

# The Owen



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about life's difficult subjects*

## Family Newsletter

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### Thanks and Gratitude to Philip R. Simpson for 50 Years of Service



Philip Simpson has been a foundational part of what makes Owen Funeral Home special today. He was originally a Lawrenceburg, Kentucky native. He graduated the Kentucky School of Mortuary Science in 1967. He then joined our staff as a young lad of 19. He began his career at our original location on 2611 Virginia Avenue. He remembers his early days getting adjusted to living in the upstairs apartment of the Virginia Avenue location. "It was unsettling at first; sleeping in a funeral home," he said. He started by sleeping fully dressed with the lights on. He recalls one night waking up to a loud noise and a rolling sound. He pulled the covers up and didn't move. In the morning he went up in the attic and saw that a bag of marbles had spilled over. Eventually he became at ease with living in a funeral home and began what would be 50 years of service to others.

After serving his two year apprenticeship, he became a licensed funeral director and embalmer in 1970. In 1987, he also earned his Life Insurance License from the state of Kentucky. For 50 years, Philip has worked alongside the Owen family as they strived to serve the community with "Sincere Service." His father advised him to "always treat families as you would one of your own." Philip stayed true to these wise words through the years. You could not find a more professional, kind, and caring funeral director.

As time has gone on, we have had to say goodbye to Bird and Edith Owen and others who first opened the doors to Owen Funeral Home. Philip worked alongside all of these special directors and has carried forward what he learned from them. He has helped train a new generation of caring and skilled funeral directors. It is with a warm heart we thank Philip Simpson for the past 50 years!

If you want to send a note of congratulations please email [philip.simpson@owenfuneralhome.com](mailto:philip.simpson@owenfuneralhome.com) or mail to Philip Simpson, Owen Funeral Home, 5317Dixie Highway, Louisville KY 40216.

## Rollin' with Owen

### Winter Getaway

#### S.E.E.K.

(Seniors Experiencing & Enjoying Kentucky)

January 22-24, 2018

General Butler State Park

3 Days/2 Nights

**Cost includes: Transportation, Lodging, All Meals,  
Fun Activities, Crafts & Entertainment!**

**Cost per person:**

**\$240.00 - 2 people in a room**

**\$270.00 - 1 person in a room**

**(Make check payable to Owen Funeral Home) Payment Due: December 15, 2017**



Come and join us for three days of fun at General Butler State Park. We will board the bus and depart from the Owen (Dixie) parking lot at 2:00 p.m. on January 22nd and return on January 24th at 2:30 p.m. While at the park, we will eat lots of tasty food, share in fun activities and crafts, and enjoy good entertainment. The park's activity director will have a full itinerary for our group. Or if you like, you can simply take in the natural beauty. Friends are welcomed but space is limited.

For more information contact Genene Nisbet at 502-447-7759 or [genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com](mailto:genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com). Mail payment to: Genene Nisbet, Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY 40216.

*If you plan to attend I will need your shirt size.*

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## Cruisin' With Owen aboard the Norwegian Escape

**New England & Nova Scotia    October 6 -15, 2018 (10 Days)**

If there is one season that Mother Nature loves to flaunt, it's fall. And there's no better view of this amazing spectacle than on a New England & Canada Cruise. Join the Rollin' with Owen Group for a seven day cruise on the Norwegian Escape leaving out of the "Big Apple" New York, New York. We will enjoy delicious meals, riveting entertainment and spectacular views in Portland, Maine, Bar Harbor, Maine, Saint John Bay of Fundy, and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

**Cost includes the cruise, bus transportation to and from New York, and two nights lodging (including breakfast).**

**Cost per person:**

**Oceanview Cabin: \$2,289.00    Double/ \$2,249.00    Triple/ \$2,229.00    Quad/ \$3,499.00    Single**

**Balcony Cabin: \$2,519.00    Double/\$2,469.00    Triple/\$2,449.00    Quad/\$3,929.00    Single**

**Deposit of \$300.00 by January for best room assignment. Need copy of your passport.**

**Final Payment due: June 25, 2018**

For a complete trip itinerary, contact Genene Nisbet at 502-447-7759 or [genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com](mailto:genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com).



