



## Edward Glenn Owens, Sr.

December 25, 1928 - November 10, 2012

Edward Glenn Owens, Sr. Edward Glenn Owens, Sr. was the second child born to Cornelius (Neal) and Alma Randle Owens on December 25, 1928. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Freddie Mae Hadley, brothers Neal Owens, Jr. and Billy Ray Owens. He united with Christ at an early age at Red Hill Baptist Church and was baptized by the late Rev. Charles. Glenn's early education began in Madison County. In 1944 his parents relocated to Huntsville, Texas, where he continued his educations and graduated from Sam Houston High School in 1948. While in high school he participated in many activities to include Chorale Club, Agriculture, FFA and football. During his high school years he worked at the Huntsville Item and upon graduation he was able to secure full-time employment there as a Printer. In 1952 he enlisted in the U.S. Army for The Korean War. His unit stood prepared to be shipped from Germany to Korea when the war ended. He was honorably discharged in 1954. After his military service he worked wee-ends and holidays at "The Huntsville Item" while attending Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) and later Texas Southern University (TSU). Upon receiving a certificate for completion of his studies from TSU in Industrial education with a specialty in printing he returned to The Huntsville Item. On March 9, 1970, after 30 years of service and many great memories with The Huntsville Item and the Woodall family, Glenn began a new career with TDC in the Print Shop at the Walls unit. In 1975 he was transferred Wynne unit to set up a License Sticker Plant. Five Years later, TDC established a Printer Training School,

Owens became one of the Instructors. In December 1990 he retired. He was known as a friend to all, always willing to help anyone, one who worked well with and was respected by his colleagues as well as inmates. He was affectionately referred to as "Big O". On April 29, 1956, Glenn and his "high school sweetheart" Hattye D. Palmer were united in holy matrimony. To this union was born a son Edward G. Owens, Jr. Glenn was a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church, where he served in many capacities, Chairman of the Trustee Board, Deacon, member of the Sanctuary Choir and Male Chorus. Glenn is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Hattye Palmer Owens; his devoted son Edward Glenn Owens, Jr.; grandson, Edward Glenn Owens III (Trey); daughter-in-law, Rissie Owens; a special cousin Burnice Merchant and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Special thanks to Caregiver and friend, Calanese Young and Lori Lovelady, Sabrina Snell and Barbara Freeman; Medical Staff, Dr. Murtaza Mahesri and Dr. Lihn Dang. Funeral services for Mr. Owens will be held Saturday, November 10, 2012, 11:00 a.m., at First Missionary Baptist Church, in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will follow at North Side Cemetery, in Huntsville. Mr. Owens will lie in state Friday, November 9, 2012, at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Family will receive friends Friday, November 9, 2012, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Glenn Owens, Sr.*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *To the Owens Family  
Just recently heard of the passing of your love one. I know he will be greatly missed. Ed you and your family will be in our prayers . Trust we understand for we were in your shoes just two years ago with the passing of my father. May God continue to bless ,strengthen,and keep you.  
Grimes County Commissioner Barbara Walker*

**Barbara Henley Walker** - February 27, 2013 at 10:42 PM



“ *Mrs. Owens: I didn't know Mr. Owens but my dad always had such good things to say about him from working with him at TDC. Lifting you and your family up prayers.*

**Peggy Carrera de la Rosa** - December 11, 2012 at 04:31 PM



“ *Dear family, I just learned of Mr. Owen's passing. My sincerest condolences to you all. I know he was greatly loved and will be missed.*

**Jennie Sigler Curran** - November 28, 2012 at 12:14 PM

NC

“ Dear Faimly,  
My children and I send our sincerest condolences. Thank God for memories that live forever. Glenn was a close friend to my husband , and he will always be remembered. God is a comforter, Trust Him.

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**Norma Craft** - November 16, 2012 at 01:23 PM

DP

“ Dear Mrs. O and family,  
May God wrap His loving arms around all of you at this sad time. You are in all of our prayers and we have loved your family for many, many years. Our prayers are with you. May you have peace and rest. Love, Donna Robinson Paschall, Christina Tyler, Dick and Maudie Robinson, Carol and Richard Byrd, Jan and Tom Rogers and Mary and Nathan Roe

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**Donna Robinson Paschall** - November 11, 2012 at 06:58 PM

SL

“ Ed and Rissie--I just learned of the passing of your father/father-in-law. As I read the obituary, I was impressed by the man I never got to meet and I know I would have enjoyed knowing him. I send you my sincere sympathy and you will be in my daily thoughts and prayers.

