



Terry Woodrow Owens

July 5, 1944 - October 27, 2012

Terry W. Owens, age 68, of Decatur, passed away October 27, 2012, at his residence. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 30, 2012, at 11:00 a.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2006 Modaus Road, S.W., Decatur, AL. Visitation will be Monday, October 29, 2012, 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shelton Funeral Home, 2105 Beltline Road, S.W., Decatur, AL, and on Tuesday, October 30, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He was born in Jasper on July 5, 1944, to Wilson and Lillian Tillery Owens.

He was raised in Samson where he was an outstanding high school athlete.

He signed a football scholarship with the University of Alabama, but transferred to Jacksonville State University in 1963, where he graduated with a degree in Biology. He was a two-sport performer for the Jacksonville Gamecocks in basketball and football. Following a solid college career, he was drafted by both the NFL's Chicago Bears and the AFL's San Diego Chargers in 1966. He opted to join the Chargers, playing 11 years until a back injury forced him into retirement. Soon after his football career ended, Terry became a State Farm agent. He was with State Farm for more than 35 years, until his illness forced him to retire in March of 2011.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Billy Ray Owens and Bobby Hue Carter.

Survivors include his wife, Alison Owens; his children, Dana Molan of Alabaster, Amanda Owens of Jacksonville, FL, and Jason Owens of

Jacksonville, FL; his stepson, Brian Blakely of Provo, UT; twin brother, Jerry Owens, and brother, Jimmy Owens. He had five grandchildren, Katelin and William Molan, Reagan Owens, and Cora and Harrison Blakely.

Terry donated his tissue to the Boston University School of Medicine and the Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy. By participating in the groundbreaking medical research, Terry will be able to create knowledge and awareness that will make sports safer for all athletes at all levels of play, as well as facilitate research that will generate treatment and eventually a cure for CTE.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I met Terry in San Diego while he was with the Chargers. At the time I played for a semi pro team located in San Diego. Terry and I played golf together. Actually he plated golf and I got to keep my eye on where his ball landed. Good friend and was sorry to lose him when he got traded to Seattle. Doug Miller

Doug W Miller - December 26, 2022 at 10:58 PM

JS

“ Jean Owens Sacco lit a candle in memory of Terry Woodrow Owens



Jean Owens Sacco - August 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I just read of Terry's passing and give condolences to his wife and children. My father delivered Dana and Jason and I was a friend to both he and Diane back in the 1970's. I am shocked that there was little said by the Charger organization about his passing. I only hope the NFL will come to grips with this problem. God bless you Terry and your family. Peggy



Peggy Franklin - May 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Just came across Terry's obituary and was very saddened to read it. He and I attended JSU together and I worked with him briefly in the cafeteria. Fond memories of his football and basketball accomplishments.



john shelton - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I recall watching Terry play football and basketball at JSU. My fondest remembrance was visiting with him one Saturday in Kansas City before a game with the Chiefs while i was attending seminary in KC. That visit was special and we had a great time recalling JSU days. May the Lord grant special peace to all his family.



Bill Caudle - November 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I was very saddened to hear this news. I had opportunity and privalege to be a teammate of Terry"s at JSU. He was one of the most admirable people I have ever known. I immediatly recalled a catch he made from QB Richard Drawdy at Troy State in "65 with less than a minute to play to win that game.. My thoughts and prayers are with the family..... Allen Rhinehart - Newnan Georgia



Allen Rhinehart - October 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to all the family. Terry was a great friend and fellow State Farm agent. God Bless all of you in this time of your sorrow.



Neil & Jan Hunt - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ So sorry to hear of Terry's passing. Our sincere condolences to Alison and the family. I have fond memories of Terry and our days at Jax. State. So glad we got to see him at JSU Homecoming a few years ago. RIP Terry!
Sarah (Henry) and Larry Danforth



Sarah Henry Danforth, Herndon, VA - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ My sincere condolences to all of Terry's family. He was a kind and gentle man that I will not forget. June Thames Friend from Samson High



June Thames - October 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM