



HOMEGOING SERVICE  
*In Loving Memory of*

*Mrs. Vera Owens*

*Sunrise:*  
*February 11, 1922*

**Service:**  
Thursday, May 27, 2021  
Viewing: 10am - 12 Noon  
Service: 12 Noon


*Sunset:*  
*May 21, 2021*

**OWENS FUNERAL HOME**  
216 Lenox Avenue • New York, NY  
*Reverend Conrad Tillard, Officiating*  
*Anthony Evans, Organist*



# *The Obituary* *Life Reflection*

**Act 20:35  
&  
John 14:1-4**



*Mrs. Vera Owens* departed this life on May 21, 2021, at 7PM in Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City, due to natural causes.

She was born in Clarendon County, Summerton South Carolina on February 11, 1922, to the daughter of the late Mrs. Dora Britton-Robinson and George Black.

These loving arms awaited her in glory, her mother, father, and by name, her sisters: Edna Mae Black (Anna Lee), Tisha Mae Andrews, and Leemell Wilson-Smith (Ann). Her brothers by name: Vander (Elo), and George. Grand Child Devon Trotman, Lloyd Haynes, and her beloved late husband, Thomas Owens.

Mrs. Vera Owens moved from South Carolina to New York City with her entire immediate family in the late 60's. She came to New York with little education, and immediately started to organize and assist women of low income and economic disadvantage. The duties of her community organizing services were evidence that she was here to help others.


She worked as a house cleaner and a home attendant for many employees. She received many recommendations with the highest praise of honesty, reliability, and intelligence, along with her warmth of character.

She continued to succeed expanding her education as a nurses assistant, while employed with Isabella Nursing Home in New York City. After retiring from her nursing career, she spent the balance of her life as a volunteer. Everything revolved around helping others, as volunteering became the main focus in her life.

Mrs. Owens was an active and diligent volunteer with the Henry Street Settlement - Senior Companion Program in New York, until 2015. This program provided her an opportunity to serve her purpose for living. She provided volunteer services to low income elderly people by rendering supportive one-on-one services.

As a result of her volunteer services, she received honors and awards from President Barack Obama, and many awards from the USA Freedom Corp, for her appreciation and commitment to strengthening our nation, and making a difference through volunteer services.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She leaves to cherish her memory and love to nine children: Tommy Owens, Ollie Owens, Queen Trotman, Isiah Owens, Leavie Owens, Shirley Wheeler, Ella Owens, George Owens, and Robert Owens. She gifts the world her bounty with 24 grand children, 54 great-grands, and 11 great-great grand children.





# *Order of Service*

*Musical Prelude*

*Processional*

*Scripture*

*Prayer*

*Selection*

*Acknowledgements*

*Cards & Condolences*

*Remarks*

*(2 minutes please)*

*Obituary Reading*

*Selection*

*Eulogy*

*Recessional*

*Interment*

*Gum Spring Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery  
Pinewood, South Carolina*





*Mrs. Owens loved poetry. Her favorite poem was:*

### *The Little Things*

*"The little things are the most worthwhile. A quiet word, listening ears that are quick to share another's thoughts. Another's care though sometime they may seem small. These things mean most of all."*









# precious memories



























## *The God's Garden*

*God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.*

## *Expressions of Thanks*

*The Family of the late **Vera Owens**, acknowledges, with sincere love and appreciation; all expressions of sympathy and kindness shown during this time of transformation. The comfort you gave us will remain a precious memory. Special thanks to all her care givers, Mount Sinai Hospital, Isabella Nursing Home, and Isaiah Owens Funeral Home. May God bestow his blessings on each and every one of you.*

### **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO:**

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