



## Cecil "Shorty" Owens

January 6, 1941 - January 4, 2021

Cecil Everette "Shorty" Owens of Wynne, Arkansas, went to be with the Lord and Savior on January 4, 2021. He was born on January 6, 1941 in Dewitt, Arkansas, the son of Leonard and Viola Harrison Owens. He was married to the love of his life, Barbara Sandefur Owens for 56 years. He is also survived by three daughters, Carla (Larry) Busby of Forrest City, Arkansas, Sherry Owens Hodge of Wynne, and LaDonna (Scott) May of Forrest City, grandchildren, Chase (Sarah) Peevey, Dustin Hodge, Dillon Hodge all of Wynne, Ashley Vessells (Andrew Massey) of Festus, MO, Paige and Hayden Vessells of Wynne, great grandchildren, Eli Peevey of Wynne and Chandler Grace Massey of Festus, Missouri. He is also survived by his sisters, Mary Katheryn Hobbs of Colt, Marcenia Hawkins of Wynne and brothers, Carroll and Dan Owens of Wynne. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Viola Owens, brothers, Darrell "Dick" Owens, Charles "Buddy" Owens and sister, Evelyn Smith.

Shorty was a 1959 graduate of Wynne High School, he served as the Class Reporter. He was a farmer of Cecil Owens-Malone Creek Farms until he retired in 2015 and was founder/owner of Pluck-a-Duck, Goose Lodge, and Waterfowl Flyway, Inc. since 1989. He had an amazing force within him to never meet a stranger. You always knew when you saw him that you were going to hear a great story or a hilarious joke. He loved to play guitar and sing for whomever would listen. IN his younger years he had his pilot license and flew his own plane. Throughout his earthly life he enjoyed arrowhead hunting, visiting historical places, being out in the woods with nature, but he thoroughly loved conversations with family, friends, and clients at the hunting lodge and at the Sisson Hunt Club in Fordyce. Shorty was a Master Mason of Forrest City Lodge #198, served on the board at Cross County Farmers Supply, and attended Three Trees Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held at Three Trees Cowboy Church on Saturday, January 9, 2021, from 1 to 2 PM. Funeral services will follow at 2 PM with Bro. Tracy Wilson and Bro. Kirk Owens officiating. Burial will be in Ellis Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Chase Peevey, Dillon Hodge, Dustin Hodge, Larry Busby, Scott May,

Kyle Hammel, Sean Reynolds, Hayden Vessells, and Andrew Massey. Honorary pallbearers are Harold Owens and Troy Clarkson.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at [stjudes.org/donate](http://stjudes.org/donate) or to the Three Trees Baptist Church, 222 CR 381, Wynne, AR 72396.

Kernodle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. You may sign an online guestbook at <http://www.kernodlefh.com>.

# Events

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**JAN** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Three Trees Cowboy Church  
AR, US

**JAN** **Funeral service** 02:00PM

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Three Trees Cowboy Church  
AR, US

**JAN** **Interment**

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Ellis Chapel Cemetery  
Ar-193 & Ar-284, Wynne, AR, US

# Comments

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil "Shorty" Owens.



January 08, 2021 at 01:10 PM

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“ Barbara & Family,

We cannot begin to express how sorry we are for your loss. Over the past 20+ years your family has become such an important part of our lives as we traveled annually to visit and hunt with you. Thousands have passed thru the door, but Shorty and dad created a relationship that would be passed down to two more generations. Their humble and down to earth personalities and ability to tell tall tales were a match made in heaven. There is no doubt in our hearts they are together again with GW riding the roads and telling their stories. Your family is in our prayers. May God bless yours during this difficult time.

Love,  
Don, Ingrid, JJ, Greg, Lauren and Billie Jones

**Donald G Jones** - January 07, 2021 at 09:37 PM

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cecil "Shorty" Owens.



January 07, 2021 at 09:20 PM

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“ Praying for you & your family during this difficult time, Doug and Cindy Rushing



**Cindy Rushing** - January 07, 2021 at 07:42 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cecil "Shorty" Owens.



January 06, 2021 at 08:58 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cecil "Shorty" Owens.



January 06, 2021 at 07:40 PM

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“ Barbara and family, Cecil was special to the WHS Class of 1959 and to me. He helped with all of our reunions and it was special for us to visit at Pluck-a-Duck and reminisce. I am sorry for your loss, but glad he was able to help make this part of the world a better place. He will be missed. Jennie Kittrell Holmes

**Jennie Kittrell Holmes** - January 06, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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“ Marice Boardman sent a virtual gift in memory of Cecil "Shorty" Owens



**Marice Boardman** - January 06, 2021 at 11:59 AM

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“ Peggy Hess sent a virtual gift in memory of Cecil "Shorty" Owens



**peggy hess** - January 06, 2021 at 11:26 AM

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“ Eldridge Brawner sent a virtual gift in memory of Cecil "Shorty" Owens



**Eldridge Brawner** - January 06, 2021 at 08:40 AM

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“ It's old news to most but I want to give testament that but for Cecil I would have died at age 18 in the White river at Batesville in 1959. He saved me from drowning and did it so quickly it was a miracle. Cecil was that kind of a guy; a miracle. Walter Childress

**Wslter Childress** - January 05, 2021 at 10:26 PM

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“ I have a lifetime of memories of Uncle Shorty , not only was he a wonderful Uncle he one of the best friends I've have ever had. My heart is broken but at the same time I'm rejoicing that were a Christian and now you are dancing with all the saints and angels in heaven. I'll see you again one day and we will stroll over heaven together . I love you Uncle Shorty. Rest In Peace my dear uncle.

**Charlie Owens** - January 05, 2021 at 09:13 PM

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“ Charlie Owens lit a candle in memory of Cecil "Shorty" Owens



**Charlie Owens** - January 05, 2021 at 09:02 PM

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“ Barbara and family, we were so sad to hear about Shorty passing away. He was a great friend to us and he was a joy to be around. We have such fond memories of sitting around the campfire just visiting. He was a wonderful friend to Jamie for so many years. We miss those times. You are all in our prayers now and in the days to come. All of the Owens brothers and their families were just like family to all of us. We won't be able to attend the service, but we will be remembering and praying for you. Love You All!!! Bill and Jean Walthall

**Bill and Jean Walthall** - January 05, 2021 at 08:50 PM

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“ Gonna miss him, Love y'all  
Steve Owens

**Stephen Owens** - January 05, 2021 at 08:21 PM

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“ Shorty was the last person my dad talked to before he passed the next morning of a stroke. My dad was Jamie Sisson that hunted with Shorty, he loved the Wynne boys, especially Shorty. The two of them acted like two wild teenagers the week of deer season, pulling planks on each other. That week was the highlight in his life. I would have love to of thanked Shorty for being a great friend to my dad. Prayers to all of you.

Pam Sisson McKaskle

**Pam Sisson McKaskle** - January 05, 2021 at 08:20 PM

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“ When I think of my Uncle Shorty I can't help but smile. He will always be a great memory in mine and, my children's thoughts. May God's arms be wrapped around Aunt Barbara and, her beautiful family at this time of need.  
Patricia Smith Manning

**Patricia Smith Manning** - January 05, 2021 at 06:57 PM