



Ms. Doris M. Owens

January 18, 1944 - September 30, 2025

Doris M. Owens, 81, of Olathe, Kansas, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. She was born in Moberly, Missouri. She gained her wings and is with her parents, Foster George Cravens and Fannie Mae Cravens, her siblings; William Foster Cravens Sr. (Beverly), Eujetta Fleming (Tommy), Annella Wilkes (Vernal), and Glendell Cravens, also a large extended family and many life-long friends.

Doris discovered her gift for music at the tender age of three, playing piano by ear. She grew up playing for her local church community in Moberly and later moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where she became a cornerstone of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church's music ministry. For many she worked alongside her dear friend Theresa Wilder under the guidance of Reverend Wallace S. Hartsfield Sr, touching countless lives with her music.

During the vibrant years of the 1970s, Doris brought joy and excitement to thousands as the team organist for the Kansas City Athletics, Royals, and Chiefs, providing cheer and spirit to sports fans across the city. She also shared her deep love for music by teaching piano and vocal lessons to many students throughout the Kansas City area, leaving a lasting impact on generations of young musicians.

In later years, she continued her musical ministry at New Light Bethel Baptist, Church of the Living God of Olathe, Zion Travelers Baptist Church and retired from music ministry at Second Baptist Church in Olathe.

Doris was well-known throughout the Kansas City area for her exceptional talent as a pianist and music director. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, music, and love.

Doris is survived by her three children: Carmelita Brown of Clearwater, FL; Brian Owens of Kansas City, MO; and Charles F. Owens (Tiffany) of Frisco, TX; She was a loving and proud grandmother to eleven grandchildren: Jasmine Owens, Nathanael Roundtree, Danielle Owens, Dominique Owens, Drake Owens, Amelia Roundtree, Brittney Owens, Demetrius Owens, Brian Owens, Shaquan Owens, and Taylor Owens. Her heartbeats were her beloved great-grandchildren: Russell (RJ), Cayden, Terrion, April, America, and Cordellia.

Doris also leaves behind a host of other cherished family members whom she loved

dearly; including her sister-in-law, Connie Cravens, nieces, nephews, cousins, “adopted” grandchildren, and several lifelong friends. Her nurturing spirit, warm laughter, and unwavering support created bonds of family that extended far beyond bloodlines.

Please join us in celebrating her life and homegoing at Second Baptist Church of Olathe, 331 N. Kansas Ave, Olathe, KS 66061 on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 11:00 am where we will gather to share memories, stories, and the music she loved. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons. Condolences may be shared on our website.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Second Baptist Church of Olathe
331 N. Kansas Ave.
Olathe, KS 66061

Tribute Wall

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“ *First time I met Sister O- she said “you’ll either love me or hate me”. She was bold but I grew to love her as I began to know her. She saw something in my kids during choir. She wanted each person to sing well but not for show but because it was to the Lord. Yes, she wanted it correct but mostly from the heart to worship the Lord. Thanks for seeing me as a person and letting me hold your grand baby while you and Nate did choir. I felt truly blessed by you .*

Cheryl Redford

cheryl Redford - October 11, 2025 at 09:47 AM

TF

“ *The Druding Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ms. Doris M. Owens.*



The Druding Family - October 09, 2025 at 05:32 PM

CA

“ *I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. Please accept my deepest condolences. I know how special she was to you and to everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.*

May the love and memories you shared bring you comfort in the days ahead. You're in my thoughts and prayers during this incredibly difficult time.

Carolyn Stradford-Alston

Carolyn S Alston - October 06, 2025 at 01:28 PM

MS

“ *McDaniels, Brooks, Pruitt and Sorrells purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ms. Doris M. Owens.*



McDaniels, Brooks, Pruitt and Sorrells - October 05, 2025 at 04:28 PM

JA

“ *Much love to my family of Sis. O!! She kept me encouraged through my storm and was stern on staying a strong woman of faith and never give up! Gonna miss you but never forget you Sis O!! Much love, comfort and peace to the family!*

JaeCeI - October 04, 2025 at 02:19 PM

JL

“ *Doris Owens loving, caring, kind considerate. Opened her door to me and treated me like one of her children. We grew very fond of each other she was like my other mother that is something that I will never forget. May she rest in peace heaven has gained an angel. Love Mettie
My condolences and love to the family*



Jimetta Lyons - October 04, 2025 at 12:48 AM