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Recipe For Sincere Service

Celebrate 75 Years of "Sincere Service" With the Owen Family

Stepping Stones 2014
Friday, August 29, 2014
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Valley View Church
8911 Third Street Road

Featuring Mark Trammell Quartet

Donations of Personal Care Items for:

- Shively Area Ministries
- Southwest Community Ministries
- South Louisville Community Ministries



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Join us in celebrating 75 years of serving the Louisville community at Stepping Stones' 2014. We are proud and excited of this achievement. For your enjoyment we have invited the Mark Trammell Quartet. Mark Trammell has won multiple awards as a singer and producer, and has been a member of four of Gospel Music's most acclaimed groups - The Kingsmen, The Cathedrals, Greater Vision and Gold City. They will lift your spirits and provide inspiration as they fill the air with great southern gospel music.

Prepare yourself for an upbeat, moving day and don't forget to bring your appetite because we also have a tasty buffet planned. If you plan to join us for lunch, a lunch ticket is required in order to provide adequate food for all. All lunch tickets are reserved and may be picked-up by August 15, at an Owen Funeral Home location. After lunch, we will move into the auditorium where there is plenty of room for all who wish to attend and listen to the upbeat, toe tapping music.

This year we ask that you join Owen Funeral Home in supporting our local area ministries by bringing a donation of personal care items (i.e. tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, etc.) These items will assist in ongoing ministries to those in crisis and need.

Lunch reservations are limited and required. Please pre-register by calling Genene Nisbet, 502-447-7759.



A 75 Year Family Legacy

The doors to Owen Funeral Home opened on August 27, 1939 on Virginia Avenue under the direction of Bird S. Owen, Jr. and his wife Edith. It was Bird's desire to serve this community through sincere funeral service and his family continues that legacy today. As the business grew, a new location was added in April, 1962 at 5317 Dixie Highway which remains today along with the newest location 9318 Taylorsville Road in Jeffersontown.

Overcoming Adversity

Part of developing a successful business is the ability to grow, change and overcome obstacles. The Owen Family has certainly done that. One of their biggest challenges occurred on December 21, 1983 when the Dixie Highway location caught fire and the complete interior was lost. But after 44 years in the funeral industry, Bird Owen recommitted himself to the community and rebuilt. During reconstruction, other funeral homes offered their facilities to the Owen family as a testimony of respect for the family and staff.

When Bird S. Owen passed away in 1987, again the family rallied and continued to carry the torch handed to them. Edith, along with their two children, David and Linda, have maintained Bird's original commitment to serving the community.

Pay It Forward

From the original motto of providing "Sincere Service," the Owen Family has not just limited this to the funeral industry. They work tirelessly to serve the community through a multitude of ways.

Edith Owen became a funeral director and worked along side Bird building their business. She raised her two children, provided music for many funeral services and worked tirelessly for her church and many community activities including WMU, Bright Star/Eastern Star of the Eastern Star Chapter. In this photo she is receiving an award from the Shively Area Ministries. Owen Funeral Home is a partner with this ministry. Edith taught her children that although the business might change, the way in which you treat the families you serve does not.



Linda Owen is a perfect example of taking one's own sorrow and using that to lessen the sorrow for someone else. After suffering the devastating loss of three premature and miscarried babies, Linda realized that there was little or no merchandise for this ultimate loss.





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She developed a line of products and a company she calls "Our Little Angel" providing preemie caskets, burial clothing, and special guest registry books and cards. The registry book is now in its 34th printing. Through the years Linda has received the Today's Savvy award, the 2000 award from Women in Funeral Service recognizing women in leadership, the duPont Manual High School 1959 induction to the Hall of Fame, and the 2014-2015 VIP Leadership award from the National Association of Professional Women (NAPA) as shown in this photo.



David Owen saw the need to serve families long after their immediate needs had been met. He started an aftercare program providing comfort, support, professional bereavement services and social gatherings. The Rollin' With Owen program plans extended trips offering the opportunity for those who have been left alone, the chance to travel and meet new people - people who are also dealing with grief and loss.

David is dedicated to this business and the Louisville community and feels the compelling responsibility to serve. He currently serves on the boards of or is a member of: Past President of Funeral Director Association of Kentucky; Past President of Fall Cities Funeral Directors Association; Past President for the Funeral Auto Company; Excelsior Masonic Lodge #258; Valley Masonic Lodge #511; Louisville

Consistory - Scottish Rite; Past President of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Louisville; President of Gilda's Club of Louisville and a former board member for Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame. He is a board member for Kosair Charities, and a member of the Ohio Valley Corvette Club and National Corvette Restoration Society. He was Past Potentate for Louisville Kosair Shrine Temple, pictured with his wife Pam.



David is also an active member in the Louisville music community performing with The Fanatics for more than 30 years and now as one of the lead singers with The Monarchs.



The Owen Funeral Homes offer a wide variety of Grief Support Groups including "A Parent's Grief," "Now and Beyond," and monthly luncheons and breakfasts. For more information on these groups and other services provided by the Owen Funeral Homes, visit our website at www.owenfuneralhome.com or call Genene Nisbet, Bereavement Specialist at 502-447-7759.





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Neighborhood News

Grief Support Groups

Provided by Owen Funeral Homes as a Free Public Service

“Transitions”

Group for Bereaved Persons & Families
in their first few months of grief
Location and times assigned quarterly

“Now and Beyond”

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

Monthly Widow/Widower’s Luncheon

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

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

“A Parent’s Grief”

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

Monthly Men’s Breakfast

Every 3rd Monday, at 8:30 a.m.
The Kitchen Restaurant
5300 Cane Run Rd

From Our Kitchen To Yours

by Owen Family

Recipe for “Sincere Service”



1 committed family
75 yrs of dedication
24 hrs of availability
7 days of community involvement
2 ears to really listen
1 heart filled with compassion
2 soft shoulders to lean on
1 strong hand to hold

Gently combine all ingredients leaving
room to add a special hug, a tender
touch or a sympathetic ear.

Remember to treat each family as a
friend and neighbor. Always handle
each person with dignity, gentle
compassion and a loving spirit.

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.