



## Lavelma Peachie Owens

August 23, 1929 - February 19, 2017

Lavelma Peachie Smith Owens better known as "Mrs. Peachie", 87, died peacefully surrounded by family on February 19th 2017 at Cornerstone Nursing Home, in Johnson City, TN

Peachie Ownes is survived by her daughter Debra Jean Carson, her son in law Harold Carson Sr., her grandson Derrick J. Carson, grandson Jeremy D. Carson, her great grandchildren Myah, Gabriel, Gianna Carson and step grandchild Kayla Carson. Peachie is also survived by a brother Alan Smith of Columbus, Indiana and his wife Elaine and their 2 sons and 1 daughter, as well as a sister Nancy Humes and her son also of Columbus, Indiana.

On her married side Peachie is survived by sisters in law Nuellen Wagner of Maryland, Thelma Flemming of Florida, Rita Bradley of Johnson City. Peachie is also survived by her non blood sister Bibi "The queen of east eighth" and several nieces and nephews

She is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years Charles D. Owens, sisters Irene Smith Humes, Frances Smith ; Prince Smith, and her brothers Louis, Shirley, Buddy, and Robert (Bob) Smith.

Lavelma Peachie Owens was born on August 23rd 1929 in Johnson City, TN to parents William R. Smith and Roxy Love Smith. She graduated from Langston High School 1947 where she was well known for being an exciting baton twirling drum majorette. Sometime after Langston Peachie started a family and accepted a position in the dietary department of what is now

Mountain States Hospital where she worked for more than 42 years. For anyone who knew her Peachie couldn't sit still. She was constantly cleaning and singing. If you were a guest in her home or anywhere for that matter and you were family, she was serving you. She was always concerned about those around her.

Peachie loved to cook for the family. She could take a few dollars and turn it into a feast. She would always offer you cook you something to eat. She couldn't stand the thought that someone was hungry. She would offer to pull the entire refrigerator out for a mid-day snack. You definitely couldn't lose weight around Peachie.

Peachie would get a garden hoe out of the shed and weed the entire flower beds and gardens one weed at a time. She would say, "I don't have much but I take good care of what I do have". She would take it upon herself to buy paint and brushes and touch up things once they couldn't be cleaned anymore. If she ran out of things to do she would come and clean for you.

If you've ever met an angel on earth Peachie was it. Anyone who encountered her would say no different.

I Love Peachie

A funeral is scheduled for Lavelma Peachie Owens on Saturday February 25, 2017 at Friendship Baptist Church at 1:00pm. The family will receive friends from 12:00pm until 1:00pm prior to the services. Burial will follow at Washington County Memorial Gardens. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Peachie's life. The family would like to thank all who have traveled for Peachies Home going services. Flowers and donations can be sent to Debbie Carson 1225 Indian Ridge Rd. Johnson City, TN 37604.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington County Memory Gardens

113 Memory Gardens Rd.  
Johnson City, TN 37615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church  
522 W. Main St  
Johnson City, TN 37601

## Service

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church  
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Johnson City, TN 37601

## Interment

FEB **25**. 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Washington County Memory Gardens  
113 Memory Gardens Rd.  
Johnson City, TN 37615



# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavelma Peachie Owens*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Ms. Peachie was my neighbor all of my childhood. She was always smiling and willing to lend a hand. A genuine good person who will truly be missed.*



**Dana Sanders** - February 25, 2017 at 06:38 PM



“ *Nancy Posey lit a candle in memory of Lavelma Peachie Owens*



**Nancy Posey** - February 25, 2017 at 09:48 AM



“ *Aunya Latham lit a candle in memory of Lavelma Peachie Owens*



**Aunya Latham** - February 25, 2017 at 08:32 AM

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“ *Gail Goines lit a candle in memory of Lavelma Peachie Owens*



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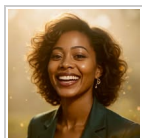
**gail goines** - February 24, 2017 at 11:26 PM

GG

*I am truly sorry for your loss. She was an angel here on earth so she will surely be an angel in heaven. Sweetest lady ever.*

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**gail goines** - February 24, 2017 at 11:29 PM



“ *Debbye and Family,*

*We extend deepest condolences and pray for you all during this season of bereavement. Miss Peachie's beautiful smile and loving manner will never be forgotten. She was a sweetheart with all she met. I can hear her saying Gin' this or Gin' that! She is now at peace, a lovely spirit set free in the Master's Presence.*



*Love and prayers from our house to yours,*

*Cheryl Rhea, Taleah Rogers, Carah Taylor  
and "1510" Family*

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**Cheryl Rhea** - February 24, 2017 at 09:41 PM