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**Susan S Lenamon** - November 11, 2012 at 02:40 PM

MH

“ To the Owens family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Martha Snodgrass Hutchinson** - November 10, 2012 at 08:26 PM

LK

“ *Hattie and family: Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

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**Loretta Lawson & Kyla and Kari** - November 10, 2012 at 04:55 PM

MB

“ *Mrs. Owens, Edward, Rissie, and Trey~*

*We have many fond memories of Mr. Owens! My mother and I send our condolences and want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Marilyn Byrd and Dorothy Smither*

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**Marilyn Byrd** - November 10, 2012 at 10:55 AM

BT

“ *Dear Mrs. Owens, Ed,Jr., Rissie, and Trey,  
I will be unable to attend Mr. Owens' service today but my heart and prayers will be with you today and in the future. One method I use to help me is to thank the Lord for every day I had Oscar and Corky.  
You have a wonderful family!!  
I cherish your friendship.9*

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**Bonnie Thorne** - November 10, 2012 at 09:59 AM

MT

“ *Ed, having read the obituary of your father, I know he was a special person in your life and that you and your family will miss him, but you will have so many fond memories of him. He was certainly a self-made man with many accomplishments. May God bless you and your family.*

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**Mary Ellen Thornton** - November 10, 2012 at 12:09 AM

MC

“ Mrs. Owens, and family. I am so sorry for your loss. I lift you up to the Lord for healing and comfort. God Bless. I love you Mrs. Owens, BIG HUGS and KISSES. ex-student Margo Keller Chandler , Class of 1980

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**Margo Keller Chandler** - November 09, 2012 at 11:32 PM

LC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Owens Family and especially to Aunt Hattie. May God bless you in your time of loss and sorrows. Remember that the Earth has no sorrows that the Heavens cannot heal.

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**Lavena Cain** - November 09, 2012 at 11:03 PM

JH

“ To: Ed, Rissie and Trey

*Our thoughts and prayers are certainly with you and your entire family at this time. I know Mr. Owens was so loved and respected. Just know that your friends are with you now.*

*Jason and Carrie Heaton  
Rita Heaton-Schwind*

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**Jason & Carrie Heaton & Rita Heaton-Schwind** - November 09, 2012 at 10:59 PM

MM

“ Dear Owens Family, You are in our prayers. Mr. Owens was one of the first people I met many years ago when I first started to work for TDCJ. He treated everyone the same everywhere you saw him. He would also ask me how you doing young fellow and then flash that million smile. He was a blessing to many people and will be missed.  
Malcolm Mire

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**Malcolm Mire** - November 09, 2012 at 09:38 PM

BW

“ *Mrs. Owens and Ed, We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Owens passing. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Bobby and Cathy Warren** - November 09, 2012 at 09:10 PM

DT

“ *Mrs. Owens and Edward, my family and I are sending our heartfelt sympathy and prayers and letting you know our hearts are deeply saddened by the news of Mr. Owens passing. We will continue to pray for you both during this sad time. Our Deepest Sympathy.*

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**Dorothy Thomas** - November 09, 2012 at 07:48 PM

CE

“ *Mrs. Owens, I'm so sorry for your loss. In Christ, Charlotte*

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**Charlotte Efird** - November 09, 2012 at 07:27 PM

VS

“ *To Ms. Hattye Owens and family with Sympathy and Caring. Vann Sr. Julia and family and the CLASS FAMILY OF 1967 are ( Sharing in your sorrow and sending caring thoughts. Vann Sr.*

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**Vann G. Hawkins Sr** - November 09, 2012 at 07:03 PM

KJ

“ *To the Owens Family. I just want to express to you that I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you. Keep the faith & God will see you through. Be Blessed!!*

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**Kedrick L. Jenkins** - November 09, 2012 at 07:01 PM

WS

“ Ed, Rissie, Trey,  
We are saddened by your loss and will have you in our prayers. Mr Owens will be greatly missed by all of us who came to know and respect him.

