



Shelby Jean Owens

December 12, 1937 - October 22, 2025

Shelby Jean Owens, age 87 of Newport, TN, went home to be with her Lord and Savior.

She had a love and passion for hiking, working in her yard, gardening, canning, cooking, and camping. She took pride in taking care of family and friends.

She was a member of Memorial Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charlie Grooms and Rosa Lee Grooms; brother Dan Grooms; and sister Joyce Grooms Clevenger.

She is survived by her son Perry Owens (Sheila); and daughter Gina (Nathaniel) James.

The family would like to thank the staff of Fort Sanders ICU and a special "Thank You" to the nurses Shawn and Parker.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday, October 26, 2025 with funeral services following at 6 p.m. in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday, October 27, 2025 in Union Cemetery.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

OCT **26.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 AM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel
363 East Main Street
Newport, TN 37821

Funeral service

OCT **26.** 6:00 PM (est)

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Burial

OCT **27.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Union Cemetery Inc
420 Mineral St
Newport, TN 37821-3900
(423) 623-6918

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Perry & Gina . Sorry to hear about your mom. She was a good neighbor & always kind and thoughtful to my mom. She will be missed . Wish I could have seen you guys Sunday ,but I was out of town .Rodney Fraley

Kenneth R Fraley - October 27, 2025 at 07:18 PM

DR

“ Prayers for all the family and loved ones.
Dale and Nancy Raines

Dale Raines - October 27, 2025 at 01:42 PM

BH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was a great friend. Bettye Hux

Bettye Hux - October 27, 2025 at 11:51 AM

MM

“ My Deepest Sympathy. I knew Shelby many years ago and always admired her.



Martha Murray - October 27, 2025 at 11:19 AM

JR

“ *In loving memory of a very special person.
Mary Lou Watts and June Holt Russell*



June Holt Russell - October 26, 2025 at 07:28 PM

TB

“ *Shelby helped us tremendously when my mother-in-law, Ernestine Ball, was sick and was a good friend to her for over 50 years. She truly had the love of a Christian saint. I pray the family can find comfort and peace in knowing she was and awesome person. Love and prayers.*

James and Theresa Ball

Theresa Ball - October 26, 2025 at 05:21 PM

JB

“ *Shelby was a favorite classmate. Always sweet and kind. UNTIL we meet again, Shelby - YOU are missed! Jeanne Birdwell*

Jeanne Y. Birdwell - October 26, 2025 at 09:33 AM

PB

“ *Shelby was my Aunt Ernestine Balls' best friend, Ernestine went to Heaven last year and I know it will be a precious reunion when Shelby and her meet again with Jesus!
Patty*

Patty Burchfield - October 26, 2025 at 08:48 AM

TL

“ Sorry to hear about your mother . She was a sweet lady. Went to church with you all some at Lincoln Avenue Baptist. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time .

Tura wiley Lawson - October 25, 2025 at 05:50 PM

MS

“ Shelby was such a kind and thoughtful friend to my mother. I'm sure they are having a great time laughing and talking in Heaven. She will be missed.

Melanie Strickler - October 25, 2025 at 05:34 PM

NS

“ Gina, we are so sorry about Shelby. We remember going to Destin and her being there too. She was always young at heart and fun to be around. She lived life to the fullest, working as long as she was able. We know you will miss her dearly. May God comfort you in the coming days and years, because you never get over losing your Mom, you just go on. Bobby & Nancy Swanger

Nancy Swanger - October 24, 2025 at 05:48 PM

HO

“ Gina, Nat & Perry - so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Your moma was a great cook. David and I will miss her. - Love Holly & Dave and the rest of the Williams family.

Holly - October 24, 2025 at 03:12 PM

KW

“ Gina, I am sorry to hear this news. You all will be in my thoughts and prayer

Keela Wilder - October 24, 2025 at 12:59 PM

NE

“ *Shelby was my best friend at school we had many good times so sorry she has passed she was always so nice*



nancy evans - October 24, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ *Gary and Angie Gentry*

Angie Gentry - October 23, 2025 at 03:39 PM

SS

“ *Gina I am so sorry for the loss of your precious momma. I remember Shelby . She was such a beautiful lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sandy Samples Steward*

Sandra G Steward - October 23, 2025 at 02:06 PM

JO

“ *Shelby and I were in SS at Memorial and I admired her and her spunk for living. She will be missed by us all and especially me. God grant comfort and peace to her family at this time, Sincerely, Joan Kropff*

Joan - October 23, 2025 at 11:47 AM