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Living On This Side of Heaven

by Genee Nisbet, M.Div., KLPC

Heaven is a subject many take for granted until a loved one dies. The moment someone you love dies, you may start to re-evaluate your thoughts and feelings about heaven. It may be the first time you really tried to imagine what it is like. When I was young, two of my grandparents died very close together which set my mind in motion. I asked my father what we would do in heaven, he said, "Well, in heaven there will be a big work bench where everyone does crafts all day." Hmmm – I'm not that good at crafts so this image of heaven didn't relieve my anxieties about leaving this world and moving to the next.

When someone we love dies, it's normal to try and imagine them into the next life. Many people express they know their loved one is at peace or happy, but knowing this doesn't take away the pain of their grief. Being on this side of heaven is hard. If you have lost a spouse, it is downright lonely. Even when you know your spouse is not suffering any more – you are suffering because you miss them so much. If you are a parent and your child has died, you want to see where they are and know for sure they are ok. Our love for those who have died does not end with their life on Earth. It extends to heaven.

The struggle is, how do we learn to live on this side of heaven? First, I'll be honest – it is hard. When grieving, you have to make the necessary adjustments to living in a world where your loved one is missing. You often have to create new relationships and reasons for being. You have to learn how to invest your time and energy differently. If you were a caregiver, you have to find new things to do with your time. Allowing yourself to change is important.

- Join a support group. Owen offers grief support groups for the loss of a spouse and a child.
- Start individual or family grief counseling offered through Owen Aftercare Services
- Look into volunteering with your church or community organization
- Reconnect with old friends or your church family
- Get a pet
- Start a new exercise program
- Do acts of kindness for others

These are only a few ideas that may help you through your grief. It is a painful process, but it's important to push forward. If you believe in the hope of heaven, you will one day be reunited with your loved one. Until that day... open yourself up to what is possible on this side of heaven.

Reaching Out and Making a Difference



Operation Toy Soldier –Thanks to all who joined us in donating toys and gift cards to support military families of deployed soldiers. The toys and gift cards were distributed by the Ft. Knox Religious Services Department. We hope these toys brightened a child’s day and eased the financial burden for the families of deployed soldiers.

Celebrating the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr. – Owen joined with the Rotary Club of Louisville Suburban by sponsoring a visit from

the Kentucky Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton and providing lunch for 40 students. Our own A. W. Buie helped organize this opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of Martin Luther King, Jr., in remembering his message is still alive today!



Owen Monument

We offer a wide selection of sizes and designs to fit your budget in granite products like flat, beveled, slant or upright monuments, or bronze memorials. At no extra charge, we will assist you in custom designing the monument or bronze memorial for you or a loved one. Payment options include credit card, personal check, cash, six months same as cash and up to 60 months financing.

With service to all cemeteries within a 150 mile radius of our location, we sell and design most any type of memorials using high quality USA made material with the finest granite and bronze craftsmen in the industry. For the best prices we are a direct dealer with several national bronze and granite suppliers. First quality assured!



Owen Monument will handle all the details including the foundation and installation at the cemetery.

Spring Special Offer begins March 20. For a limited time we are offering a 50% discount on all foundation or installation charges!

Cutoff dates for holiday delivery of USA products:

- Easter - March 1st
- Mother’s Day - March 19th
- Memorial Day - April 1st
- Father’s Day – May 1st

Contact: Gary Thomas, 502-447-2601
Monday – Saturday 8:00 AM- 8:00 PM



Benefits of Preplanning with Owen Funeral Homes

1. Together vs. Alone – You have the benefit of making these arrangements together now vs. someone you love making them later alone.
2. Preplanning Eliminates Confusion – When a death occurs, all your family has to do is to make one phone call to Owen Funeral Homes. The hardest thing your family will have to do is to decide what clothing you are going to wear and what hours they want for visitation.
3. Personalized Selection – From a child's point of view, they are glad their parents have personalized selection. You see it does not matter how old your children get, you are still their parents. When something happens to you, your children will want to give you the very best. When Mom and Dad have made these arrangements in advance, it is like a weight has been lifted from your children's shoulders. Your children will be thankful that you made these decisions for them in advance.
4. Cost is Guaranteed – Although these prices will be increasing every year for everyone else, cost for your casket, vault and funeral services or urn, urn vault and cremation services will be guaranteed forever.
5. Savings – The real savings will come in the future as these costs continue to rise for other families.
6. Terms to Suit – Of course you can pay cash if you wish, but if you want to take care of this obligation over time, you can take 3, 5, or 10 years to pay with options of 12 months same as cash, 24 months with a \$200.00 processing fee and 36 months with a \$300.00 processing fee.
7. Peace of Mind – If I did not have any of these other benefits to offer to you, this last one, PEACE OF MIND, would be the most important, because as we all know you cannot put a price tag on peace of mind. It is a gift we leave for our loved ones.

For more information about preplanning with Owen, please contact Shannon Schur, Director of Pre-Need at 502- 447-2600 or email her at shannon.schur@owenfuneralhome.com.

Meet one of our
Owen Family Members...

Shannon Schur *Director of Pre-Need*



Shannon has been active in Funeral Service since 1991 and is a licensed Funeral Director.

She comes from a family that sees the importance of helping families prepare for what possibly could be the worst day of someone's life, the death of a loved one.

Her father and grandfather before her were also active in the funeral and cemetery profession. In the 1990's she worked with her dad, hiring and training pre-need counselors placing them in 16 of the local funeral homes in the Louisville area.

Shannon worked at Highlands Funeral Home for 11 years and was the previous owner of Schur Funeral Home. She is now looking forward to serving the families of Owen Funeral Homes.





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Neighborhood News

Grief Support Groups

Provided by Owen Funeral Homes as a Free Public Service

"Now and Beyond"

Group for Spousal Loss
Every 3rd Friday, 2:00 p.m.
Southwest Regional Library
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

"A Parent's Grief"

1st and 3rd Monday, at 6:30 p.m.
Owen Funeral Home
Dixie Location

Monthly Men's Breakfast

Every 3rd Monday, 9:00 a.m.
Frisch's Restaurant
7401 Dixie Highway

**For Information: Please call or email Genene Nisbet,
Bereavement Services Specialist at 447-7759
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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 Shannon Schur



Chicken Noodle Soup

Cooking Time: 1 hr

4 chicken breasts or 10-12 chicken tenders
3 stalks of celery, chopped
2 carrots chopped
1 large onion chopped
2T parsley
Salt to taste - calls for 1 t
1/4 t dried thyme, sage, basil & pepper
2 bay leaves
2 cubes of chicken bouillon
1-2 cans of chicken broth (depends on desired thickness)
1 1/2 spaghetti measure of Angel Hair pasta cut into 1" pieces

Cook chicken breasts or chicken tenders until tender. Remove fat. Place in stock pot with remaining ingredients. Cook 1 hour. Enjoy!