



Steven Thomas Owens

July 1, 1951 - November 18, 2007

Heading: Steve Owens (Veteran)

Dateline: Lyman

Steven Thomas Owens, 56, husband of Rita Mason Owens, of 130 Foxlair Court, died Sunday, November 18, 2007 at the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

A native of Spartanburg County, he was the son of the late John and Edith Skinner Owens, was a retired conductor with CSX Railroad, was a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve, and was a member of the Wellford Baptist Church. Surviving in addition to his wife, are a son, John Perry Owens and his wife, Charity of Lyman; a daughter, Sallie Owens Kinard and her husband, Chris of Lyman; and three grandchildren, Peyton Owens, Preston Owens and Riley Belle Kinard.

He was predeceased by a brother, John B. Owens, Jr.

Funeral services will be held 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Wellford Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Fred Stone, Dr. Alan McWhite and Rev. Keith Kelly. Burial will follow in the Wood Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Gene Rudisill, Richey Foster, Danny Keefe, Larry Walker, Mason Walker and Russell Hall.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Upstate S.C. Regional Office, Attn. Memorial Donations, 3535 Pelham Road, Suite 101, Greenville, S.C. 29615 or to the American Diabetes Association, Greenville-Spartanburg NC-SC Office, 16-A Brozzini Court, Greenville, S.C. 29615.

Visitation will be held 6 until 8 p.m. Monday at the Wellford Baptist Church.

The family is at the home.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wellford Baptist Church
235 Syphrit Road
Wellford, SC

Service

NOV **20**. 3:30 PM (ET)

Wellford Baptist Church
235 Syphrit Road
Wellford, SC

Tribute Wall



“ RITA, KEEP UP YOUR STRENGTH FOR YOU HAVE MANY WHO
DEPEND ON YOU. YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND
PRAYERS.

KENNY BELCHER AND DEBRA

JOHNNY & VICKIE BRUCE

MIKE & KATHY PRUITT

LARRY & BILLIE KAYE HART##imported-begin##VICKIE B.

BRUCE##imported-end##

November 29, 2007 at 06:28 PM



“ Rita & Family,

We were so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Steve and I worked
together at SCL/CSX railroad for many years. Steve was a great
guy to work with and we know he will be greatly missed by his
family and friends. Our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy
are with you and all the family.##imported-begin##T. A. (Terry) &
Elaine Vinson##imported-end##

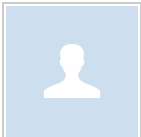
November 25, 2007 at 03:47 PM



“ Dear Rita,
Our hearts ache with you over the loss of this Godly man. How many times have I heard you say - "That Steve Owens is a saint!" Our Daddy had his homegoing in April and the loss is hard but you soon start realizing that you have them, in some ways, even closer now because they are always in your heart. May God's spirit comfort you in the days ahead and call me if you need to talk. I was unable to be there for the funeral but you have constantly been in my heart and prayers as well as all of your people at Florence Chapel. Debbie sends her love. As always you are - "precious to my heart!"

We Love You,
Frank, Debbie and Will Hyatt###imported-begin###Frank and Debbie Hyatt###imported-end##

November 22, 2007 at 10:48 AM



“ You are in my prayers.
God Bless you and yours.###imported-begin###Pecola (Carson) Edelen###imported-end##

November 21, 2007 at 01:46 AM



“ Rita and all your family, we weep with you . . . in your great loss. Jesus Christ himself weeps with you! He is your peace and joy as you walk through this deep sorrow. He is your way forward, your truth for strength of mind and your life as you mourn your beloved Steve's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers. (A classmate from BRHS)###imported-begin###James (Jim) & Linda White###imported-end##

November 20, 2007 at 02:25 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Deborah Vinson-Rainwater##imported-end##

November 20, 2007 at 12:12 PM



“ SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF STEVE. YOU HAVE MY SYMAPTHY DURING THIS HARD TIME, AND I WANT TO WISH YOUR FAMILY THE BEST OVER THE THANKSGIVING SEASON. GIVE MY REGARDS TO JOHNNY AND SALLY, WHO I HAVEN'T SEEN IN QUITE A WHILE. I HOPE THEY ARE DOING WELL, AND GOD BLESS##imported-begin##RYAN STRIBLING##imported-end##

November 20, 2007 at 11:20 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family during this time. God bless you.##imported-begin##michelle and brian cooper##imported-end##

November 20, 2007 at 07:14 AM



“ Rita,

Like many others have said, words can't express how sorry I am to hear of your loss. You, Steve, and your family have always meant a great deal to me for which I treasure. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we will love you always. I am sorry that I couldn't be there for the services but will be thinking of you during that time and the days ahead. Love to all.##imported-begin##Kevin Lynch##imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 11:37 PM



