



## John David Owen

September 2, 1959 - December 31, 2020

On Thursday afternoon, December 31, 2020, Heaven was in need of another musician. This is when our Lord called John David Owen to his Heavenly Home.

Born on September 2, 1959 in Halifax County, VA, John was the youngest of six boys, with the sister being the youngest of the seven children. John was the son of the late Wilford Grayson Owen & Helen Shelton Owen. He was a retired plant superintendent of Southern Processors, Inc., but most importantly, he was a loving Husband, Father, brother, and friend. He was a faithful member of Woodlawn Baptist Church where he helped lead worship services with his voice and guitar.

On September 28, 1996, he married his loving wife, Rhonda Hylton Owen, who survives of the residence.

Survivors also include his sons, Patrick Shane Owen of Ringgold, VA; Joshua Reagan Owen of the residence; brothers, Frank Owen of Chester, VA; Jerry (Vickie) Owen of Providence, NC; James Owen of Ringgold, VA; Paul Owen of Ringgold, VA; sister, Judy Marie Owen, Danville, VA; sister-in-law, Elinor Owen of Richmond, VA. Along with his parents, his eldest brother, Preston Owen, predeceased John.

Starting out at the young age of six, his father introduced him to the guitar,

from where his passion grew. His love for music led him to be proficient in learning how to play anything he desired. Aside from his musical gifts, he was a man of many other talents. If John could not fix it, he would study the problem, give old YouTube a search, and before you knew it, things were fixed and back in operation.

This humble man of many talents and much love will be greatly missed. In the future, when you hear the fleeting notes of "Stairway to Heaven" or another favorite rock song, take comfort in knowing that it is Johnny-Buck hitting a few licks on his heavenly guitar.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Woodlawn Baptist Church, conducted by the Reverend Curtis Faison and Mr. Bobby Shields. Interment will be at the Hylton Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that Memorial donations be made to Woodlawn Baptist Church, 2500 Westover Drive, Danville VA, or God's Pit Crew and Danville Life Saving Crew.

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel is serving the Owen family.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Baptist Church  
2500 Westover Dr  
Danville, VA 24541

## Burial

JAN 4 (ET)

Hylton Family Cemetery  
3365 Stony Mill Rd  
DANVILLE  
Danville , VA 24541

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Rhonda, We are very sorry for the loss of John. We were in our first high school band together and more through the years. John was always a wonderful guitarist and even more so a wonderful person!

Jerry Noblin - January 05, 2021 at 06:38 PM

GM

Rhonda...Jerry is absolutely right. John was a really genuine person. Always seemed at peace with himself. He brought all that through when he played guitar. We were blessed to have known him. Very sorry for your loss. You and all your family are in my prayers.

Gary Miklos - January 05, 2021 at 07:06 PM

MO

“ Rhonda - my heart aches for you and your sons. John was such a class act. Quiet, talented and always thoughtful. I always looked forward to seeing him at SPI during my visits. He was pretty doggone special!

I regret not being able to attend the memorial service but I will always cherish our years working together and our wonderful visit together at your house a few years ago.

I will be lifting you and your family up in prayer.

Stay Well and Stand Firm my sister in Christ!

Grace & Peace,

Mike Oberschmidt

Mike Oberschmidt - January 04, 2021 at 03:00 PM

CB

*Rhonda,  
Although I couldn't be there for the funeral just know that I have been lifting your family up in prayer and will continue to do so! Our Johnny was a very special man in many ways! When Sam was at the hospital with his heart attack several years ago, Johnny came by and had some very comforting words! He was an encourager for sure! He was a very dedicated husband, and father. He gave his talents to so many people he will be greatly missed! May God comfort you and your family with a peace that passes all understanding! And just know if you need a listening ear, or anything that your Johnny use to do fir you we are just a phone call away!  
Love you much,  
Carolyn & Sam Brown*

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**Carolyn Brown** - January 05, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John David Owen.*



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January 03, 2021 at 02:33 PM

RW

“ *Rhonda I am so very sorry for your loss. You and John were soul mates from the very beginning. John was such a sweet guy and he will be missed by all who knew him.*

*Praying for you and the boys.*

*Love,  
Ruth Whitt*

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**Ruth Whitt** - January 03, 2021 at 08:37 AM

JU

“ I knew him when he was younger & married into our family, he was a kind, humble man. I liked him always



Julie - January 03, 2021 at 07:48 AM

MC

“ Oh my...there are far too many to count...the countless hours spent on our “spider” bikes all over his and my farms...playing in the haybarns...tugging our sleds through the many miles of snow...sneaking over to his house to watch Midnight Special...oh, I could go on and on! And of course, we learned to play the guitar together. 😊

