

NEWSLETTER



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A Look Back

Owen Funeral Home first opened on August 27, 1939. Since that time, so much has changed.

In 1939:

- US Life Expectancy for Males was 62.1 years and Females 65.4 years.
- Average Family Income was \$1,231.
- Minimum Wage was .30 cents an hour.
- Cost of Living – A Dozen eggs were .32 cents, White bread was .8 cents, ½ Gallon of milk .24 cents, New car was \$750, New house was \$3,800, & Gallon of gas .10 cents.
- President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving from the last week in November to the 4th week in November to boost retail sales during the Great Depression.
- Movies to Watch - The Wizard of Oz, Gone with the Wind, and Son of Frankenstein

- Notable Books -And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie and The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- Influential Songs -Over The Rainbow by Judy Garland and God Bless America by Kate Smith
- The first Thin Mint cookies were baked by the Girl Scouts in 1939.
- Penicillin began to be used as the first true antibiotic, curing many diseases including tuberculosis.
- AT&T made a working answering machine in 1939 but suppressed it, thinking public fear of being recorded would lead to widespread abandonment of the telephone.

Since 1939, the Owen family has responded to the changing needs of our community, while striving to provide “Sincere Service.” In 1996, the Owen Family added aftercare services to assist

families with grief counseling, support groups and community activities. In 2001, the Owen Family added a second location in Jeffersontown. During 2003-2006, the Dixie location was expanded to add available chapels and additional gathering space for families in our lounge. In 2009, pastoral care services were added to provide onsite spiritual care. In 2021, Owen purchased a new funeral fleet to offer a dignified procession to a loved one’s final resting place. In 2022, Ruby, Owen’s grief therapy dog, was added to our Dixie location; providing “compassionate furry care” to families we serve. As you can see, Owen Funeral Home is constantly changing with the times, but one thing has stayed the same for over 84 years– the Owen Family and staff are as committed to “Sincere Service” as when the doors were first opened by Bird and Edith Owen.

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from our family to yours

STEPPING STONES 2023

The Owen Family invite you to Stepping Stones 2023. Stepping Stones is an annual program sponsored by Owen Funeral Homes. This year we will enjoy the inspiring music of Brian Free and Assurance and Allison Speer, a delicious lunch catered by Mark's Feedstore while supporting (3) great community ministries with donations of personal care items.

Please pre-register by calling 502-447-7759 or emailing genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com. All lunch tickets are reserved and may be picked up on August 25th.

Thursday, September 7, 2023

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Valley View Church

8911 Third Street Road – Valley Station

“Shower your Neighbors with Love”

Donate personal care items for Shively Area Ministries
South Louisville Community Ministries
Southwest Community Ministries

FEATURING



Allison
Speer



Brian Free & Assurance



SURVIVING *the Holidays*

After the loss of a loved one

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.

RSVP Information

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

502-447-7759

genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com

Weekly Topics

Week 1: Anticipating the Holidays

Week 2: Planning for the Holidays

Week 3: Finding Meaning & Hope in the Holidays

Two Locations:

Tuesdays | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

November 14 - November 21 - November 28

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

Wednesdays | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

November 15 - November 22 - November 29

Held at Owen Funeral Home East

9318 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, KY 40299



RACHEL BARR

*Chief Operating Officer
Licensed Funeral Director*

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Rachel is the daughter of Pam and David Owen. She joined the funeral home in March 1999.

Rachel attended Christian Academy of Louisville for 12 years, graduating in 1992. She attended the University of Louisville, receiving degrees in Psychology and Sociology. While attending UofL, she managed the Imaginarium Toy Store in The Mall St. Matthews.

Following her graduation from UofL in 2000, Rachel started her apprenticeship at Owen Funeral Home and received her Funeral Director's License in 2003. She feels the most rewarding part of her job is being able to assist families through a difficult time. Rachel enjoys the family ties and being able to work daily with her parents.

