



## Melvin Leroy Owen

December 8, 1945 - January 27, 2019

### Melvin Owen Obituary

Melvin Leroy Owen was born on December 8, 1945 to L.R. Owen and Ruth Owen in

Tifton, GA. He passed away on January 27, 2019 after an extended illness. He was preceded in

death by his father, L.R. Owen.

On September 26, 1964, Melvin married his love, Sandra. Even when his health began to

decline, he spoke fondly of his Sandi and how important she was to him. Together they raised

three boys, Jimmy, Marc and David. Over the years, they would welcome three special

daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.

The most important part of his life was serving his God, Jehovah. Melvin was baptized as one of

Jehovah's Witnesses on November 16, 1957. It was his privilege to serve as an elder in the West

Tifton congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. He also enjoyed being involved in planning and

coordinating assemblies and conventions of Jehovah's Witnesses. He spent many years, along

with his family, working on Kingdom Hall building projects. Many of the Kingdom Halls in

Georgia still use cabinetry that he built.

Another highlight of Melvin's life was driving a school bus for the Tift County School System.

For 22 years, morning and afternoon, he interacted positively with the young people in his

community as he transported them safely to and from school.

Melvin is survived by: his wife, Sandra Owen of Tifton, GA; mother, Ruth Owen of Tifton, GA;

sons, James (Melissa) Owen and Marcus (Diana) Owen of Tifton, GA, and David (Deirdra) Owen

of Athens, GA; brother, Benny (Donna) Owen of Tifton, GA; six grandchildren, Lee Owen,

Savannah Owen, Alex Owen of Tifton, GA, and Zack Owen, Alexis Owen and Harley Owen of

Athens, GA; nieces, nephews, and a large spiritual family.

The family would like to express their appreciation for those who helped them care for Melvin

during his illness: Hospice of Tift Area, Palliative Care of Tift Regional, and Amedisys

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