



## Mr. Carnell Anthony Owens, Sr.

April 2, 1953 - September 23, 2024

Carnell Anthony Owens Sr., was born April 2, 1953, to Jeanette and William Owens in Birmingham Alabama. Carnell was the third of the five children born to Jeanette and William.

Carnell attended A.H Parker High School in Birmingham Alabama where he graduated at 18. With eyes full of hope, and heart filled with ambition, in 1972 Carnell set his sights on the Motor City to begin his Legacy. From Birmingham to Detroit young Carnell came to live with his father's sister Lois Johnson on Detroit's westside. In 1974 Carnell Owens married Carolyn Caldwell. From this union, three children were born: Camille, Carmen, and Cornell Owens Jr. Never a stranger to "hard work" Carnell attended Baker College while working at Ford Motor Company earning an associate's and bachelor's degree in applied sciences, securing the title of Stationary Steam Engineer. Carnell would retire from Ford Motor Company after 47 years of loyal service.

Carnell was not a man of many words. However, when he spoke, we all would pay attention. Slow in stride but firm in his step, Carnell would show his love with little verbal expression. He considered himself a person of action.

On September 23, Carnell unexpectedly closed his eyes for the last time. Carnell leaves to cherish his memory; Cornell Owens (son) Camille Owens (daughter) Carmen Owens (daughter) Christian Owens (grandson) Cornell Owens Jr (grandson) Aubrey Owens (granddaughter). His sisters and brother Linda, Venessa, Gwen, William. And a host of cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

If possible, Carnell would share an acknowledgment to a special person in his life for 17 years. This special friend, Joan Haywood, found the “beauty in his simplicity. Thank you, Joan, for loving him just the way he was.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Wednesday, Oct. **9**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour / Visitation

Thursday, Oct. **10**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
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## Celebration of Life

Thursday, Oct. **10**. 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gwendolyn Johnson and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Carnell Anthony Owens, Sr..*



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**Gwendolyn Johnson and Family** - October 08, 2024 at 07:05 AM