



Jean Winburne Owens

December 12, 1919 - August 31, 2015

Jean Winburne Owens, 95 years old passed from death into life on Monday, August 31, 2015 in Morrilton, Arkansas, at her home.

John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My Word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life."

She was born in Morrilton on December 12, 1919 to Dica Elisabeth and John Newton Winburne. A precocious learner, she graduated from Morrilton High School in 1936 and the University of Arkansas in 1940 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, and was a lifelong Razorback fan and supporter. After graduation, she worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in Little Rock, and was transferred to the Department of Labor office in Washington D.C. She returned to Morrilton, marrying her husband, Charles Belt Owens, October 26, 1942. He was a pilot with the U.S. Navy, and they were stationed in Floyd Bennett, New York. After the war, they returned to Morrilton. She taught Civics, English, French and America History at Morrilton High School, and she and her husband, owned Central Insurance Agency, where she served as accountant.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Morrilton, and read the Bible daily, and attended Bible Study Fellowship. She enjoyed crossword puzzles, and was a competitive player of all games, especially bridge. She was an accomplished seamstress and folk art painter. She volunteered at the Care Center delivering meals. She belonged to the Adelaid Club and the

Redbud Garden Club. She served on the FEMA board of the River Valley Authority. She was a longtime member of the Pathfinder Club, which was responsible for bringing books and literature to Conway County in 1909. In 1916 the club received funding from the Carnegie Corporation to build the County's first library a cause Jean faithfully supported for decades. She and Charlie enjoyed travelling, having visited locations across North, Central and South America and Europe. She greatly loved and wanted the best for her husband, children, grandchildren, family and friends, and was greatly loved by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Bettie Lee Sewell, and brother, John Newton Winburne. Survivors include her devoted husband of 72 years and Charlie Owens of Morrilton, and her two children, Charles "Tippy" Owens of Mountain View and Melinda Carnahan and husband Gary of Hot Springs; nine grandchildren, David Owens, Josh (June) Owens, Holly (Sam) Sellers, Judy (Michael) Altman, Elisabeth (Rick) Proenza, Daniel (Dallas) Carnahan, Jordan (Murry) Owens, Natalie (Evans) Baggs, and Abby (David) Lacy, fifteen great grandchildren, and nieces Bettie Ann Harwood, Norma Verplank, Mary Lou Tindall, Susanne Crain, Ginger Robbins, Debbie McLeroy, and Margaret Sladek, and nephews, John Winburne and Pete Butler. The family would like to thank Evelyn Moore, her sister, Angela, and their mother, Olie for their tender care of our parents.

The funeral arrangements are being provided by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The Pallbearers are her grandsons: David Owens, Josh Owens, Daniel Carnahan and Jordan Owens, and great grandsons Samuel Sellers and Scott Lowe.

Graveside service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, September 3 at the Elmwood Cemetery with a memorial service following at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Todd-Paul Taulbee officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Methodist Church of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean Winburne Owens*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *Jean will always be remembered in my prayers. It was always a pleasure to see and talk to her at different occasions. I know that God holds a special place for her in Heaven.*

Marie Lord - June 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ *My dearest Melinda and Mrs. Owens and family and friends. I met Mrs. Owens while I was in grade school in Morrilton due to becoming dearest friends with Melinda. Melinda and I would talk about God a lot and I knew she had to have special parents who taught her about the Lord. I finally met Mr. and Mrs. Owens and Topppy. Mrs. Owens was loving and had a great sense of humor. I could see why Melinda had the love of Jesus by her wonderful example of her parents. My heart goes out to all of the family and friends who lost a dear soul on earth but Jesus welcomed her in heaven. I know we will all see her again one day but I know the loss of a parent is still hard at times. So know I am always here for you Melinda. I thank God we have remained friends all these years. I know your mom was so proud of the wonderful lady you are. God bless all of you and keep His loving hands on you, now and always. In Christ's love, Marian Mcleod Bennett.*

Marian Bennett - June 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM

KW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Topy and family. Jean will be greatly missed. So sorry for your loss.

Karen Bridges and Debbie Willoughby - June 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM

RO

“ It's a blessing to be able to say I was fortunate to meet Mrs. Jean Owens. I will never forget her precious hug she gave me at Christmas one year. It was so tender and loving. I'll always treasure her! I'll continue my prayers for the family!

Revelation 14:13(KJV)

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Rachel Owens - June 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM

MG

“ Jean You Will Be Greatly Missed. I Will Miss Your Smiling Face At Our Christmas Parties. Will Keep You And Your Family In My Prayers.

Mchele Gold - June 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM

JB

“ Topy and Charles, My deepest condolences for your loss at this time, but only for a little while and then together forever. I pray for you to have that Peace that will pass all understanding.

Jack and Virginia Burson

Jack Burson - June 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM

RR

“ *Topsy we were sorry to here about Jean she was a wonderful person.*

Robin Ward and Jon Richardson - June 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM

LD

“ *Charles and Topsy, so sorry to hear about your great loss, always loved being around Jean. She always made you feel good and important to her. Celebrate her wonderful and long life. The world was a better place because she was in it.*

Larry Dixon - June 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM

JH

“ *I'm so sorry Mr. Charlie for the loss of your sweet wife, Jean. I did not find out about Ms Jeans' passing until almost a week later. We would have made every effort to be there to show our respect and say our last goodbyes. You were both such good friends to my parents and they loved you both dearly. My deepest sympathy to you and your family....May God Bless You and comfort you. Judi Dellinger Hawkins (daughter of J.C. and Pat Dellinger)*

Judi Dellinger Hawkins - June 29, 2018 at 07:14 PM