YP

“ *What ever we do for our selves dies with us, what ever we do and however we treat others is immortal. My aunt Peachie was a kind, giving and loving person. She always shared what she had with those who needed. Im not speaking about money or things. I'm speaking about her kind heart, her sweet words of love and encouragement ,and her unbending faith in our Lord and Savior.. She shared those things unselfishly . Those who have had the honor of Knowing this wonderful, Sweet woman are better for it. Those of us who have the honor to be her family, we are truly Blessed. We take with us her love, kindness , and faith. We will always remember this great lady with admiration . She is truly unforgettable!! As she dances and give praise up there in heaven with all her family and friends that have gone before her; She wants us to be at peace. She wants us to know she is happy and free. She wants us to Be!! We loved you aunt Peachie, now and forever ...Your devoted niece Bonnie, husband Ben, your niece Noreen and your entire New York family !! We honor you!!*

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**yvonne phinizy** - February 24, 2017 at 07:45 AM

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*I REMEMBERS HER WHEN SHE WAS IN THE BAND AND SHE WAS WONDERFUL AND SO BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT. I DIDN'T KEEP IN TOUCH BUT WE LIVED DOWN THE STREET FROM EACH OTHER WHEN WE WERE YOUNG . MY DEEPEST REGARDS  
THELMA TAYLOR HAWKINS*

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**THELMA** - February 25, 2017 at 10:52 AM

RF

“ *Ron,Jan,Brian and Faith Fleming purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lavelma Peachie Owens.*



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**Ron,Jan,Brian and Faith Fleming** - February 24, 2017 at 07:44 AM



“ *Cassandra Hill lit a candle in memory of Lavelma Peachie Owens*



**Cassandra Hill** - February 23, 2017 at 10:05 PM

BP

“ *Ben and Yvonne phinizy purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Lavelma Peachie Owens.*



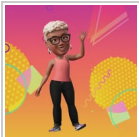
**Ben and Yvonne phinizy** - February 23, 2017 at 08:11 PM

BS

“ *Bobbie Smith lit a candle in memory of Lavelma Peachie Owens*



**Bobbie Smith** - February 23, 2017 at 07:56 PM



“ *Roxie Bailey lit a candle in memory of Lavelma Peachie Owens*



**Roxie Bailey** - February 23, 2017 at 05:23 PM

NP

“ MAY GOD COMFORT THE FAMILY@ THIS .  
I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE  
AT THIS TIME. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH  
YOU. NANCY AKINS POSEY



Nancy Posey - February 23, 2017 at 01:45 PM

HK

“ Ms. Peachie was such a wonderful woman and she NEVER neglected my help when I was around her. She always had a smile on her face when I was near her. When she was able to talk at certain points, she said that she always thought of me as her Special Grandson and that brought me to happy tears! So overall, on behalf of me and my family, we want to send our deepest condolences to the family and friends. Much love and deepest concerns to the family and friends! - Howie Kemper & Family

Howie Kemper - February 21, 2017 at 08:11 PM

SO

“ SUE OWENS-NICHOLS purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lavelma Peachie Owens.



SUE OWENS-NICHOLS - February 21, 2017 at 05:18 PM

SN

“ Peachie was a wonderful person. She was always warm and caring to everyone. She was so pleasant to be around. I wish I could attend the Celebration of her life with you, but I will also remember her with much Love. Sue Owens-Nichols

Sue Nichols - February 21, 2017 at 04:26 PM

DL

“ To the Owens Family, I am broken that she is gone . She was like a mother to me. She got me through some hard times growing up . I Loved her she cared about my well being . I will never forget her smile and the love she showed to me. Gone but will be never forgotten. She called me Judy her daughter



Daughter"Judy" Julia Anderson Letcher - February 21, 2017 at 10:06 AM



“ Debbie, so sorry for your loss.  
Bettye and Paulette Robinson

Paulette Robinson - February 21, 2017 at 09:29 AM



“ Paulette Robinson lit a candle in memory of  
Lavelma Peachie Owens



Paulette Robinson - February 21, 2017 at 09:27 AM

RB

"Debbie you know I am so very sorry for your lose, Ms Peachie was very dear to me and will be missed, her kindness, her humor and the many memories from Millard street. You are in my prayers and my heart. Love you always Sharon

Roxie Sharon Bailey - February 23, 2017 at 05:14 PM

FR

*Debbie,*

*Cecil and I are so saddened to learn of Miss Peaches' passing. We both understand from our own experiences with our parents passing. I loved your mother's sweet smile and always loved to talk with her, whether at the beauty shop, church, or elsewhere. May God send the comfort to you as you grieve; however, know that after a long night of weeping there is joy in the morning. She is now in the presence of the Lord God and that is the beginning of eternity. No more cares of this troubled world but in perfect peace and contentment she now has her reward. Celebrate this and know that this is simply a pause in life's cycle because as a Christian she is simply on another plane, having crossed through that veil that separates mortality from immortality. You will see her again, so be blessed and hold on to those precious memories. We are out of town; otherwise, we would be with you.*  
*Cecil and Clara Faye Rutledge*

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**Faye Rutledge** - February 25, 2017 at 10:18 AM