



## Mrs. Martha Owens

August 23, 1929 - October 30, 2022

Mrs. Martha Owens, 93, of Peoria, Illinois, transitioned to her heavenly home at 11:58 am on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at UnityPoint Health Methodist Hospital.

Martha was born on August 23, 1929 in Coahoma, Mississippi to Henry and Birtha (Brooks) Jones. She married Alex Owens, Sr., in Clarksdale, Mississippi in 1955; he preceded her in death in 2012 after 57 years of marriage.

Martha was a homemaker who took great care of her family. She also and provided daycare services. She especially enjoyed babysitting her granddaughter, Shamear. Martha was a devoted mother, grandmother and loved spending time with her family. She loved to cook, watch the Young and the Restless and Walker Texas Ranger on TV.

Mother Martha was a faithful member of Zion Baptist Church for over 40 years under the leadership of Pastor McCoy and the current Pastor Samuel Duren. She served on the Mother's Board and was a member of the choir under the leadership of Bro. Francis Duren.

Martha leaves to cherish her most precious memories three sons, Richard Owens, Steve (Mattie) Owens and David Owens; two daughters, Betty

Roberts and Rochelle Owens; one son whom she raised, Timothy (Shantea) Jones all of Peoria, IL; twenty grandchildren and a host of great grandchildren, great greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She is also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Allen Owens and Elex Owens, Jr.; two brothers, John Wright and Roy Jones; three sisters, Flora Brown, Virginia Lotts and Mary Jones; one grandson, Freddie Roberts and one great grandson, Kente Owens.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Zion Baptist Church, with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Samuel Duren will officiate. Martha will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [SimonsMortuary.com](https://www.SimonsMortuary.com).

The service will be live streamed on Simons Mortuary's Website or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Simons-Mortuary-232095303487150> promptly AT THE TIME OF THE SERVICE (Central Time).

Due to Covid-19, social distancing is encouraged to be consistent with recommendations from the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA), funeral home directors have been instructed and should follow CDC guidelines on gatherings, including those directly related to funerals, visitations, or graveside services.

\*In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we ask that everyone in attendance: wear a face mask and refrain from hugging, kissing and shaking hands (as hard as it is to see someone you care about and not touch them).

\*It is our responsibility as Funeral Directors, to do everything we can to advise families in order to honor our beloved Families and to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church  
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive  
Peoria, IL 61605

## Funeral Service

NOV **12.** 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Zion Baptist Church  
323 W.Martin Luther King Drive  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Martha Owens*



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**Simons Mortuary** - November 11, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Mrs. Martha Owens*

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January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Martha Owens*

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January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Gwen, Charmaine, Cheryl, Nikki, Tiff, Shante purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Martha Owens.*



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**Gwen, Charmaine, Cheryl, Nikki, Tiff, Shante** - November 04, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ *Tim Dubois sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Owens*



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**Tim Dubois** - November 04, 2022 at 05:27 AM



“ *Tim Dubois lit a candle in memory of Martha Owens*



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**Tim Dubois** - November 04, 2022 at 05:23 AM