



Thomas Joh Owens

July 7, 2005

Conway, SC.....Thomas John Owens, 81, died peacefully at his home in Conway, SC on Thursday, July 7, 2005 with his wife and daughters at his side. \t Mr. Owens was born in Manhattan, NYC on May 3, 1924, son of the late Thurman and Nora Owens. He attended school in New York City and spent 26 years as a member of the Boy Scouts of America. During WWII, he served 37 months in the US Air Force as a Military Policeman. He was a member of the Conway American Legion, Post 111. \t On February 24, 1946, Mr. Owens was married to the former Ellen Rubis of Lakefield, Minn., who was a WAC stationed at the same base as Mr. Owens. After the war, he took a job at New York Central Railroad as a clerk in the personnel claims department. He retired after 36 years from Consolidated Rail Corporation as a district claims agent. During his time with the Rail Corporation he was transferred from New York City to offices in Utica, NY; Chicago, IL; and Cleveland, OH. During these transfers he lived with his family in Park Forest, IL; Sheffield Lake, Ohio; Hazelcrest, IL and pursued volunteer positions in the police departments as an auxiliary officer. \t Mr. Owens was a member of the Civil Air Patrol in Chicago Height, IL and also in Myrtle Beach, SC, reaching the rank of LT. Col. At age 70 he received his private pilots license. In Utica, NY he was a member of Oriental Faxon Lodge #224 and Ancient accepted Scottish Rite in Cleveland, OH. \t In Hazelcrest, IL, Mr. Owens was a Park Board Commissioner and monitored the local lake, which was ultimately named Lake Owens in his honor. While living there he was also a member of Nazareth

Lutheran Church. \t After moving to Conway, SC, Mr. Owens became a member of the Confederate Veterans Litchfield Camp #132 of SC. He was an avid fisherman and camper as well as a member of the To-We-Ha camping club. He was a member of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Conway. \t Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Ellen Rubis Owens of Conway, SC; two daughters, Nancy Owens D'Anna and husband Patrick of Conway, SC and Rebecca Osgood and husband Randy of Danville, IL; one son, Daniel Owens and wife Christine of Granbury, Texas; four grandchildren, Kristi Padgett and husband Perry of Whiteville, NC; Michael Tolley and wife Paige of Florence, SC; Jennifer Merrick of Bloomington, IL; and Jacob Osgood of Danville, IL; four great-grandchildren, Jonathan and Amber Padgett of Whiteville, NC, and Ransom and Grace Ellen Tolley of Florence, SC; one nephew Peter Camilleri and wife Barbara of Boiling Springs, NC; many in-laws, nieces and nephews in California, Arizona, Minnisota, Michigan, and Kansas. \t Mr. Owens was preceded in death by his sister Regina Camilleri in 2002. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Monday, July 11, 2005 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 2501 Hwy 501, Conway with the Rev. Marion C. Brazell officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Sisters of Mercy Hospice; POB 50640, Myrtle Beach, SC, 29579, The Alzheimers Assoc.; POB 80459, Charleston, SC, 29416-0459 or Christ The Servant Lutheran Church; 2501 Hwy. 501, Conway, SC 29526.

Tribute Wall



“ My deepest sympathy is with your family. During these times it is especially important to draw close to God in prayer, for the Bible promises that *“he himself will sustain you.”-Psalm 55:22*. It is always hard when we lose a loved one because we have a built-in desire to live and enjoy life with our family and friends. That is why death is not natural for us. However, at these times, we need encouragement and hope so that we can cope with our lost. For that reason, we can be encouraged by reflecting on the promises that God has given us thru his word the Bible, concerning the hope of seeing our loved ones again. I hope that you find comfort in reading these scriptures. John 11:11-44, John 5:21, 28, 29, Acts 24:15 and Revelation 21:3, 4. My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Karen Cross##imported-end##

August 28, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ With all my prayers for you and the family during this time of sadness.##imported-begin##Karl Rubis##imported-end##

July 13, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Ellen and Dan, Nancy, and Becky, I am so sorry about Tom's passing. It truly saddens me. Some of my best memories are as a child, back on the farm for summer vacation, and the family would all get together....Uncle Ding Dong was always SO tall in my eyes. He had a wonderful, full life. He served his country and his community. He married and had a great family. He made the most of the life God gave him. You will all be in my prayers during this difficult week, and beyond. Please take care...and God Bless you all. Stay safe. Love, Dan###imported-begin###Dan Rubis###imported-end##

July 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Ellen, All my love to everyone in the family. I have many happy memories of Tom, especially at all the wonderful family reunions. These cherished memories-shared by all of us-will last forever. May the peace of our Lord and Savior be with us all. Love, Audrey###imported-begin###Audrey Rubis###imported-end##

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“ Nancy, We are all thinking of you and your family during your loss. If there is anything I can help you with, please let me know. Keeping you in prayer, Tammy###imported-begin###Tammy Sarvis###imported-end##

July 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Nancy, I just wanted you to know that I was thinking about you. You know if you need anything I would be glad to help. Linda###imported-begin###Linda Nitz###imported-end##

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“ Dear Ellen: Please accept my deepest sympathy with the passing of Tom. He was quite a character and someone who accomplished many things in his life. In my work with Tom at the Hazel Crest Park District, I was always impressed with his concern for others and the environment. I will always remember him fondly. I encourage you to think about the many memories and good times you had. I know that when my wife, Claire passed away it was helpful to me to talk about her and keep those memories alive. Tom and Claire both were high spirited people that we will never forget. Take care and drop me an e-mail or note when you get a chance. Bill Patterson
Director of Parks and Recreation Oak Forest Park District 5219
Diane Court Oak Forest, IL 60452##imported-begin##Bill
Patterson##imported-end##

July 10, 2005 at 12:00 AM