



Douglas Folsom Owens

January 4, 1929 - February 17, 2023

Douglas Folsom Owens, 94, of the Fridays Crossing community, passed away peacefully February 17, 2023 at TLC Rehab Center, Oneonta. Born January 4, 1929, Folsom grew up during the Great Depression and like most others who lived during those lean years; he was quite accomplished as a provider for his family. Early in the 1950's, Folsom followed many of the skilled mechanics from Blount County to Detroit, Michigan, and worked briefly for the Chrysler Corporation, building cars. He returned home in 1953 and was hired by Meadowcraft/Ornamental Iron in Birmingham, where, during his tenure, he rose from welder to Assistant Plant Manager; retiring in 1988 after working 35 years.

Folsom was married February 2, 1956, to his life-long sweetheart, FayNell Rowan Owens, who passed in 2018.

Folsom was the only son of John Wiley and Evelyn Beasley Owens. His grandparents were Matthew Monroe Owens and Vinette Adaline Moody Owens, Arthur Lain Beasley and Julia Ann Idora Osborn. A sister, Kathleen Owens Underwood, preceded Folsom in death.

Sons: Douglas Jerome Owens (Teresa) and Joel Winfred Owens (Patti).

Grandchildren: Jessie Owens Barker (Jeremy), Jordan Douglas Owens (Brittany), Jonathan Owens (Candace), Jase Owens (Natalie) and Jaycee Owens. Great Grandchildren: Calleigh Barker, Kennadie Barker, Raylan Owens, Halle Owens, Easton Douglas Owens, and Jenna Owens.

Folsom, in his prime, was a hot-rod car enthusiast; building and repairing

every car he drove. Contrary to his sober, quiet demeanor, Folsom enjoyed fast cars, and, during his teen years, he often was seen speeding through the streets of Oneonta in his baby blue Chrysler sedan.

Mellowed with time and assuming his role as a family man, Folsom and FayNell married and the two of them built their homes on shoestring budgets, carefully scrimping to make their dreams come true. Beginning in 1960 and then in 1963, the births of their sons completed their circle.

As a pastime, Folsom enjoyed wheeling and dealing. Bargain hunting for tractors and cars or any other deal was always the thrill of the game.

Better known as PaPa, Folsom loved the grandchildren; keeping up with most of their sporting events, even in his advanced years. Every grandchild and great grandchild learned the secret hand motion to signal PaPa to give them dollars. None of the grands ever left PaPa's house without a dollar bill sticking out of his or her pocket.

Funeral will be Monday, February 20, at Snead Baptist Church, 42514 State Highway 75, Snead. Same-day Visitations: Family 10:00-10:30 Friends 10:30-12:00. The noon funeral service will be officiated by Brothers Don Garrison and Jeremy Barker. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Oneonta. Pall Bearers: Jordan Owens, Jonathan Owens, Jase Owens, Ricky Boring, Carl Jennings, and Herbie Boring. Etowah Memorial Chapel, in charge.

The family asks that in lieu of floral gifts, donations can be channeled to Snead Baptist Church or a charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

720 1st Ave. E.
Oneonta, AL 35121

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Snead Baptist Church
42514 State Hwy 75
Altoona, AL 35952

Service

FEB 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Ahlias lit a candle in memory of Douglas Owens*



Ahlias - May 09, 2023 at 12:08 PM

AH

“ *He was the kindest man I have ever known. I would do anything to play our card game on Sunday at 4 am again. I miss him and love him more than anything.*

Ahlias Flores

Ahlias - May 09, 2023 at 12:04 PM

RB

“ Being a first cousin I have known Folsom all my life. I always had and still have the greatest respect for him and his family. In younger years Folsom and FayNell were the best of friends with my parents. At one point when I was in college he got me a job at Meadowcraft. From what I remember he was well respected by the company and his peers. He told me once he felt the place would not operate without him, that is the type of ownership every company wants and needs from their members.

I have seen first hand in the last several years what a great job he and FayNell did raising Jerome and Joel. The way the boys and the entire family visited on a regular basis and took such great care of their parents was a joy to see - you just don't this type behavior without a whole lot of love that undoubtably began when the boys were young.

He will be missed!

Rick Boring

Rick Boring - February 18, 2023 at 04:50 PM

SB

“ He was a very nice man and had a wonderful family. Last time I saw him was at a yard sale at his house. And the last time I saw him and wife was at a thrift store. They were a sweet couple 💕 He is gone but not forgotten. Prayers for the family ❤️🙏🙏

Sandra Bryan - February 18, 2023 at 12:23 PM