



## Rev. Billy N. Owen

January 17, 2022

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MS - Rev. Billy N. Owen passed away at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union County on January 17, 2022, at the age of 66. He was born December 13, 1955, to J.W. and Delco Childers Owen in Tippah County, MS. He held a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Mississippi, a Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law, and a Master of Divinity from Memphis Theological Seminary. He worked as an attorney in private practice, the State of Mississippi, and the Langston Law Firm in Booneville, MS. He was an Elder in the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church, in which he had been pastoring since 1988. He created a "non-anxious presence" in the midst of crisis, seeking to be a peacemaker. He enjoyed genealogical research, restoring Farmall tractors, and supporting the arts. He was active in Walk To Emmaus and Cursillo. He had a heart for building community, having been raised in a family active in 4-H and the New Hope Community Club (TCDC). Wherever he lived he became active in a local civic club and served as a volunteer chaplain at hospitals. He was a member of Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity and of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

He pastored the following churches throughout Mississippi: Carolina UMC in Booneville, Pisgah UMC in Rienzi, Bethlehem UMC in New Albany, New Covenant UMC in Meridian, Decatur UMC in Decatur, Cleveland UMC in Cleveland, Merigold UMC in Merigold, and St. Andrew's UMC in Oxford. He was District Superintendent in Meridian and New Albany Districts.

He is survived by his wife of forty-one years, Renelda Pharr Owen; two sons, Whitney Owen of Carterville, IL, and Dr. Andrew Owen of Baton Rouge, LA; one granddaughter, Emily Ann Owen; and one grandson, Graham David Owen both of Carterville, IL.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Eddie Owen.

Officiating will be Rev. Dr. Warren Black. Pallbearers will be Marty Miskelly, Kevin Nicholson, Brandon Pharr, Ben Pharr, Hall Miskelly, and Austin Nicholson.

The family requests that all guests adhere to CDC guidelines regarding masks and social distancing.

# Cemetery Details

## Jacobs Chapel Cemetery

6211 CR 701  
Ripley, MS 38663

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.  
206 N. Commerce St  
Ripley, MS 38663  
(662) 837-8101  
mcbriдерipley@gmail.com  
<https://www.mcbridefuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

JAN **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Church  
1560 County Road 81  
New Albany, MS

## Service

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JAN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bethlehem Church  
1560 County Road 81  
New Albany, MS

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Billy N. Owen*

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *I just learned of Billy's passing. Billy and I were fraternity brothers at Ole Miss, and were also in law school together. I knew Billy for nearly 50 years. Billy was a fine lawyer, but he found his true calling in the ministry. Billy had a unique ability to sensitively calm others who suffered. Billy was one of the finest people I've ever known. I will miss my old friend.*

**Jeff Navarro** - January 27, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Billy N. Owen.*



January 20, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Renelda,*

*I am so very sorry to hear this. You have my deepest sympathy.*

*I know the the Lord will provide love and comfort, and I pray you and your family will find peace in His arms.*

**Mitch McBride** - January 20, 2022 at 03:59 PM

AR

“ So sorry to hear the sad news about Billy. While he was here in Meridian y'all became some dear friends. He will always be missed and never forgotten. Sorry we can't attend his home going service. But know Renelda you and your family remain in our prayers.  
Love in Christ  
Alan & Pam Randall

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**Alan Randall** - January 20, 2022 at 02:32 PM

LS

“ God bless you I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.

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**Lynn Ouzts Smither** - January 20, 2022 at 02:05 PM

MW

“ SO SORRY to hear of Bro. Billy Owen's death! Renelda, you and your family are in our prayers.

*Ann and Max Whitehead*

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**Max and Ann Whitehead** - January 20, 2022 at 01:08 PM

LJ

“ My prayers & hugs to Rev. Owen's family. He was a caring loving minister to us at St Andrews Church. May God bless & comfort you!

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**Linda & Charles Jackson** - January 20, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Billy N. Owen.*



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January 20, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *My sincere condolences are extended to the Owen Family. His calming persona will be remembered. Working alongside Billy me on the Board of Ordained Ministry and on the Bishop's Cabinet of the MS Conference of the UMC allowed me to witness his strong work ethic, his deep belief in the God we serve and his love for his family.*

*Rest In Peace, Billy. Mattie Gipson*

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**Mattie Gipson** - January 20, 2022 at 04:32 AM



“ *Terrye Grisham lit a candle in memory of Rev. Billy N. Owen*



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**Terrye Grisham** - January 19, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Billy N. Owen.*



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January 19, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Billy N. Owen.



January 19, 2022 at 10:08 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go to Renelda and to her sons and their families. May God grant you the peace that passeth all understanding. God bless you all, Andi Baker

**Andrea Baker** - January 18, 2022 at 11:16 PM



“ Brother Billy was a wonderful man, friend, and pastor. He was there for everyone that needed a kind word, a listening ear. He saw my family and myself through two of the worst days of our life, the death of my Mother and my grandson. He also lead a group that built a ramp for our grandson's wheelchair. Our prayers and love go out to his family during this time of loss. May the Good Lord wrap his loving arms around each of you and give you peace.

**Edward and Lou Ann Hood** - January 18, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ Bettye & Melvin Hill lit a candle in memory of Rev. Billy N. Owen



**Bettye & Melvin Hill** - January 18, 2022 at 07:03 PM

DC

“ Sympathy to his family. We knew him only last 10 to 15 years but thought so much of him. Danny and Ruth Caldwell

Danny Caldwell - January 18, 2022 at 06:42 PM

JB

“ Praying for you Renelda, Andrew and Whitney and family. Jean Burton and family

Jean Burton - January 18, 2022 at 05:57 PM

EW

“ Eddie Watson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Billy N. Owen



Eddie Watson - January 18, 2022 at 05:06 PM



“ Lois Watson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Billy N. Owen



Lois Watson - January 18, 2022 at 10:21 AM

BH

“ I was so sorry to hear that Billy had passed away. I remember him as a very nice person in school and afterwards as well. May the Lord comfort and bless his loved ones in this great loss.

Brenda Dawkins Hopkins - January 17, 2022 at 09:50 AM