



## Orla Ownbey

October 25, 1921 - June 26, 2009

Orla James Ownbey, 87, of Gentry, Arkansas, died June 26, 2009, at his home. Born October 25, 1921 in Decatur, Arkansas, he was the son of Elzy Lawrence Ownbey and Lida Lanessa Wilmoth Ownbey. He was a farmer, carpenter and also worked maintenance for the Gentry Public Schools. Orla was a member of the Gentry United Methodist Church. He married Berta Jean Steele in Gentry, Arkansas in 1949. Orla was preceded in death by one son, Donald Sisemore. Survivors include his wife Berta of the home; two sons, Ronald Ownbey and wife Joanne of Russellville, Arkansas and James Ownbey of Fayetteville, Arkansas; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one brother, Marvin Ownbey of Gentry, Arkansas; four sisters, Nedra Primrose of Tustin, California, Nadean Hardcastle of Springdale, Arkansas, Faye Higgins of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Marilyn Cameron of Dana Point, California. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at First United Methodist Church, Gentry, Arkansas, with Rev. Charles Ashcraft officiating. Burial will follow at Falling Springs Cemetery, Decatur, Arkansas. Visitation will be 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 2009, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gentry United Methodist Church, Gentry, Arkansas

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Berta Jean,*

*Our sympathy and prayers.*

*Richard & Sherry Johnson*

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**Sherry Johnson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

SO

“ *Orla was a man after God's own heart. I remember such a kind-hearted man from my youth growing up in the Gentry United Methodist Church.*

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**Susan Osborne** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

TA

“ *We are very srry for your loss. Evan when we try to prepare ourselves its still such a shock. Call if you need anything.*  
*Tom and Linda*

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**Tom Alsip** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

KA

“ *I appreciate everything that the Ownbey family has done for me. I am so sorry for your loss Berta, Orla was a very good man.*  
*Sincerely, Ken*

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**Ken Alsip** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

SS

“ Berta,  
We are so sad to hear of Orla's passing. He was very special to us,  
and everyone at Smith Durg. Please know that you are in our  
thoughts and prayers, and that we will always be here for you. We  
love you.

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**Steve, Cheryl and Emily Smith** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

PR

“ Berta - So sorry for your loss. We'll keep you and your family in our  
prayers.

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**Pamela Ownbey Reeder** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

SM

“ Berta, James, Jay, Sam and all  
We know that you will miss Orla deeply.  
We are thinking of you.  
Love,  
Sterling, Sharon, Cody and Cory

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**Sharon McPherson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

CD

“ To Ron and Berta Jean,  
  
Please accept my deepest sympathy at the loss of your dad and  
husband Orla. He was always very kind to me and I will always  
remember the laughter and sparkle in his eyes.

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**Carole Coffelt Dixon** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

BB

“ Dear Berta & family,  
Just a note to let you know that you are being lifted up in prayer at this time. May God bless and sustain each of you. I know Orla is having a ball in heaven and will greet us all there someday.  
Love,  
Terry & Brenda Bailey

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**Brenda & Terry Bailey** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

JJ

“ Berta  
  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for the example you have set for so many. Peace to you and your family.  
  
Love, Marlene and Jeff

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**Jeff and Marlene Jeffus** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

NB

“ I was so sad to hear of Orla's passing. You have given so much to take care of him. Please know that he is in a much better place now. You are in my prayers

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**Norma Burden** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

FS

“ Sorry to hear of Orla's passing, He will be missed alot by everyone who new him. We will keep your family in our prayers.  
god bless. Frank

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**Frank Severn** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

JJ

“ *Berta, I was sad to read of Orla's passing. You have been an excellent caregiver and I know you will miss Orla in the days to come. May God grant you peace and give you wonderful memories of your life with Orla.*

*Sincerely, Jeanne Jensen*

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**Jeanne Jensen** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

JC

“ *Dear Berta,*

*I will keep you and your family in my prayers. I'm so sorry for your loss. But God calls us home for a reason and I'm sure Orla is with and we will be together again some day. I will see you soon.*

*God Bless*

*Jack & Katelyn*

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**Jack & Katelyn Coelho** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM