



**Flower Attendants and Pall Bearers  
Family and Friends**

**Acknowledgements**

We would like to express our appreciation for the expressions of love and sympathy that you, our family and friends, have extended to us during this time of great sadness. We would also like to thank the doctors, nurses, and other staff members of the Prisma Health-Upstate Cancer Institute for each of their parts in our mother's care.

We hope that you will help us in the fight against blood cancers by supporting the following organizations in our mother's memory: Be The Match ([bethematch.org](http://bethematch.org)) and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ([lls.org](http://lls.org) or [lightthenight.org](http://lightthenight.org)).

Matthew and Jessica Owens



Services Entrusted to  
Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary, Inc.  
1011 Augusta Street  
Greenville, SC 29605  
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**Homegoing Service**

for

**Mrs. Yvonne Marie Owens**



**Sunday, October 13, 2019 - 2:00pm**

**New Pilgrim Baptist Church**

**105 Bethany Road**

**Simpsonville, South Carolina 29681**

**Rev. Michael A. Greer, Pastor**

**Rev. Tyrone Westfield, Presiding**

**Staunton Community Baptist Church**



## Order of Service

### Prelude

**Processional**.....Clergy, Family and Friends

**Selection**.....New Pilgrim Sanctuary Choir  
*We'll Understand It Better By and By*

**Scripture Readings** .....Min. J.W. Wright  
Associate Minister, New Pilgrim Baptist Church

**Prayer**.....Rev. Terry A. King  
Pastor, Rock of Ages Baptist Church

### Reflections:

Mrs. Linda Autrey (Prisma Health-Upstate)  
Dr. Thomas Young (Prisma Health-Upstate)  
Dea. Larry Westfield (Church Member)

### Acknowledgements and Poem

Sis. Frankie Wright

**Resolution**.....Dea. Willie Stephens

**Solo**.....Sis. Keva Winston

**Eulogy**.....Pastor Michael Greer

**Selection**.....New Pilgrim Sanctuary Choir  
*Goin' Up Yonder*

**Closing Prayer**..... Pastor Greer

### Recessional

### Interment

### Committal/Prayer/Benediction

New Pilgrim Baptist Church Cemetery

## Obituary

Yvonne Marie Criswell-Owens was born in Greenville, South Carolina, on July 15, 1952, to the union of Minnie Kilgore and Luver Criswell. She moved to Boston, Massachusetts with her family in the early 1960s.

As a child, Yvonne joined the Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury, Massachusetts. She was formally educated within public schools in the Boston metropolitan area, graduating from Wellesley Senior High School (Wellesley, MA) in 1970. She later received a certificate in nursing from the Newton-Wellesley Hospital School (Newton, MA) in 1981.

After moving back to Greenville in 1981, Yvonne married Laurence A. Owens, Jr. The couple went on to welcome two children into their home: Matthew and Jessica. Her children remember her as loving mother who always encouraged them to pursue their goals.

Yvonne entered employment at the Greenville Memorial Hospital in 1981. She worked as an accomplished nurse for 35 years, receiving much recognition for her profound commitment to patient care and professional development. She was a dedicated member of the New Pilgrim Baptist Church, serving for many years as a Sunday School teacher and chairperson of the church's Health and Media ministries.

Yvonne departed this life on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and a sister, Carolyn Criswell. She is survived by her children, Matthew C. Owens (Central, SC) and Jessica A. Owens (Mauldin, SC); her siblings, Betty J. Walker (Dorchester, MA), Anita L. Criswell (Dorchester, MA), and Willie E. Criswell (Quincy, MA); and a host of loving relatives and friends.

She is remembered as a studious individual with a passion for thorough knowledge. She had a specific zeal for Biblical theology and was known to spend countless hours researching various scriptures and topics.

In addition to her intellectual pursuits, Yvonne was an avid traveler with a well-known enthusiasm for cruising. Though she had many unaccomplished voyages at the time of her transition, we are comforted knowing she has reached the perfect destination in the presence of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## 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 that 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 did not go alone...  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

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