

## **Veterans Services**

#### By Deborah Bales

As we come to the end of year 2022 our great country has celebrated many patriotic holidays honoring our brave veterans who have diligently protected our way of life. This year as the world faces tremendous uncertainty, our great America celebrated her 246th birthday. We have choices, opportunities, and freedoms superior to any other country in the world. The old cliché "All gave some, but some gave all." should be etched in the hearts of every American.

A report released on November 10, 2021, by the Census Bureau (census.gov) shows we have over 19.9 million veterans, which represents 6.2% of the overall population in the United States. These men and women have dedicated their lives and made great sacrifices to keep us safe.

David and Pam Owen and the staff at Owen Funeral Homes have a real heart for our veterans. David and Pam continue to honor the "Sincere Family Service" of our founders Bird S. and Edith R. Owen by honoring our veterans.

We are proud to be able to offer our services at great discount for those who have served our country. A veteran's service is specifically designed to honor and pay respect to those who have put country first. It is our honor to acknowledge the debt and gratitude we feel for our servicemen and women and their families by offering four unique veterans packages that range from a Simple package to the Heritage+ package. Each package includes a casket, a hearse, and various other additional items and services. Our veteran discounts result in significant savings to their families. For additional information, please contact Deborah Bales at 502-338-7219 or Deborah.bales@owenfuneralhome.com.

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### From Our Family To Yours



The holidays are often difficult, but not impossible to get through when grieving the loss of a loved one. Each week in the "Surviving the Holidays" classes, we will address the various issues that make the holidays challenging. We will also discuss ways to cope with the additional demands of the holidays and how to honor your grief. The classes also offer a supportive community of other people who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

### Weekly Topics

Week 1: Anticipating the Holidays

Week 2: Planning for the Holidays

Week 3: Finding Meaning & Hope in the Holidays



November 15 | November 22 | November 29

Held in the Owen Aftercare Service Office 5317 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY 40216

🛅 Wednesdays 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

November 16 | November 23 | November 30

Held at Owen Funeral Home East 9318 Taylorsville Rd., Louisville, KY 40299

#### **RSVP** Information

If you are interested in attending, please call or email Genene Nisbet.

Phone: 502-447-7759

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## **Operation Toy Soldier Open Car Cruise**

Sat., November 12th, 11:00 – 3:00 pm Location: Hillview Community Church, 5319 Dixie Highway Admission: Toy Donation for Operation Toy Soldier Onsite: DJ Music and Bud's Tavern Food Truck

Spread the word and join us for a great cause. Operation Toy Soldier is a nationwide initiative to provide toys to children of Ft. Knox military families. Last year, we collected hundreds of toys for military families at our car cruise. It's a fun way to honor our military while "showing off your ride."

If you can't make it to the car cruise, you can drop off toys at our Dixie or Jeffersontown location. We are collecting toys from November 1 -December 1. The toys are delivered to the Ft. Knox Religious Services Office. The chaplains distribute the toys to military families. "It's great to be a part of an initiative that honors Ft. Knox military men and women and makes children smile," said David Owen.



Karl Cooley & Melissa Roberson

Toys can be dropped off at both of our locations November I – December I

Thanks for helping us provide Christmas gifts for the children of Ft. Knox military.



Rachel Owen Barr



Jane Lester



David Owen

# Ruby

Hello – my name is Ruby and I joined the Owen staff at our Dixie location in April 2022. I am a Golden Retriever and almost 8 months old. I'm growing up so cute, don't you think? I live with my mom, Whitney Weber but she lets me go to Owen two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I wag my tail at the thought of greeting you and providing emotional support when you feel so sad. Loss is hard to bear and if I can make your time at Owen a little less difficult, I feel happy all over (but I don't jump). I hang out a lot with Dr. Ken Cutrer in his office. He lets me know when you arrive and brings me out to meet you. I've heard people say being with me brings comfort and sometimes even helps them share about their loss. I even heard being with me can lower a person's blood pressure when they are distressed. I went to a special training class at Pet Smart on May 1, 2022, so I can spend time with you. I hope you will stop by and see me.

When I'm not at Owen I like to run fast, jump, chase birds, and snuggle with my family.



## **Rollin With Owen Trips**

## Mountain Harvest Getaway Pigeon Forge, TN October 17-20, 2022

Trip Includes: Transportation on a comfortable Miller Coach, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, Dolly Parton's Stampede Show, Country Tonite Show, Smith Family Variety Show, Dollywood's Fall Festival Great Pumpkin LumiNights, Guided Tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and shopping on the Island.

Cost: \$869 – Double per person \$839 – Triple/Quad per person

Deposit of \$200.00 due: August 12, 2022 Final Payment: September 12, 2022 (*Make check payable to Miller Transportation*)







## Biltmore Blooms/Billy Graham Library/Mayberry May 8-11, 2023

Trip Includes: Transportation on a comfortable Miller Coach, 3 nights lodging, Tour of Biltmore Blooms & Mansion, Visit to the Billy Graham Library and a trip back in time to "Andy Griffith's" Mayberry & more!

For more information contact Genene Nisbet at 502-447-7759 or genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com.





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# Neighborhood News

### **Grief Support Groups**

Provided by Owen Funeral Homes as a Free Public Service

#### "Now and Beyond"

For Those Who Lost A Spouse Every 3rd Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. Owen Funeral Home, Jeffersontown Every 3rd Friday, 2:00 p.m. Southwest Regional Library

**"A Parent's Grief"** For Those Who Lost A Child Every 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Owen Funeral Home, Dixie Location

#### Down the Same Road

Loss of a Loved One to Substance Abuse Every 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Owen Funeral Home, Dixie Location

> Spousal Loss Luncheon Every 1st Friday, 2:00 p.m. Contact Owen for Location

For Information:

Please call or email Genene Nisbet, Bereavement Services Specialist at 447-7759 genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com

## **Stepping Stones 2022**

### Thursday, September 15, 2022 • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Valley View Church 8911 Third Street Road – Valley Station

We are excited to invite you to Stepping Stones, an annual program sponsored by Owen Funeral Homes. We celebrate our 25th year with Brian Free & Assurance, Joseph Habedank and a special surprise by David Owen. Lunch includes a tasty buffet by Mark's Feed Store. If you plan to join us for lunch, a lunch ticket is required. Reserved lunch tickets may be picked-up on August 26th, at an Owen Funeral Home location.

Don't forget to "Shower your Neighbors with Love" - Help us support our area ministries by donating personal care items (i.e. body soap, shampoo, hand soap, deodorant, etc.)



Brian Free & Assurance



Joseph Habedank

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