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The Changing Face of Funeral Homes

What does a funeral director look like? Although this industry like many others has been predominately male, the look and face of this industry is changing.



Owen Funeral Homes staff proudly includes twenty women including five Licensed Funeral Directors, an Ordained Minister in Pastoral Care and Counseling, and a Licensed Pre-Need Counselor.

*L to R Front Row, The Owen Family: Rachel Hood (Funeral Dir.), Pam Owen (Funeral Dir.), Edith Owen, Linda Owen (Funeral Dir.)
Back Row: Amanda Wells (Pre-Need), Sarah Norman (Funeral Dir.), Geneene Nisbet (Pastoral Care Counselor), Yvonne Nantz (Funeral Dir.)*

Historically women have been the nurturing caregivers of the family, therefore using their comforting, feminine touch to create meaningful funeral services at family owned Owen Funeral Homes comes as no surprise. But becoming licensed and earning their respective titles wasn't an easy task. Years of dedication and education have gone into creating the professional, competent women they are today.

Less than 40 years ago, only 5 percent of the funeral directors in the United States were women. Today that number hovers around 43 percent. The ratio of male to female students in mortuary science schools has rapidly risen from 35 percent in 1995 to a current rate of around 60 percent.

That increase also applies to a surge in the number of women who own funeral homes: about 14 percent of the country's funeral homes are owned by women, according to a survey done by the National Funeral Director's Association. In 1998, the proportion was 5 percent.

Although changes in society and culture are important, the women and men of the Owen Funeral Homes' staff always put the service of your family as our primary concern.

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Stepping Stones 2011

Brian Free & Assurance Southern Gospel Quartet
and Fermata NoWhere Barbershop Quartet
(Sponsored By: Owen Family Funeral Homes)

Bears On Patrol



Valley View Church, 8911 Third Street Road – Valley Station
When: Thursday, September 15, 2011, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The 2011 Stepping Stones, an annual program sponsored by the Owen Family, features southern gospel quartet Brian Free & Assurance. They will lift your spirits and leave you wanting more. We are also pleased to have the harmonious sounds of the barbershop quartet, Fermata NoWhere. Both are sure to excite and inspire as they fill the air with great southern gospel and barbershop style 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 on August 31th, 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 of Brian Free & Assurance and Fermata NoWhere.

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.

11:30 a.m. Lunch (Free Lunch Ticket Required)
1 :00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Brian Free & Assurance and Fermata NoWhere

Lunch reservations are limited and required. Please pre-register by mail.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

Number of lunch ticket(s): _____ Pick-up ticket(s) at: Dixie Location _____ J-town Location _____

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

Thanks to St. Edward Catholic Church

Providing love and dignity to those less fortunate is something we all aspire to, but the ladies of the Funeral Pall Ministry of St. Edward Catholic Church do just that. Debbie Grisanti coordinates this ministry and along with Mary Dovak, Frances Adams, Ruth Johnson, Joan Holzknecht and Pamela Saksefski, sew these Palls for indigent services directed by the Jeffersontown Owen Funeral Home for the County. A Pall is a cloth which covers a casket at a funeral. Military funerals often use the nation's flag as a Pall.

Funerals are a time of remembering and celebrating a loved one's life. The Palls made by the women of St. Edward Church cover the caskets like a warm hug from a loving friend.



Remembrance Quilt Dedication

The Remembrance Quilt is a loving testimony that honors the lives of many of the families served by Owen Funeral Homes. This tradition began in 1998 and the 9th Quilt Dedication was held on March 27, 2011. The quilts are rotated throughout the year so that all are displayed and enjoyed. As a part of this meaningful celebration, local musician and songwriter Paul Turner wrote and performed a beautiful tribute.



*The fragile thread of life brings us here
A piece of fabric, memories of one we hold so dear
Our lives are like this tapestry from the very start
As the quilt of life is woven into the fabric of our heart*

*This special quilt of life brings us together
Its common thread of love holds us forever
We celebrate the life and love of those we hold so dear
As we dedicate this quilt of life right now, right here*

*Isn't this quilt just so like our lives
Stitched together carefully with so much more than only time
This one more reminder of what we've know all along
The fabric of love hold so strong*

Those remembered with this newest quilt are:

Marian Allen
Laurel D. Amback
Meril Eugene Amos, Sr.
Doris Marie Brawand Broughton
Clara Elizabeth Cartwright
Ida Clark
Claude A. Decker
Katherine "Toodles" Eastridge
Denise Elzey
Darrell Phillip Fluhr
Vivian Alice Fluhr
Andy Graviss
Bobbie Griffith
Doris Hartman
Saige Hartman

Bob Hay
Jewell Hay
Laura Hughes
Paul D. Hughes
Teddy R. Hughes
Tessa K. Hughes
Kenneth W. Kaiser
James "Ernie" McMahan
Archie Ray Phelps
Charles T Pyles, Sr.
Bill Sims
Kenny Skaggs
Matthew A. Taylor
George Douglas Wester, Sr.
Ida Marie Whelan

Meet one of our
Owen Family Members...

Pamela Owen Funeral Director



Pam Hutchinson Owen has been a licensed funeral director since 2006. She is also an interior designer who oversees all construction, renovation and redecoration of both locations of Owen Funeral Homes. The most recent renovations include the redecoration of the coffee lounge and restrooms of the Jeffersonstown funeral home as well as new floor coverings for the Dixie Highway location. Her goal is to create soothing and inviting interior spaces for the families that we serve.

Pam is married to David Owen, President of Owen Funeral Homes. Her daughter Rachel, is also a Funeral Director.

Pam is also interested in Emergency/ Disaster Preparedness. She has been invited to prepare a program for a local hospital's volunteer auxiliary in January.

Pam also oversees the website, www.owenfuneralhome.com and moderates the Owen Funeral Homes Facebook and Twitter pages. She can be reached at DOwen502@aol.com.



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 “A Daughter’s Loss”

Every 3rd Thursday, at 6:30 p.m.
Hillview Baptist Church

“A Parent’s Grief”

2nd and 4th Monday, at 6:30 p.m.
Hillview Baptist Church

Monthly Men’s Breakfast

Every 3rd Monday, at 8:30 a.m.
Location assigned monthly

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.*

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 Pam Owen

David Owen’s Favorite Dinner



1 pound of ground turkey
2 Tbsp. Extra Virgin Olive Oil
Chopped onions to taste
1 clove of minced garlic
1 14.5 oz. can of Campbell’s Tur-
key Gravy
1 15 oz. can LeSueur Very Young
Sweet Peas, drained
4 servings of egg noodles
Salt & Pepper to Taste

Heat oil in large skillet with chopped onion. Crumble ground turkey and cook completely. Add garlic, continue to simmer while noodles cook. Drain peas, add to the turkey just to warm up. Warm turkey gravy in a separate pan on medium heat. Drain noodles, put in a large serving dish. Place tur-
key and pea mixture on top, then pour the gravy over it right before serving.

Serves four.

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Linda Owen Miller

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