

# The Owen



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about life's difficult subjects*

## Family Newsletter

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From Our Family to Yours

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### Linda Owen Inducted Into Hall of Fame - duPont Manual High School, Louisville KY

Linda Owen, Class of 1959, is a female pioneer in the funeral service industry. She is one of the owners of Highlands Family-Owned Funeral Home and Vice President of Owen Funeral Homes in Jeffersontown and on Dixie Highway. She was awarded "Woman of the Year" by Women in Funeral Service in 2000, and also began a company in 1990 until present called "Our Little Angel" to assist families who have experienced the death of a child. She has also taught at the Louisville Academy of Music for 10 years.



*Receiving "Best Singer of the Year Award" in 1959*



*Receiving duPont Manual High School "Hall of Fame" award*

Linda says, "It all started years ago when I was 5 years old. My parents, Grandmother Roberts and I lived upstairs at the Owen Funeral Home on Virginia Avenue. I was very active playing in my room, so much so my father, Bird S. Owen, Jr., took me for rides in a big black car. I sat on big books and I watched my father go to a big place and help people. I did not know this was the beginning of my life in the funeral industry. I am blessed to have had this experience, watching a caring father help others and then to be able to continue that tradition in his honor."

## Rollin With Owen Trip “Branson Music Showcase”

October 14-17, 2013

Four Days! Four Shows!

Includes 3 Continental Breakfasts! 3 Dinners!

Deposit of \$50.00 Due: July 29, 2013

Final Payment Due: August 26, 2013

(Checks made payable to Toby Tours)

For questions or to receive a registration form contact: Gene Nisbet at 447-7759

Cost per person: \$529.00- 2 people in a room  
\$519.00- 3/4 people in a room  
\$629.00- 1 person in a room



Monday, October 14

Depart Owen Funeral Home and travel to St. Louis, MO for lunch. Dinner (included) at Lambert's Threwed Rolls Café.

Three nights: Branson Towers- Branson MO- 417-336-4500

Tuesday, October 15

Continental breakfast is included each morning. This morning we will shop, lunch is on your own. Then 2:00 p.m. show, Cat's Pajamas. This group was voted Branson's Best Group and recently seen on NBC's The Sing Off.

Wednesday, October 16

After breakfast, 10:00 a.m. George Dyer show. In its first season in Branson, the George Dyer show was nominated for 11 Branson show awards, including Best Morning Show and Best New Show. After the show, we head out for some free time to shop and sightsee.

Dinner at Golden Corral (included), followed by Joseph, an engaging and memorable show that you will love. The show truly comes alive for you on the larger-than-life stage of the Sight and Sound Theatre with amazing stage performances coupled with live animals, brilliant costumes and stage designs, heart-warming musical scores, choreographed dance numbers, and so much more.

Thursday, October 17

After our continental breakfast, we will depart Branson and will arrive back in Louisville later this evening.

## Stepping Stones' 2013

Brian Free & Assurance

Southern Gospel Quartet

(Sponsored By: Owen Family Funeral Homes)

Where: Valley View Church

8911 Third Street Road – Valley Station

When: Thursday, September 12, 2013

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Stepping Stones is an annual program sponsored by the Owen Family. If you like southern gospel quartet music, then get ready for Brian Free & Assurance. They will lift your spirits and leave you wanting more. They are sure to excite and inspire with great southern gospel music.



Prepare 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 ticket is required in order to provide adequate food for all. **All lunch tickets are reserved and may be picked-up on August 30th, at an Owen Funeral Home location.** After lunch, we will move up 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 again ask that you join our funeral home in supporting “Bears on Patrol” by donating a Teddy Bear. “Bears on Patrol” is another way Kosair Charities serves children through local law enforcement agencies. Children receive a cuddly “Furry Friend” to hold, and hug from participating police, fire and rescue departments when faced with a traumatic situation.

Schedule: 11:30 a.m. Lunch (Free Lunch Ticket Required Due to Limited Seating)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Brian Free & Assurance

Lunch reservations are limited and required. Contact Gene Nisbet, Owen Funeral Home, 502-447-7759.



## Announcing Owen Monument Company



Owen Funeral Homes are truly a “full service” family owned and operated funeral provider. We take care of every detail of the funeral service and can assist you in obtaining the perfect memorial of granite, marble or bronze to honor your loved one.

Owen Monument Company offers a wide selection of materials and designs to fit your budget. We will assist you in designing the monument or memorial right in our office.

Gary Thomas has well over 20 years of granite, bronze and marble design experience. All details concerning the purchase and placement of your memorial will be handled through his department.

We service all cemeteries and sell any type or design memorial, offering both USA made and import products. If you have seen something you like, take a picture of it and we can produce it using some of the finest granite and bronze craftsmen in the industry. We are a direct dealer with several bronze and granite suppliers.

Selections include:

- Upright Granite & Marble Monuments
- Slant or Beveled Monuments
- Granite Benches
- Bronze Memorials
- Veterans Match Memorials
- Family Estate Mausoleum
- Cremation Bronze Memorials
- Pet Memorials in Granite and Bronze

Contact:  
 Gary Thomas  
 Office 502-447-2600  
 Cell 502-387-9555



Meet one of our  
 Owen Family Members...

**Judith Bernard**  
 Administrative Assistant



Judith Bernard joined the staff at Owen in June 2012. She is a life-long Louisville resident, born and raised in Valley Station and a graduate of Valley High School. However, she is now a Germantown transplant.

Judith is the mother of two adult children, a daughter, Jamie and a son, Micah. She is also the proud grandmother of Brooklyn who is the “new light of her life.”

Judith loves to go for rides in the country in her Mustang Convertible, which she refers to as her “Harley with doors.” She also likes to take scenic photos. When riding in the country she plays the “right” game. At every street she comes to, she takes a right. She exclaims, “You never know what interesting places you will find.”

Judith states, she went to the “school of hard knocks” and unfortunately went back for refresher courses. She has learned a lot from life experiences and realizes she likes working with people. She is a good listener and gifted with being able to relate easily with people. With these gifts, she has volunteered with Compassionate Friends and Consoling Parents.





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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, 1:00 p.m.  
Location assigned monthly

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 Judith Bernard



#### Roses’ Amazing Chocolate Chip Cookies

¾ c flour  
½ c butter (1 stick)  
6 T brown sugar  
½ t baking soda  
½ t salt  
6 T sugar  
½ t vanilla  
¼ t water  
1 egg  
1 c oats (uncooked)  
1 (6) oz. chocolate morsels

Oven 375 degrees. Sift together flour, soda and salt. Blend butter, sugar, vanilla & water. Beat in egg. Add flour mixture. Mix well. Stir in oats and chocolate chips. Drop by rounded half teaspoonfuls on greased cookie sheets. Bake 10 to 12 minutes.

*My Mom, Rose, has made these delicious chocolate chip cookies for me since I was a little girl. I’m carrying this tradition on with my children. I hope you will enjoy them with the ones you love.*

### 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.