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**Wayne & Andrea Scott** - November 09, 2012 at 06:58 PM

DS

“ Mrs. Owens, Ed, Ressie and Trey,

Jan and I are saddened to hear of your loss. We are lifting you all up in prayer during this difficult time. Our Deepest Sympathy.

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**David and Jan Stacks** - November 09, 2012 at 05:36 PM

DA

“ We have so many memories of Mr.Owens..He always made us smile and told us how proud he was of the family we raised..Mr.Owens was more than a neighbor,he was family..We are here for you in your time of need Mrs.Owens..To Edward , Rissie & Trey keep the memories of your dad because as the earthly body is still , he lives on with our father who is in heaven..

The Ashley's

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**Darnell(pap) & Alpha Ashley** - November 09, 2012 at 05:21 PM

DM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out the family at this time. "Hold true to God, the Maker and Creator of all things". Heartfelt condolences go to you all.

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**Delois Merchant** - November 09, 2012 at 05:11 PM

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“ *"For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" Romans 14:8 Let the memories shared give you comfort and peace. I'll hold dear to the SMILES and waves given when I past him getting the mail. Small gestures that went along way. Prayers of comfort expressed to the family.*

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**Trina Hodge (Merchant)** - November 09, 2012 at 05:07 PM

SR

“ *Dear Mrs. Owens and Family,*

*All of our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss. We did not know your husband, but he must have been a wonderful man to have been married to such a beautiful, loving woman like you. You were our favorite teacher---and that is saying something when it comes from all three of us! Shay also sends her regards(she graduated with Trey.) May you find peace in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends...*

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**Susan Frizzell Retzlaff, Joy Frizzell McCracken, and W.J. Frizzell and Shay Retzlaff** - November 09, 2012 at 05:01 PM

SW

“ *Mr. Owens was such a blessing in our lives. He always use to call Steven and talk to him making Steven's day special feeling that he wasn't forgotten. We will all miss him on this earth but one day we shall all see him again with our Heavenly Father! You are all in our prayers.*

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**Steven & Charlotte Westley** - November 09, 2012 at 03:51 PM

RR

“ *ms.hattye this is rona i would like to encourage you to ask what you will of the almighty. he will give you strength and he will give you understanding in times like these.he is a wise and a just GOD,and makes no mistakes. you will forever be in my prayers. with much love FROM MRS.RONA RIGSBY AND SONS*

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**rona rigsby** - November 09, 2012 at 03:42 PM

NJ

“ *Miss Hattye, I don't know whether you remember me or not, I was the SHSU Alumni Director from 1977 - 1992. I am sorry about the loss of your husband. Carry him in your heart and he will be with you always. Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady.*

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**Norma Dell Jones** - November 09, 2012 at 10:22 AM

WJ

“ *Sending prayers to a wonderful family.*

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**Walter H. Bennett, Jr.** - November 09, 2012 at 09:17 AM

GG

“ *To the Owens family, Mr. Owens was one of the reasons working at the Wynne was a pleasure all those years. His positive attitude and of love of his fellow man was obvious in our day-to-day interactions. God's blessings to you and fondest memories of "Big O."*

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**Greg and Dani Gathright** - November 08, 2012 at 10:03 PM

LM

“ *Mr. Owens was among my happiest memories as a nurse. He was a joy to be with each time I saw him. His love for God and his beautiful smile always warmed my heart.*

*Prayers and Hugs,  
Linda (nurse for Dr. Selassie)*

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**Linda Marsalis** - November 08, 2012 at 08:22 PM

SS

“ *Mrs. Owens and family: I am so sorry for you loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sue Sprott, HHS class of '74*

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**Sue Sprott** - November 08, 2012 at 05:15 PM

RC

“ *To the entire Owens family:  
Just know that each of you are in our thoughts during this very difficult time. Our prayer is that God will give you comfort during your hours of sorrow.*

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**Rev. and Mrs. Obie Rolling, Jr., Shirlette, and Craig** - November 08, 2012 at 03:52 PM

SM

“ *Sending prayers for peace and comfort to the Owens Family as they say goodbye from this world to their loved one. Thank you Jesus they can meet again in Glory. "In your presence there is fullness of joy." Psalm 16:11*

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**Sandy Murphy** - November 08, 2012 at 01:26 PM

