



Wilma Tuma Owens

May 7, 1937 - May 5, 2026

Wilma Marie Tuma Owens was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on May 5, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

Wilma was born on May 7, 1937, in Milam County, Texas, to James Martin Tuma and Nina Beatrice Edelmon Tuma. She lived her life in Rockdale, Texas. She graduated from the University of Texas with honors and went on to serve as an elementary teacher, including work with migrant and ESL students.

Wilma was a faithful member of Murray Street Church of Christ. She lived a life marked by faith, service, compassion, and devotion to her family. Many knew her lovingly as Gramm, while others knew her as Willye. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, Book Club, trips to the beach, and time with the family she loved so dearly.

Wilma was preceded in death by her son, James "Toots" Owens; her siblings, Joyce Key Skinner and Jimmy Dick Tuma; and other loved ones who went before her.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 71 years, Vaughn "Pud" Owens; her children, Tomm Owens and wife Debbie, Terry Owens, and Dennis Owens and wife Leigh; her brother, Gary Don Tuma and wife Patti; her grandchildren, Mindee Menley Popham and husband David, Scott Owens and wife Lisa,

Leanne Burrough and husband Cody, Michael Menley, Tate Owens and wife Mallory, and Tally Bowman and husband Michael; along with many great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; her brother-in-law, Alfred "Punk" Owens; her sister-in-law, Madie Tuma; extended family, former students, and friends.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, followed by a short memorial service and meal at approximately 11:15 a.m. at the New Salem HD Clubhouse at the Fair Park. A meal will be provided, and all are welcome to stay, visit, and share memories with the family.

Previous Events

Burial

MAY 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

I.O.O.F. Cemetery
850 N. Main St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Remembrance Gathering

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Salem Building Fair Park
308 Walnut Street
Rockdale , TX 76567

Tribute Wall

AF

“ *Aretha Flores lit a candle in memory of Wilma Owens*



Aretha Flores - May 10 at 02:19 PM

MB

“ *Marcia Bastow lit a candle in memory of Wilma Owens*



Marcia Bastow - May 09 at 09:36 AM



“ *Judi Copeland lit a candle in memory of Wilma Owens*



Judi Copeland - May 09 at 03:55 AM

RJ

“ *Rita Owens Grantham & Mike Jr. purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Wilma Tuma Owens.*



Rita Owens Grantham & Mike Jr. - May 08 at 01:48 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Tuma Owens.



May 08 at 12:50 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Tuma Owens.



May 08 at 12:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wilma Tuma Owens.

May 08 at 12:01 PM



“ Bill and Jean Dodge purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Wilma Tuma Owens.



Bill and Jean Dodge - May 08 at 11:30 AM

HF

“ Hank Hall and Family purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Wilma Tuma Owens.



Hank Hall and Family - May 07 at 11:16 PM

HF

“ Hank Hall and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilma Tuma Owens.

Hank Hall and Family - May 07 at 11:16 PM

FG

“ From Elaine and Bill Green purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Wilma Tuma Owens.



From Elaine and Bill Green - May 07 at 08:09 PM

JY

“ Judy York lit a candle in memory of Wilma Tuma Owens



Judy York - May 07 at 07:17 PM

LC

“ Lora Cornelius lit a candle in memory of Wilma Tuma Owens



Lora Cornelius - May 07 at 06:08 PM

SK

“ Sue Key lit a candle in memory of Wilma Tuma Owens



Sue Key - May 07 at 05:44 PM

GJ

“ What a glorious birthday to be spent in Heaven. Though you are missed dearly down here we love you Mrs. Owens. Rest easy in the arms of our Lord. Prayers of comfort to all of your family 🙏🙏🙏
Gina Jatzlau



Gina Jatzlau - May 07 at 04:45 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilma Tuma Owens.



May 07 at 03:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wilma Tuma Owens.

May 07 at 03:30 PM



“ Aretha Flores lit a candle in memory of Wilma Owens



Aretha Flores - May 07 at 09:46 AM



“ Aretha Flores lit a candle in memory of Wilma Owens



Aretha Flores - May 07 at 01:59 AM