



## Mrs. Josephine Boykin Owens

October 7, 1928 - August 24, 2025

Mrs. Josephine Boykin-Owens, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend passed away peacefully at home on August 24, 2025 at 4:43 am, at the age of 96. She was born on October 7, 1928 in Rankin County to the late Albert Boykin Sr. and Ida Mae Trigg-Boykin. She was married to Charles Owens, who preceded her in death. "Mom" also known to many as "Granny", grew up in Rankin County and had a close-knit family and loved everyone she encountered. For many years, the holiday gatherings were not only fun filled, but room filled laughter and joy at her house. She enjoyed those gatherings because she knew everyone would be there under one roof.

Growing up, Josephine believed in working hard and taking care of the family however and whenever she could. Most importantly, she believed in worshipping and serving God as well as reading her bible daily. She adored all the Pastors and their wives during her lengthy time in the Taylorsville Community: Reverend Crump, Pastor Wayne Bass and his wife, Pastor Jerry Collier (Janie), Reverend Elbrist Mason (Stella), and Reverend Craig Baxton (Janice) and would let them know how special they were to her. She remained an active member of Taylorsville United Methodist Church, formerly Trinity UM Church, which is now Taylorsville Community Church, until her health started failing and she felt she could no longer attend active services. She served on the usher board, church committee, Sunday school teacher, and was a member of the senior citizen choir, which she loved so dearly. She had many

dear friends/cousins whom she absolutely adored (Mary "Babymae" Bryant) and enjoyed the laughs between them. Her presence was a blessing to all those she encountered. She loved life and had a passion for quilting. She worked many years at Riverside Hospital in dietary until she retired and started helping raise some of her great grandchildren: Johnathan Ramone Adams, Edmund (Melissa) Adams, Keith Simmons, Deante (Ida) Owens, Cedric (Teameaka) Simmons, Justin Purvis, Tecobia (Kenny) Gibson, Pam Owens, Brandy Adams, Chassity Sanders. She later began assisting in raising some of her great grandchildren: Eli Adams, Isiah Adams, Courtney (Kern) Lincoln, Delvin Bragg, Dominique Bragg, Katara (Joseph) Boykin, Shawn "Sugarbear" Butler Jr, Tecobia (Kenny) Gibson, Kammy Hamm, Summer Hopson, Shandalan Hopson, Stephanie Hopson, Sharmaine "Punkin" Coleman, and Tawanna Brooks.

One of her favorite verses:

Psalm 23: 1-6: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

She is preceded in death by her mother and father (Albert Sr. and Ida Trigg); Aunt (Jessie Lee Horne and Dessie Trigg); Uncles (Harvey Trigg, Handy Trigg, Minnie Trigg, John Anderson Trigg, Felser "Bubba" Trigg); Nephews (Silas Boykin, Joseph Boykin Jr. "Bud", and Rodney Boykin). Brother (Albert Jr. "Buddy"); Daughter (Dollie Owens-Bragg); Son (John Owens), daughter-in-love (Imma Owens), Son-in-love (Johnnie Adams), and Great-Great Grandchildren (Swayze and Ryder Purvis)

Mrs. Josephine leaves to cherish her two daughters: JoAnn Owens and Ida (Johnnie-deceased) Adams, both of Brandon, Ms. Three granddaughters whom she raised from infant age: Earlene Simmons Brandon, MS; Natalie (Willie) Keyes, Mendenhall, MS; Amtisha (Blair) Tew, Brandon, MS. Eight other grandchildren, whom she played a major role in their lives in raising: Eddie (Janie) Bragg), Charles, Bragg, both of Pearl, MS. Florentino Bragg-Hobson, Arizona; LeQuida (Billy) Sanders), Jackson, MS; Nikki Owens (Children: Rickie, Reshay, and ReAnna Grigsby and Matthew Owens), Los Angeles, CA; Jonathan Ramone Adams, Pearl, MS; Edmund (Melissa) Adams (children: Erin and Olivia); Brandy Adams, both of Brandon, MS. Bonus grandson: Willie (Kayla) Keyes, Mendenhall, MS. Nephews: George Boykin of Chicago; Timothy Boykin, California. Sister-in-Laws: Mary Everette and Mary Kate Owens, both of Indianapolis, Indiana. A special forever grandson-in-love Darrayl (Lisa) Simmons, Pearl, MS. Eight Bonus grandchildren inherited through her son John: Tony Seymore, Sherry (Terry) Nelson, Katrice (Jimmy) McGuire, Stacy Derrell Seymore, Terry Seymore, Shawn Seymore, Kenya Owens (all from California), and Shrona (Tim) Garner from Atlanta, GA. Twenty-nine (29) great grandchildren, twenty-three (23) great, great grandchildren, Three (3) great, great, great grandchildren, as well as many bonus grandchildren and bonus great grandchildren, a host of many other relatives, and special friends who loved her dearly

# Cemetery Details

## Russell Cemetery

126 Oakridge Drive  
Flowood, MS 39232

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Dean Memorial Funeral Home  
745 Highway 468  
Brandon, MS 39042  
(601) 825-3884  
<https://deanmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

## Homegoing Service

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Taylorsville Community Church  
649 Luckney Rd.  
Brandon, MS 39042

# Tribute Wall



“ Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Josephine Boykin Owens



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - August 28, 2025 at 04:30 PM

RH

“ Our deepest condolences to the Owen's family. Granny we all going to miss u. R.I.H. THE HUDDLESTON FAMILY. KEEPING THE FAMILY IN PRAYER.