RT

“ *Mr. Ed, Mrs. Rissie, & Trey;  
Know that Scott & I (and the Brown Bunch) will be praying for you and your family. I remember him and Mrs. Hattye coming to jumprope events and banquets. God has you wrapped in his arms, and loves your sweet family very much. Miss you all.*  
Scott & Rebekah Terry

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**Rebekah "Brown" Terry** - November 08, 2012 at 12:36 PM

JB

“ *Mrs. Owens and Family, I am so very sorry for your loss of Mr. Owens. I will always remember the days when we had physical therapy together and Mr. Owens loved to tell me his memories of growing up with my mom's family in Bedias. I could tell he got a lot of enjoyment of listening & telling about those "good old days"! He was a wonderful man and a great friend to everyone that he met. I know that our Lord is with you & that Mr. Owens is smiling down from above. Please know that you & your family are in my thoughts and prayers! With much love,*  
Jamie & Don Brinegar

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**Jamie Ellisor Brinegar** - November 08, 2012 at 12:02 PM

IR

“ *To the Owens Family:*  
  
*May God keep you and provide you the strength to deal with your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of bereavement. Know this, that the almighty father will not place no more on us than we can bear. Continue to be strong.*

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**Ivory Rattiff** - November 08, 2012 at 11:07 AM

SS

“ Mrs. Owens and Ed Our thoughts and prayers are with You during this difficult time.

Susan Losack Schumacher - November 08, 2012 at 10:34 AM

TS

“ Dear Ed and Ms. Hattye, so sorry to hear about Mr. Owens' death. Seems like 100 years ago, but I enjoyed working with him at the Wynne Unit. He always had a smile and a kind word, which was rare and truly appreciated in that environment. Such a gracious spirit. We send you our love and prayers.

Tommy and Beverly Stewart - November 07, 2012 at 07:22 PM

CW

“ Dear Mrs. Owens and family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers!

Platt and Joyce McLaughlin  
Cheryl McLaughlin Washington HHS Class of '73

Cheryl McLaughlin Washington - November 07, 2012 at 05:01 PM

HF

“ "Big O" was an inspiration to all who knew him. The world is a better place for his time here and will be a lesser place without him.Z14Pi

Hiram Turner & Family - November 07, 2012 at 01:22 PM

BF

“ Ed,Rissie and Trey, so sorry to hear of your loss, my prayers are with each of you at this time of sorrow. God Bless all of you and extended Owens Family.

Blaine and Sherry Fabre - November 07, 2012 at 12:30 PM

JK

“ To Ed and the Owens family, our heartfelt condolences go out to you all. We pray that God will comfort and give strength to your family during this difficult time. Please remember those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

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**Julie Kuykendall** - November 07, 2012 at 11:19 AM

BN

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the Owen family.

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**Beverly Niederhofer** - November 07, 2012 at 11:17 AM

FR

“ Ed and Mrs. Owens, my sincere condolences on your loss. May the good lord above be a continued source of strength and comfort to your family.

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**Fred Rangel** - November 07, 2012 at 10:12 AM

EA

“ Mrs. Owens & Family, Our thoughts and Prayers are with you during this difficult time. We enjoyed your visit last week in the hospital.

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**Edd & Terry Artherholt** - November 07, 2012 at 10:01 AM

DU

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. May God wrap his comforting arms around you.

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**Danny and Pam (Shelly) Upchurch** - November 06, 2012 at 10:02 PM

SG

“ *Mrs. Owens and Ed, My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Sheila Gaskins** - November 06, 2012 at 07:03 PM

RD

“ *It was truly an honor and a privilege to have known Mr. Owens. To see his smile and hear his laughter was contagious!*

*To Ms. Hattye, Ed, Rissie, and Trey: You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Remember Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.*

*Love, Roslan (Roz) Daniels and Family*

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**Roslan Daniels** - November 06, 2012 at 04:51 PM

MM

“ *What a glorious life “Big O” had. He touched so many of us with his humor, love of God, and his caring manner. He was a treasure to all of “his boys” and touched each of our lives in a special way. We know that God has a special place for “Big O” and we are grateful that he was lent to us to show us the goodness in life. He will always be a part of our life.*

*Ms. Hattye and family, you are in our prayers.*

*With love,*

*Mike & Sherrill McDowell*

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**Mike & Sherrill McDowell** - November 06, 2012 at 02:27 PM

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