## Remembering Those We Love...

Special occasions are often difficult and challenging for those who have lost a loved one. For many, it is hard to know what to do. Here are some ideas of ways to honor those we love.

- Acknowledge in prayer the person who died – When your family and friends gather, join hands and say a special prayer that acknowledges the death and the passing of a special life.
- Purchase or make a memorial candle - which will be lit each morning or evening and extinguished only before bedtime throughout the holiday season.
- Place a single flower on the table- in honor of the “presence” of your loved one.
- Observe a moment of silence - or prayer before the meal or at another time you deem appropriate.
- Spend time together as a family with the family album - Make it a special celebration where the past is discussed, reviewed, and re-lived.
- Reserve some time to tell a favorite story - at the table about your loved one. This could accompany a special toast to your memories.
- Make a donation to charity - in the name of your loved one or help a family in need by providing a holiday dinner for them or sending small gifts for the children.
- Put special thoughts and feelings about your loved one on notes and place them in a special stocking at Christmas time.
- Volunteer for a cause your loved one cared about.

## Shively Area Ministries

### *Christmas Food Basket Donations*

Shively Area Ministries (SAM) is a faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming lives and strengthening the fabric of the Shively community. At Christmas time they provide food baskets for families in need. This year the Owen grief support groups will donate cake mix and icing for these baskets. If you want to join with us in caring for others, please drop by cake mix and icing at our Dixie Highway location by December 4th.



Meet one of our Owen Family Members...

**Lisa Beckner**  
*Family Service Representative*



Lisa joined the Owen staff in 2012 and has been a kind and welcoming face for people who enter our doors. “People are important to me and I think we should let them know we care about them,” said Lisa. “Working at Owen gives me the opportunity to offer compassion to families at a sad and difficult time in their life.”

Lisa knows how to turn life difficulties into opportunities. After surviving breast cancer in 2013 she says, “I was so blessed that my cancer was diagnosed early. So I decided that when I finished my treatments, I would find ways to help others.” Outside of working at Owen, she works at Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital and volunteers with Shively Area Ministries delivering meals to people in need.

Lisa has had a busy year. Her son, Brad, married in April 2017 and she is expecting her second grandchild in January. She also relishes spending time with her 16 year old granddaughter, Cassidy. She is a member of Shively Baptist and enjoys outings with the ladies in her Sunday School Class.

Lisa has a full life and we are thankful she shares some of it with Owen.





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Edith R. Owen (1917 - 2015)  
Linda Owen  
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## Neighborhood News

### Grief Support Groups

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#### ***"Now and Beyond"***

Group for Spousal Loss  
Every 3rd Friday, 2:00 p.m.  
Southwest Regional Library  
Every 3rd Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.  
Owen Funeral Home, Jeffersontown

#### ***Monthly Spousal Loss Luncheon***

Every 1st Friday, 2:00 p.m.  
Golden Corral Restaurant  
5362 Dixie Highway

#### ***"A Parent's Grief"***

1st and 3rd Monday, at 6:30 p.m.  
Hillview Baptist Church

#### ***Monthly Men's Breakfast***

Every 3rd Monday, at 9:00 a.m.  
Frisch's Restaurant  
7401 Dixie Highway

**For Information: Please call Genene Nisbet,  
Bereavement Services Specialist at 447-7759.**

**You Are Always Welcome -**

Owen Funeral Home staff welcomes the opportunity to show you around either of our facilities and to answer any questions you might have. Call the office or stop by.

### From Our Kitchen To Yours

by Lisa Beckner



#### Pineapple Delight Cake

Mix: 1 box yellow cake mix  
1 cup oil  
4 eggs

Stir in 1 cup pecan pieces and 1 small can mandarin oranges (partially drained).

Put in 3 round cake pans and bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes, allow to cool completely.

Icing: 16 oz. can crushed pineapple  
16 oz. carton Cool Whip  
2 small boxes Instant French Vanilla Pudding

Combine pineapple, cool whip and instant French vanilla pudding.

After icing cake store in refrigerator.