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Owen Remembrance Quilt

Remembering a loved one is often an expression of gratitude. In remembering, we are reminded of what we are thankful for. We remember special times, funny moments, challenging experiences and how the little things said and done mean so much. These memories also remind us to cherish the family and friends that remain. There are many ways families may choose to honor and remember loved ones. Owen Funeral Home offers one beautiful and creative way of remembering through the Owen Remembrance Quilt. Since 1998 families have celebrated their loved ones' lives through this creative act of love. Each quilt piece has been stitched and woven together with loving memories.



The eighth Remembrance Quilt is now complete and will be rotated in and out the display case in the Owen Lounge with the seven previous quilts. If you have not had an opportunity to view the Remembrance Quilts you are welcomed to stop by our Dixie location anytime to see this work of love.

Following are the names honored and remembered on the eighth Remembrance Quilt:

Reba Anshutz
Alvey Edward Arnold, Jr.
Louis A. Barbara
Patrick Barnes
Jim Bickett
Lisa G. Burns
James T. Collins
Donald Ray Fowler
Jack Gambrel
Donald Hall
Mary Frances Horn
Joe Hyde
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Norman W. "Ski" Jarzomkowski
Chester M. Jolly
Clara Esther Jolly
Fred C. Kegebein
Geraldine McDonald
Michael "Troy" Mattingly
Thomas M. Newkirk
Michael "Chris" Sefcovic
Eric Lane Shouse
Mildred Thompson
Scotty VanArsdale
Francis "Bud" Walker

Walking Through Grief – Part II

(from my grief journal of 11/21/2007© James H. Kuzirian)

“Get over it” – “Let it go” –
and if so, what do I have to show
for the calamity of a lifetime –
my life torn asunder, head to toe –
Let it go? NO!

I really want it all back again –
my life, my normalcy –
but the one who made it so
is gone, flown away –
taking my heart with her
and leaving a gaping hole
that refuses to go back to “normal”
because the “normal” that was
can never again be so . . .

How does one “get over” a fathomless hole?
How does one “let go” of emptiness
so great we cannot see the farther shore?

Only in God’s grace and God’s time
will grief subside enough
that we can find a new path,
begin a new journey,
build a new “normal.”

Friends, family, dearly beloved ones –
be patient – give me space –
and some grace (unmerited favor)
for I am on a journey
not of my own choosing –
but my steps therein
I must carefully choose – today, tomorrow –
(for I have never been this way before –
neither have you . . .)

When my Love and I began adventurously
our bright new “normal”
we had each other to draw on
as we encountered the potholes
and cracks – even gaping holes –
“Look at that,” we’d say, pulling away,
and moving forward together.

Our togetherness bridged many a chasm,
forded many a raging water.
But now I am alone on a quest
for a different “normal” –
my love is no longer at my side.

At every decision point I have only one vote,
not two – the second to confirm, reassure,
or contradict – now no longer two votes
but mine alone, for good or ill –
for beloved is now still.

Patience and peace, well-loved ones –
still your shrill
“Get-over-it”s and “Let-it-go”s.
I will never again be the old
“normal” me again,
for half of me is gone
(I do know where – to God’s care)
and I have not yet arrive at the
station of the new “normal” me.

Patience, please –
I am still a work in process –
like a new-born babe –
It will take some amount more
of time for God’s work to be completed
in and through me.

Your courage will encourage me –
I need it desperately –
your cooperation will bring me peace –
but only if it comes without
pushing or pulling.
Simply walking alongside of me
is the tender care I need
today, and tomorrow, too.

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A Taste of Southern Living Savannah/Charleston

May 18 – 23, 2009

Owen Funeral Homes Presents: Toby Tours Trip – 6 days/5 nights

Cost Includes:

Transportation and Lodging
(5) Continental Breakfasts
(3) Lunches
(2) Dinners
City Tours
Plantation Tours

Cost Per Person

\$739.00 - with 2 people in a room
\$719.00 - with 3/4 people in a room
\$939.00 - with 1 person in a room

Trip Highlights:

Dinner at Paula Deen's Restaurant
Savannah & Charleston City Tours
Charleston's Southern Magnolia Plantation Tour
Opportunity to meet a lot of great people and make new friends!

Final Payment due: April 6, 2009

Hurry, hurry time is running out! If you are interested in this trip and would like a registration form, contact Genene Nisbet at 447-7759.

Sharing the Memories

“Rollin’ with Owen” trips have taken Owen families and friends to the following exciting locations:

Branson, MO – 3 times!!!
Las Vegas, NV
Mackinac Island, MI
Myrtle Beach, SC
Nashville, TN

New York City
Orlando, Florida
Pigeon Forge, TN
Western Caribbean Cruise

If you have traveled with us and would like to share these memories with others, please send pictures via email. We will add these photos to the Owen webpage where all can view the beautiful sites and fun we have experienced through the years.

Email pictures to: DOWen502@aol.com If you have any questions please contact Genene Nisbet at 447-7759.

Meet one of our
Owen Family Members...

Joyce Lynch
Greeter



Joyce joined our staff in March 2007 and began an entirely new phase in her life, having worked for 34 years in the medical field for General and Vascular Surgeons, then for 7 years in customer service at Dillard's Department Store in Shively.

After losing her dear husband of 55 years and the close of Dillard's in Shively, God opened a new door for her with the opportunity to continue to serve the needs of others at our funeral home.

Her passion in life has always been the love of people with communication and interaction and service to them.

She is a member of the Owen Grief Support Group, a volunteer at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital and recently became Publicity/PR Board Member of St. Mary's Health Care Auxiliary.

Joyce and her husband were blessed with three children, a daughter and two sons, one of which was lost to Leukemia. She also lost a granddaughter to Cerebral Palsy. She has five granddaughters, one grandson and three great grandchildren.

She sincerely enjoys her time here at Owen and it shows.



Neighborhood News

Grief Support Groups

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Owen Funeral Home as a Free Public Service

"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 Widow/Widower's Luncheon

Every 1st Friday, 1:00 p.m.

Location assigned monthly

Monthly Men's Breakfast

Every 3rd Monday, at 8:30 a.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.

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From Our Kitchen To Yours

by Joyce Lynch

Pineapple Delite Pie

(Makes 2 Pies)



1 Can Eagle Brand Condensed Milk

½ Cup Lemon Juice

1 Large Can Crushed Pineapple, Drained

1 Cup Chopped Pecans

1 Large Cool Whip (16 oz.)

2 Graham Cracker Crusts

Beat milk and lemon juice with mixer until well blended. Add pineapple and nuts.

Fold in cool whip. Pour into crust. Chill 2 hours – "Enjoy"

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