 2024 at 06:59 AM



LadyKatherine Gamble - December 12, 2024 at 11:56 PM

WF

“ *West Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Josephine King Owens*



West Family - December 11, 2024 at 07:08 AM



LadyKatherine Gamble - December 12, 2024 at 11:57 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Mother Josephine King Owens*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - December 10, 2024 at 11:03 PM

TL

“ *Terence Love lit a candle in memory of Mother Josephine King Owens*



Terence love - December 10, 2024 at 03:06 PM

SB

“ Sharron Beauford lit a candle in memory of Mother Josephine King Owens



Sharron Beauford - December 10, 2024 at 01:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Josephine King Owens.



December 09, 2024 at 08:05 AM



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

December 09, 2024 at 08:05 AM

RR

“ Love you mama I'm going to miss you RIP

Rose Reeves - December 08, 2024 at 09:21 AM

ML

“ Mary D Morss." Lois" lit a candle in memory of Mother Josephine King Owens



Mary D Morss." lois" - December 07, 2024 at 09:53 PM

TF

“ *THE BROWN FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mother Josephine King Owens*



THE BROWN FAMILY - December 05, 2024 at 03:54 PM



*Grandma Loved yellow.
GOD BLESS You!*

LadyKatherine Gamble - December 17, 2024 at 07:10 AM

JS

“ *You shared your life experiences with family and friends. You wanted better for all... rest love and know Maxx and I appreciate everything you did for us. I will always remember, "we are family by blood, by law, and etc. " want say it... oh, how I remembered you loved to hug...
Praying for all your family... kiss both Jeans and my mom...we love you!!*

Jacqueline Smith - December 04, 2024 at 07:58 PM