In June 2012, Rachel married Richard Barr in Hawaii. They enjoy sports (especially seeing the New York Yankees play), traveling, riding motorcycles, and hanging out with their dogs, Dillinger and Archie. In 2021, Rachel co-founded Top Shelf Motor Club, a club for people who enjoy cars, bikes, and trucks. Following the success of the motor club, Rachel and her business partner opened Top Shelf Performance on Main Street in Louisville, which specialize in aftermarket auto parts installation and sales. Rachel also enjoys photography and has her own company, RHB Photography.



Cruising with Owen Western Caribbean

“Norwegian Breakaway”

February 24 - March 4, 2024

10 Days - Passport Required!

Price Includes: Miller Bus Transportation, 7 – Day Cruise on Norwegian Breakaway to Cozumel, Mexico, Roatan Bay Islands, Honduras, Harvest Cave, Belize, and Costa Maya, Mexico, (2) Hotel Stays with Continental Breakfast and Evening “Kick-Back” Dinner at the Drury Inn, and a City Tour of New Orleans.

Price also includes all the following group amenities for Balcony and Oceanview rooms. Inside Cabins receive (2) of the following amenities:

- Beverage or Soda package (includes gratuity)for 1st & 2nd cabin guest
- Ultimate Dining Package -(1) Dinner (includes gratuity)for 1st & 2nd cabin guest
- \$50.00 Shore Excursion Credit Per Cabin
- 75 minutes Per Person Wi-Fi

Cost Per Person - (Make check payable to Miller Transportation)

Mail to Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, Louisville KY 40216

Balcony: Double - \$2,799 | Triple - \$2,729

Oceanview: Double – \$2,699

Inside: Double – \$2,499

Deposit Due: \$350.00 per person due: August 11, 2023, and Final Payment Due: October 5, 2023 (Along with copy of passport)

Contact Genene Nisbet - 502-447-7759 or genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com



Open Car Cruise

**Saturday, September 23rd
11:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Location: Hillview Community Church
5319 Dixie Highway**

Admission: Toy Donation for Operation Toy Soldier

**Onsite: DJ Music, Bud's Tavern Food Truck
and Awards Presented by Top Shelf Performance**

Operation Toy Soldier is a nationwide initiative to provide toys to children of military families. Last year, despite a cold snowy day, we collected hundreds of toys for military families at Ft. Knox even though we had to cancel our car cruise. This year we are moving the car cruise back a few months and praying for good weather. The car cruise is a fun way to honor our military while “showing off your ride.” We are excited to have the crew from Top Shelf Performance presenting awards this year.

If you can't make the car cruise, you can drop off toys at our Dixie or Jeffersonstown location. We are collecting toys until December 1.

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



Rachel Barr



David Owen



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OWEN FAMILY

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David L. and Pamela H. Owen
Rachel Owen Barr

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David Bales

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Dr. Kenneth Cutrer
Gene Nisbet, KLPC

after care happenings

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 | 2:00pm | Owen Funeral Home, Jeffersontown

Every 3rd Friday | 2:00pm | Southwest Regional Library

“A Parent’s Grief”

For Those Who Lost A Child

Every 1st Wednesday | 11:00am | Owen Funeral Home, Jeffersontown

Every 3rd Tuesday | 6:00pm | Owen Funeral Home, Dixie

Down the Same Road

Loss of a Loved One to Substance Abuse

Every 1st Tuesday | 6:00pm | Owen Funeral Home, Dixie

Spousal Loss Luncheon

Every 1st Friday | 2:00pm | Contact Owen for Location

“Now and Beyond”

Grief Support Group

Grieving the Loss of a Spouse/Partner

Thursdays, August 3 – 31 &

Friday, September 8

11 – 12 pm

Owen Funeral Home

Dixie Aftercare Office

The “Now and Beyond” grief support group meets for six weeks for an hour to address the needs and questions of those who have lost a spouse/partner through death. Each meeting consists of presentation, discussion, and support.

If you would like to register or have questions, please call
Gene Nisbet at (502) 447-7759 or email gene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com.