Matt (Henry) Creath - January 03, 2021 at 06:50 AM



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January 02, 2021 at 11:28 PM

DB

“ Dear Rhonda , Patrick and Josh, our deepest sympathies to you and your family. John was a good friend I enjoyed all those years we worked together at Southern Processors. Our prayers to you and your family. Jim and Diane Bass

Diane Bass - January 02, 2021 at 08:41 PM

PS

*Dear Rhonda and Sons,  
I can only imagine what you are going thru. I know God will comfort  
and give you peace. Just know you will see him again in heaven. My  
prayers are with you. Pat Owens/Snead*

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**patricia snead** - January 02, 2021 at 11:06 PM

LD

“ *I will always remember John Owen as a fun guy. He loved driving  
his white 78 MGB to all the British Car shows and Rhonda was  
always with him. Most of us guys were never able to get our wives  
to join us, but John & Rhonda were always together. That always  
put a smile on our faces. It was a treat to see him play guitar @ 2  
Witches Sunday's open mic. I will miss John and his happy - go  
lucky mood. Thanks John for showing us how to smile. Lewis  
Dumont*

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**Lewis Dumont** - January 02, 2021 at 09:31 AM

AJ

“ *Dearest Rhonda, Josh, and Patrick,  
I am so deeply saddened to hear John is  
playing amongst the Angels. He was a good  
and peaceful soul who was loved by many.  
May those wonderful memories you hold in  
your heart bring you comfort during the days to come and know his  
love remains within your heart . We love you.*

*The Jeter Family  
Annette, Vann, Adrienne,, Peyton*



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**Annette Jeter** - January 02, 2021 at 08:53 AM

CW

“ *Cindy Walker sent a virtual gift in memory of John David Owen*



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**Cindy Walker** - January 02, 2021 at 08:22 AM

KY

“ *Rhonda, Patrick and Josh,*

*My deepest sympathies to you. You were truly blessed with a wonderful soul! The minute I met John I knew I was in the presence of a kind and gentle man. He was such a giver. John so blessed us with his musical talents.*

*Much love and prayers,*

*Karen Yeatts*

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**Karen C Yeatts** - January 02, 2021 at 08:04 AM

BH

“ *John was a great friend to me, I would call John every other day about MGB stuff or just seeing how he was doing. I'm sorry for your loss, I'm deeply disappointed and I'll truly miss my friend John. I'm praying for you, Rhonda, Patrick and Joshua, God Bless you! I'm glad I had a chance to met John and as well him being in the Old Dominion British Car Club. He was a good hearted man! I'll always think of John while I'm Driving my 1971 MGB GT.*

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**Bryant Hairston** - January 02, 2021 at 03:18 AM

WR

“ Rhonda, we are so sorry to hear about John. He was such a special person with many talents. Thanks for recently sharing his beautiful gift of music. Our love and prayers to you and the family.  
Wanda and Ron Ross

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**Wanda Ross** - January 01, 2021 at 11:39 PM

TB

“ Rhonda, Joshua and Patrick,  
God puts people into our lives to guide us and to direct us. But most of all he puts people into our lives to love us. John was one of those people. His spirit will remain with you always. God loves each of you and may God give you the comfort that you need in the coming days  
God Bless  
Tom, Penny, Wade and Katie

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**Tom Blair** - January 01, 2021 at 09:58 PM

NC

“ Rhonda, Joshua, and Patrick our family has you all in our thoughts and prayers! John always had that sweet smile on his face! I don't remember ever seeing him without it! He was one of the kindest and most talented people I have ever met! Our family enjoyed being with you guys whenever the opportunity allowed!  
John is loved and will be missed by so many! Hugs for you all!

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**Nathalie, Dusty and Colin** - January 01, 2021 at 09:42 PM

MO

“ With love and sympathy at this time of terrible loss. John was a kind and thoughtful neighbor to Mama, Mozelle Oakes, when he lived in Brosville. He was there for her when she fell ill, and he sang a beautiful tribune at her funeral service. We admired his musical talent and his gentle nature. May the Lord of Peace surround and comfort you all as you grieve for this special man.

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**Mark & Glenda Oakes** - January 01, 2021 at 07:20 PM

RS

“ Rhonda and family we are so sorry to hear about the passing of John. He was such a good person and will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Howard and Rhonda Smith

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**Rhonda Smith** - January 01, 2021 at 05:56 PM