Ron Huddleston - August 29, 2025 at 08:52 PM

TC

“ Taylorsville Community Church purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Josephine Boykin Owens.



Taylorsville Community Church - August 29, 2025 at 02:08 AM

AB

“ Alexis Bilbro lit a candle in memory of Josephine Owens



Alexis Bilbro - August 28, 2025 at 10:21 PM

SN

“ Rest in heaven granny God Got A Angel

sherry Nelson - August 28, 2025 at 10:14 PM

MJ

“ Rest well 🌹🌸  
Love From Madeline Jones

Madeline Jones - August 28, 2025 at 02:19 PM

SJ

“ Praying for the family!



Shaunta Johnson - August 28, 2025 at 02:12 PM

UB

“ Uncle James & Aunt Louise Burney purchased  
the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family  
of Mrs. Josephine Boykin Owens.

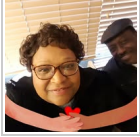


Uncle James & Aunt Louise Burney - August 28, 2025 at  
01:36 PM

LB

“ Mrs. Josephine, most kind and easy going Lady that I have met!  
Working at Riverside was a learning experience! Such humor and  
wisdom! Truly will be cherished. Ledoria Burks

Ledoria Burks - August 28, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ *Myra Ransom sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Owens* ”



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**Myra Ransom** - August 28, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ *Evelyn sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Owens* ”



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**Evelyn** - August 28, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ *Thoughts of Love with Prayer for comfort and strength to endure this season of loss* ”



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**Gwendolyn & Dallas Sutton** - August 28, 2025 at 12:39 AM



“ *Granny rest in peace we will miss you so much* ”

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**Katrice and Jimmy McGuire** - August 27, 2025 at 09:08 PM

KM

“ *Katrice and Jimmy McGuire lit a candle in memory of Josephine Owens*



Katrice and Jimmy McGuire - August 27, 2025 at 09:01 PM

ES

“ *Granny Girl will forever be the love of my life.*



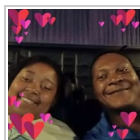
Earlene Simmons - August 27, 2025 at 08:05 PM

VJ

“ *Vergie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Josephine Owens*



Vergie Jackson - August 27, 2025 at 02:57 PM



“ *Terrell Collier lit a candle in memory of Josephine Owens*



Terrell Collier - August 27, 2025 at 09:21 AM

TF

“ *The McGuire family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Josephine Boykin Owens.*



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**The McGuire family** - August 26, 2025 at 06:28 PM

LM

“ *Lealer Coleman mason lit a candle in memory of Josephine Owens*



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**Lealer Coleman mason** - August 26, 2025 at 09:04 AM

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“ *Granny you will truly be missed your kindness and wisdom was like no other , the day you left heaven truly gained an Angel . I didn't want you to leave but I know my dad and others greeted you with open arms. Until we meet again I love you granny.*

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**Niki Owens** - August 26, 2025 at 06:59 AM

PJ

“ *Patricia Jones lit a candle in memory of Josephine Owens*



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**Patricia Jones** - August 25, 2025 at 08:34 PM

VJ

“ Vergie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Josephine Owens



Vergie Jackson - August 25, 2025 at 03:53 PM

JP

“ Granny, although im heart broken that you had to leave, i find a great joy knowing you are with the almighty. I may endure weeping, but i know joy comes in the morning. Well done faithful servant

Justin purvis - August 25, 2025 at 02:09 PM

AH

“ So Sorry for your Loss Mrs. Josephine was a nice Loving person I held in my heart❤️ Almeda Harmon!!



Almeda Harmon - August 25, 2025 at 12:19 PM

EM

“ Ethel Myers lit a candle in memory of Josephine Owens



Ethel Myers - August 25, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ *My Granny...My Josephine... Love You so much Granny* ❤️



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**Ramone Adams** - August 25, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ *Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Josephine Owens*



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**Eddie Ainsworth** - August 25, 2025 at 07:41 AM



“ *My beautiful lifeline!!*



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**Natalie Keyes** - August 24, 2025 at 09:43 PM



*Prayers of comfort sent, Cousins.*

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**Rev Dr Sandra Faye Wilson** - August 25, 2025 at 10:46 AM



*Prayers of comfort sent, Cousins from the family of the late Rev. John Baker, Sr. And Mrs. Leola Trigg Baker family members.*

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**Rev Dr Sandra Faye Wilson** - August 25, 2025 at 10:48 AM

CM

*Such a sweet, sweet spirit..We'll miss you granny. Job well done❤️*

**Carol Melvin-Mack** - August 27, 2025 at 07:42 PM

TB

*Praying for you & your family. Granny will truly be missed by so many.*

**Tiffany Brown** - August 27, 2025 at 08:33 PM