



Charles Owens

February 1, 1925 - July 30, 2014

Myrtle Beach

Charles William Owens, 89 of Dick Pond Road died Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at his home.

Born in Myrtle Beach, SC, he was the son of the late Charlie and Hattie Owens. Mr. Owens was a lifetime member of the Myrtle Beach Masonic Lodge #353 AFM. He had served in both the US Army and the US Marine Corp.

Surviving are his wife, Valeria T. Owens; son, Charlie T. Owens, II (Nita) of Surfside Beach; daughter, Verlynn Gray of Myrtle Beach; grandchildren, Dale Gray, Alex Gray, Shannon Bunch, Kaitlin Barnes, Hannah Owens and Charlie Owens, III; great grandchildren, William Gray, Victoria Rumola and Lilly Bunch.

Graveside services will be 4:00 PM, Friday at Socastee United Methodist Church with interment following in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM-4:00 PM, Friday before the service at the church fellowship hall.

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Masonic Poem: The Old Master's Wages

The Old Master's Wages

*I met a dear old man today,
Who wore a Masonic pin,
It was old and faded like the man,
It's edges were worn quite thin.*

*I approached the park bench where he sat,
To give the old brother his due,
I said, "I see you've traveled east,"
He said, "I have, have you?"*

*I said, "I have, and in my day
Before the all seeing sun,
I played in the rubble, with Jubala
Jubalo and Jubalum."*

*He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son,
It's good and sweet and true,
And if you've traveled as you said,
You should give these things their due."*

*The word, the sign the token,
The sweet Masonic prayer,
The vow that all have taken,
Who've climbed the inner stair.*

*The wages of a Mason,
Are never paid in gold,
But the gain comes from contentment,
When you're weak and growing old.*

*You see, I've carried my obligations,
For all these many years,
It has helped me through the hardships
And the failures full of tears..*

*Now I'm losing my mind and body,
Death is near but I don't despair,
I've lived my life upon the level,
And I'm dying upon the square.*

*Sometimes the greatest lessons
Are those that are learned anew,
And the old man in the park today
Has changed my point of view.*

*To all Masonic brothers,
The only secret is to care,
May you live your life upon the level,
May you part upon the square....*

My Grandfather was my mentor. He taught me how to be a respectful upright man. My whole life he taught me these things. And ofcourse as kids do, i took it in but gave no thought to its origin. On March 25th 2010 i had the honor of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by my grandfathers hand. Ive never felt more proud of myself or felt more pride from him. I had the honor of doing the Masonic Rites at his funeral. I realized that day what it meant to part upon the square. My granddaddy wasnt perfect, but he was a man. He didnt demand respect, he earned it. He was a great role model, even though he was a "do as i say, not as i do" kinda guy. But i love him and miss him very much..

*Love you granddaddy
S.M.I.B*

Dale Gray - January 17, 2015 at 10:36 AM

LD

“ *To all the Owens family. We are so sorry about the death of your husband and father. Charles was such a wonderful person. So kind and a great friend. He will be missed by so many. You are all in our prayers. God be with you in your time of need. We are here for you all. With our deepest sympathy, David and Linda Dellinger*



lindad dellinger - August 01, 2014 at 12:33 AM

MM

“ *Ms Owens and Family sorry to here about Mr Charlie he was a sweet man we did a lot of work for him and Charles Jr. at the dirt pit, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers Mark, Lori & Emiley McDowell McDowell Well Drilling*



Mark Lori & Emiley McDowell - July 31, 2014 at 07:17 PM

KR

“ *R.I.P our sweet angel. You will be missed granddaddy.*

Kristina Rumola - July 31, 2014 at 12:44 PM

RT

“ *Randy Thompkins lit a candle in memory of Charles Owens*



Randy Thompkins - July 31, 2014 at 08:38 AM

WU

“ *RIP Veteran !!!!*



Wayne Williams - USMC - July 30, 2014 at 08:16 PM