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Joy Comes In The Morning

*By Dr. Kenneth Cutrer
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As we again await the passage of winter into spring, we are reminded of the ever-changing weather - yet the ever-constant cycle that occurs every year. It has long been said in Kentucky, "If you don't like the weather, wait a few minutes and it will change!" But every year we have winter turning to spring, to summer, and to fall, only to repeat the four seasons for another year.

Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes, "To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven...a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance." (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4, New King James Version.)

Our lives, like the seasons, will go through those rites of passage – the laughter and dance of a newborn baby, a new relationship, new jobs, celebrating milestones, new and exciting adventures and all the normal joys that come into our lives. But we are reminded that weeping and mourning are also "seasons" of life – the loss of trust in a relationship, jobs that don't work out, hurtful people who just don't understand, and, sadly, the most painful of all, the loss of a loved one. If we live long enough, we will know the sorrow of saying that last good-bye, the weeping and mourning that come with that moment of final separation. But there is a wonderful promise, found in Psalm 30:5 - "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." (Psalm 30:5, New King James Version.)

May your life be so filled with that joy that your sorrow will become a distant memory, absent of pain and weeping, and only filled with the celebration of life in the days to come.

Dr. Cutrer joined the Owen Funeral Home staff May, 2009. He has earned degrees at the University of Kentucky (B.A.), Eastern Kentucky University (M.A.), and Ashland Theological Seminary (M.A. and Doctor of Ministry). He has served at churches in Ohio, Texas, the Cayman Islands and Kentucky.

Honoring Our True American Heroes



Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter, is a Louisville, Kentucky based non-profit organization created to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices.

The organization flies our heroes to Washington, DC to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans - WW II survivors along with those other veterans that may be terminally ill.

The first Honor Flight flew May 21, 2005 with six small planes flying 12 WW II veterans, departing out of Springfield, Ohio. In 2006, with a waiting list of veterans expanding rapidly, the transition to commercial airline carriers was made to accommodate the maximum number of veterans as possible.

Based on recent statistics, we are losing WW II veterans at the rate of 1200+ per day. Honor Flight will continue to do whatever it takes to fulfill the dreams of our veterans and, very importantly, our senior heroes travel absolutely free. Partnering with HonorAir in Hendersonville, North Carolina and Hero Flight in Provo, Utah, the "Honor Flight Network" was formed. The Honor Flight Network is aggressively expanding their programs to other cities across the nation.

Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter is one of the newest hubs of the Honor Flight Network. The Bluegrass Chapter serves veterans in the Bluegrass region. It is the hope of this organization to accommodate as many veterans as possible. During 2011, plans are to sponsor a Vision Airlines charter flight to support this important operation. You can join the challenge and help sponsor an awaiting WWII veteran in obtaining a seat on this flight. This ambitious challenge will allow 107 WWII Veterans to visit and reflect at their WWII Memorial.

To donate, go to www.honorflightbluegrass.org. You can donate on line or mail your donations to:

Honor Flight
PO Box 43986
Middletown, KY 40253

Checks payable to: "Honor Flight"

If you are a veteran or have a family member who would be interested in making this trip, you can also download an application from the website. If you do not have access to a computer, you can contact Gene Nisbet at 447-7759 to have an application mailed to you.

Honor Flight would not be successful without the generous support of guardians. Guardians play a significant role on every trip, ensuring that every veteran has a safe and memorable experience. Duties include, but are not limited to, physically assisting the veterans at the airport, during the flight and at the memorials. Guardians are responsible for their own expenses (transportation, meals, t-shirt, etc.). The Guardian Fee is a set \$250 to include all anticipated expenses. To apply for this important position, visit the website.



Loss of Friend Highlights Need

By Richard Dike

Director of Advance Funeral Planning

This week I had the responsibility to preach the funeral for a close friend who happens to be an elder in my church. He was a few months younger than me, and after going to a granddaughter's basketball game, he collapsed from a massive heart attack and died at home.

Life is precious and fragile. Yet we all know this truth: life as we know it in this world ends for all of us. Since we do not know when this will happen, where it will happen or how it will happen, wisdom demands that we prepare for it.

It may seem hard to make decisions about funeral services, but setting up an Advance Funeral Plan is an opportunity to relieve your loved ones of this burden. A pre-arranged funeral allows your family to focus on the memories of your life, rather than the details of your death.

Here are six good reasons to set up an Advance Funeral Plan today.

1. Waiting will cost you more.
2. You can plan a funeral at the price you want.
3. You avoid leaving a financial burden on others.
4. There are convenient payment plans available.
5. You receive a guaranteed funeral no matter how long you live.
6. Your investment goes into a solid program that is secure.

Contact 502-447-2600 to set an appointment or to receive more information about an Advance Funeral Plan.

2011 Kosair Potentate

David Owen has been elected as the 2011 Potentate for the Louisville Kosair Shrine Temple. Their mission is to support Kosair Charities located here in Louisville, as well as the Shriners Hospitals for Children in North America, and to enhance the quality of life for those children who receive medical care.



Pam and David Owen

As the primary charity for this Order, 22 hospitals are known as Shriner Hospitals for Children and Shriners Burn Institutes.

You may see Shriners participating in colorful parades, driving those funny cars, clowning around wearing Red Fez's, but their commitment to helping kids is what it's really all about.



Meet one of our Owen Family Members...

Ken & Jennifer Hardin



Ken Hardin Jr., Manager Jeffersontown
Jennifer Hardin, Photo Collage Design

Ken began working for the Owen Funeral Home in 1993 prior to his graduation from Mid America College in 1996. As a lifelong resident of Louisville, he attended St. Edward's Grade School in Jeffersontown and graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1989.

Ken graduated third in his class at Mid America and served as a Student Council Member. He is a former member of the Highlands Kiwanis and a current member of St. Edward Catholic Church, Jeffersontown Masonic Lodge #774, Scottish Rite and Kosair Temple.

Jennifer, also a native Louisvillian, attended St. Raphael Grade School and graduated from Assumption High School in 1988. She is a graduate of the University of Louisville with a BS in Fine Arts, with a concentration in Interior Design. Currently she owns her own design firm, where she provides full service interiors. In addition she also creates the photo collages used by Owen Family Funeral Homes.

Ken and Jennifer are the proud parents of two sons, Luke and Logan.



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”

1st and 3rd 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 Jennifer Hardin

White Chicken Chili



1 T olive oil
1 med. onion finely chopped
1 (4 oz.) can chopped green chilies, drained
3 T all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground cumin
2 cans (15 oz.) Northern or Navy Beans
1 (14 oz.) chicken broth
1 1/2 cups finely chopped cooked chicken breast

In large skillet cook onion in oil for 4 minutes or until transparent. Add chilies, flour and cumin. Stir for 2 minutes. Add beans and chicken broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat: simmer for 10 minutes until thickened. Add chicken; cook until hot. So quick and easy!
Garnish with Shredded Monterey Jack Cheese, Sour Cream or Salsa

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