

Celebrating the Life of Willie F. Owens

Sunrise
March 25, 1930

Sunset
January 5, 2021

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many thing to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me
with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good
years.

**Services Entrusted By:
Butler & Son Funeral Home
10501 Roseboro Hwy.
Roseboro, NC 28382**



**Wednesday, January 13, 2021
12:30 pm
Howard Cemetery
Salemberg, NC**

Elder David Beatty, Officiating

Obituary

Mr. Willie Franklin "aka" Sam Owens was born to the late Thedie Owens and the late Sarah Melvin Owens on March 25, 1930 in Sampson County. He attended the Salemburg Colored School.

He met and married Virginia Pierce Owens at the age of 22. Together they had three children, Cynthia Harris (Caesar) of Knightdale, NC, Frankie Owens (Alisa), Raleigh, NC, and Dennis Owens (Debbie), Oakridge, TN. Later in life he had two more children, LaTonya Hicks, Mount Olive, NC and Kevin Ruffin, Lumberton, NC. He also leaves behind a host of grand and great grandchildren. Also he leaves behind three siblings, Clarence Owens, Jerry Owens, and Sandra Parker.

Early in life he worked as a farmer, he left that and went to work in a Textile factory in Clinton, NC. Later in life he went back to farming with Joe Warren, the Mayor of Salemburg, NC.

He spent his last two years of life at The Zebulon House in Zebulon, NC. He was fondly known there as "PaPa". He had made his peace with God and was happy about where he was and how God had blessed him. He was loved and will be missed by many.

*7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: **2 Timothy 4: 7***

Order of Service

Opening Song
Elder Saquan Howard

Prayer of Comfort
Minister Caesar Harris

Scripture: Old Testament
Minster Priscilla Bennett

Scripture: New Testament
Minister Luther Cason

Song
Elder Saquan Howard

Eulogy
Elder David Beatty

Mortician's Brief

Interment