“ Dearest Rita and All, My heart breaks for you as you go through Steve's homegoing. I was shocked and had tears of sadness for you. Rita, my sweet friend, sister in the Lord, and prayer partner, you can be sure that you and your children and grandchildren are lifted to the throne of our LORD. As challenging as this has to be, Steve is rejoicing with the only ONE he loved more than you - and that is Jesus. The void in your life is cavernous; you loved one another so beautifully - in a myriad of ways. You gave him the best of yourself, Rita, and you honored the Lord and Steve in your love with him and your love for others. His life truly was well-lived -for God's glory and the blessing and benefit of his wife, family, friends and church family. His loss will be deep. Praise the Lord that we have the hope of heaven as we shed tears of loss in this present life. May you daily know the comfort of our Lord as He is your REFUGE and Strength - a very present help in times of trouble (Ps. 46:1) and comfort from loved ones. Our love and prayers of support and care for your stamina, your grieving and your recovery will be consistent. Donna and "J"###imported-begin##Donna###imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 09:13 PM



“ Dear Rita, There are no words to say but to know that Steve was a wonderful husband, father and a friend to all who knew him. Ray Thompson emailed me last night to pray for Steve . I am so very sorry for your loss. May God hold you oh so very close with the days to come. Trust in the Lord. You are in my prayers. Helen Camp###imported-begin##Helen Camp###imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 08:52 PM



“ Your family has meant a lot to my father and mother over the years. I wish I could say some words that would make it easier but they are no such words. My family will be praying for you guys. Paul Hayes###imported-begin##Paul Hayes###imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 06:00 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear about Steve. He was truly a great man!! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Carly Lester Lineberry###imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 03:25 PM



“ Rita, Johnny, Sally, and families,
We were so shocked and saddened to hear about Steve. Please know that all of you have been in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to be. All our love,
David & Edith###imported-begin##David, Edith, & Family###imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 02:31 PM



“ Rita, Sallie, and family-I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God will strengthen and encourage you during this time.###imported-begin##Tanna Antley###imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 01:15 PM



“ Dearest Rita: I cannot express to you my heartache over learning about the loss of Steve. My mind and heart goes back-so many years ago-when you two first met. How blessed you have been to have had the love and devotion of such a wonderful man for so many years. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers--and will continue so as you face the days ahead. You've always been an inspiration and I know that your faith and strength will continue to uplift and sustain you as you'll always be Steve's precious "pie". Love and prayers--Kathy###imported-begin###Kathy Sullivan Center###imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 11:08 AM



“ Sallie and Rita,

*I am so sorry that you are going through this painful experience. I am praying for you and thinking about you often. Much love,
Michelle###imported-begin###Michelle King###imported-end##*

November 19, 2007 at 10:31 AM



“ Sallie & Family -- We are truly sorry to hear about the passing of your father. But, in the days ahead, just dwell on the fact that one day you'll all have a happy homecoming meeting up there ! Love & prayers to you all. Linton & Debbie Carpenter###imported-begin###Linton & Debbie Carpenter###imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 10:20 AM



“ Dear Rita, Sally, Johnny and family,
We are so saddened by Steve's death.
He was a wonderful man and he will be missed. We are here for
you if you need us. Love ya, Lonni###imported-begin##Lonni &
Michael Brown###imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 08:55 AM



“ Dear Rita, Johnny & Sallie, we are so saddened to learn of your
loss of Steve. May your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ comfort you
during this time of grief. Much love, Glenn & Kathy
Stribling###imported-begin##Glenn & Kathy Stribling###imported-
end##

November 19, 2007 at 08:37 AM



“ Rita, Sallie, and Family,
Our hearts go out to you in this time of your great loss. How do you
say, "I'm sorry," when it is a soul-mate or a father? There is no way
that words can comfort, but the Comforter can...and He will. You are
in our thoughts and prayers. May the Holy Spirit wrap His arms
around you as never before and sustain you through this time of
grief.
Love and prayers,
Kara and Dave Steward###imported-begin##Kara and Dave
Steward###imported-end##

November 19, 2007 at 08:30 AM



“ Rita & Family,
I was sorry to hear of your loss. I know this is a very difficult time for all of you. But you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Pam Harrison##imported-end##

November 18, 2007 at 09:38 PM



“ Rita, We just heard about your loss. We are so sorry. Just know that we are thinking and praying for you and your family during this difficult time. If there is anything we can do just let us know. We love you.
Courtney and Boss##imported-begin##Boss & Courtney Ramsey##imported-end##

November 18, 2007 at 07:45 PM