

# The Owen



*A publication of information  
about life's difficult subjects*

## Family Newsletter

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From Our Family to Yours

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### Tragedy Strikes One Of Our Own

Michael Burns has been a member of the Owen Funeral Home family since the early '70s. He is the son of Lawrence Burns who started his career with Bird S. Owen, founder of The Owen Funeral Home, and worked there for 42 years until his death.



The Burns Family lost a wife and mother on July 23, 2008, Lisa Burns, to Colon Cancer. And now, the family has lost everything they had in a house fire on January 12, 2015, including special memorable items that Lisa left in her memory. Michael and his children, Madi and Mason, are in need of donations to get them through this difficult time. Although the children will never be able to replace the items from their beloved mother that were destroyed



in the fire, we can help to make it easier for them to get back to life while surviving this tragedy by donating and showing support.

They have expressed their sincere gratitude to have escaped with only the loss of "things" and want to impress on others the importance of fire safety. (see Pg. 3)

Donations may be made for the family through Owen Funeral Home. Any donation is appreciated and accepted.



## Find the Funny in Your Life

(By Stephen Propst, excerpt from BP Magazine)

*This article has been in the “vaults” and originally brought to our attention by the late Alice Hutchinson*

How many times does the average adult laugh per day? The answer, according to the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor, is 17. What about a kindergartner? That would be over 300. As we grow up we lose several hundred laughs a day. If we could be more childlike, smiling and laughing more often, we would profoundly impact our mood and overall health.

Incorporating laughter into our daily lives – much like we try to do with exercise makes sense. If you’re willing to take the stairs instead of the elevator, you should consider taking time out to experience something funny. Laughter isn’t the answer to all of our problems but there’s a lot more room for it in our lives. As Victor Borge said, “He who laughs-lasts.”

So if you are running low on your daily laughter you may want to read below.

### A Country Funeral Story

A young minister in Kentucky was asked by a funeral director to hold a grave-side service for a homeless man, who had no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a new cemetery, way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be buried there.

The minister was not familiar with the backwoods area, and soon became lost. Being a typical man, he did not stop to ask for directions and finally arrived an hour late. Upon arrival he saw the back hoe and the open grave, but the hearse was nowhere in sight.

The digging crew was eating lunch. The minister apologized to the workers for his tardiness and stepped to the side of the open grave. There he saw the vault lid was already in place. So, he assured the workers he would not hold them up for long but this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around the grave and stood silently, as the minister began to pour out his heart and soul.

As the minister preached about “looking forward to a brighter tomorrow” and “the glory that is to come,” the workers began to say “Amen,” “Praise the Lord,” and “Glory!” The fervor of these men truly inspired the young minister. So, he preached and preached like he had never preached before... all the way from Genesis to Revelation.

Finally the minister closed the lengthy service with a prayer, thanked the men, and walked to his car. As he opened his door and was taking off his coat, he over-heard one of the workers say to another, “I ain’t NEVER seen nothin’ like that before, and I’ve been puttin’ in septic tanks for thirty years!”



### ROLLIN WITH OWEN SAN ANTONIO FIESTA DAYS April 20 – 27, 2015 – 8 Days

Cost per person:  
Double: \$989.00 (2 people in a room)  
Triple/Quad: \$939.00 (3/4 people in a room)  
Single: \$1,409.00 (1 person in a room)  
**Deposit of \$200.00 due at reservation**  
**Final Payment due: March 2, 2015**

Cost includes: Transportation by Toby Tours, Lodging, 7 Breakfasts, City Tour of New Orleans, San Antonio Imax Theater, San Antonio City Tour and Boat Taxi on San Antonio River, Reserved Bleacher Seating at the Fiesta Days Parade, Tour of the Alamo, Dallas JFK Museum & Memorial, Arkansas Clinton Presidential Library and Museum and lunch at Casey Jones.

***Make checks payable to Toby Tours***

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Meet one of our  
Owen Family Members...

**Shannon Mazur**  
Funeral Director, Owen Funeral Home Dixie



God and family are very important in my life! I was born in Seymour, IN but spent most of my life in Chicago, IL, where I met my husband. Returning to Indiana in 1996, I graduated from Mid-America College of Funeral Service with honors March, 2012, as a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer for Indiana and Kentucky. I have worked in funeral service since 2010. Prior, I served as a paramedic for 13 years.

I joined the Owen staff in September, 2014. The opportunity to serve families in their difficult time is very rewarding. If I can ease someone's pain for just a moment, and make this process a little easier, I have succeeded!

My husband Paul and I have been married for 30 years and have three beautiful children: Hailee, Devin, and Alexis. We welcomed our first grandchild in September of 2014.

In my youth, I was a competitive skater with Olympic aspirations. I began dance at age three and competitive skating at 12. I was fortunate to skate in numerous competitions where I received Gold and Silver Medals. I still enjoy sharing my passion for the ice with my daughters as we skate for fun.

I am pleased to be on staff at Owen Funeral Home. Funeral service has been in my heart since I was a child.



## Why is Pre-need Funeral Planning Important?

No one likes to think about death, let alone plan for it. In many families, discussing one's mortality is an extremely uncomfortable topic. But it is a topic that should be discussed and planned for well in advance of your death.

By pre-planning your funeral, you relieve your family of having to make important financial decisions during a period of great stress and grief. It's easy to say, "Don't make a fuss. I don't want a ceremony. Just bury me and be done with it." But it is important to realize that the ritual of a funeral and/or memorial service isn't for the deceased but for the living. It is a time when friends and family can gather together to grieve openly and to provide support for one another.

Pre-planning your funeral can be very informal, and as simple as sharing your wishes with your Guardian or family member. More formal arrangements in the form of a pre-need contract can be set up with an Owen funeral director and pre-funded through life insurance, bank trust agreement, or another method.

By pre-planning your funeral, you can:

- make all the arrangements during a time of peace and not leave them to your family during their time of grief;
- make your wishes known;
- control and guarantee the cost of your funeral;
- ensure that personal records are organized and easy for your survivors to locate;
- protect your insurance so that it provides for your survivors and not for funeral expenses;
- and provide protection in case the need arises before it is expected

## Fire Safety Tips

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly



- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



# Owen FUNERAL HOMES

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### Grief Support Groups

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#### ***“Transitions”***

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

#### ***“Now and Beyond”***

Group for Spousal Loss  
Every 3rd Friday, 2:00 p.m.  
Southwest Regional Library (NEW Location)  
Every 3rd Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.  
Owen Funeral Home, Jeffersontown

#### ***Monthly Spousal Loss 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.**

From Our Kitchen  
To Yours

by Shannon Mazur



### Ham Roll

Here is a quick, fun hit for any occasion:

2 8 oz. packages of cream cheese  
1 large package of cooked ham slices  
½ bunch of green onions  
Pinch of Garlic  
Pinch of Pepper

Mix all ingredients but the ham slices in a bowl. Spread the mix on ham slices. Roll the ham slices with the mixture and cut into 4 rolls. Place toothpick in each if desired.

Serves about 7 – 10 people

***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.