



## Committed to Quality

At Owen we are committed to providing sincere service with a touch of something special. This year we added a new funeral fleet to continue as a front runner in funeral care. Our limousine and coaches offer a dignified way to collectively journey with a loved one to their final resting place.



David Owen with Tommy Jones of Jones Coach Sales and Family

“When my mother, Edith Owen, died we said our final farewells by having her funeral procession drive by where she and my father, Bird Owen, first opened Owen Funeral Home’s doors on Virginia Avenue.



David Owen and New Fleet

The funeral procession was our way of honoring my parents and their heart felt commitment to funeral service. In providing the new Owen fleet, I hope families take pride in honoring their loved ones in such a dignified way.”

-David Owen

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## Funeral Procession Etiquette

- **Arrive early.** You'll probably be close to the front of the procession if you are a family member or close friend.
- **Owen Staff will greet and line your vehicle** in the procession line and place a flag on your vehicle.
- **Turn on your lights and flashers** before you get on the road with the procession.
- **Follow the lead** and don't speed, keeping no more and no less than a car length or two between you and the car in front of you.
- **Stay vigilant at traffic lights.** Funeral processions have the right away, but other drivers may not yield.
- **Stay in the procession line.** Don't try to take a shortcut to the gravesite.
- **Speak softly.** When you arrive at the burial site, keep your voices down out of respect.
- **Watch the funeral director.** If you are ever in doubt about what to do, turn to the person coordinating the event for clues.

# Stepping Stones 2021

Thursday, September 9, 2021

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Valley View Church  
8911 Third Street Road  
(Valley Station)

We are excited to invite you to Stepping Stones 2021, an annual program sponsored by Owen Funeral Homes. We are pleased to present two outstanding Southern Gospel music groups. Lunch will include a tasty buffet by Mark's Feed Store. **If you plan to join us for lunch, a lunch ticket is required. Reserved lunch tickets are picked-up August 27**, at an Owen Funeral Home location.

**Don't forget** to "Shower your Neighbors with Love" - Help us support our area ministries by donating personal care items (i.e. body soap, shampoo, hand soap, deodorant, etc.)

To pre-register and reserve a lunch ticket contact Genene Nisbet, Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY 40216, [genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com](mailto:genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com) or call 502-447-7759.

Featuring

*Brian Free & Assurance*



*Joseph Habedank*



## Additional Activities

We've spent more than a year learning how to safely distance and now it's time to come back together. Owen Aftercare Services provides multiple ways to connect with others. Here are a few upcoming events to consider.

- Ark Encounter 40 Days/40 Nights Music Festival— August 3, 2021
- Amish Trip, Montgomery, IN – October 21, 2021
- Operation Toy Soldier Car Cruise – November 13, 2021
- Branson, MO in the Spring of 2022

For more information visit [www.owenfuneralhome.com](http://www.owenfuneralhome.com) calendar of events or contact Genene Nisbet at 502-447-7759 or [genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com](mailto:genene.nisbet@owenfuneralhome.com).

## Meet Melissa Roberson, Licensed Funeral Director



*Melissa Roberson, Licensed Funeral Director*

Melissa Roberson joined Owen Funeral Home in 2015 and is a licensed funeral director.

Melissa was born and raised in Pleasure Ridge Park. She moved to Shelbyville, KY five years ago. She is married to Winston Roberson, Jr. for over 26 years. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Melissa has dealt with many difficulties in her life. With the support of a loving family, friends, and her faith, she is a 7-time cancer survivor.

She has many gifts and talents. She is a licensed phlebotomist and massage therapist. Her hobbies include scrapbooking, home decorating, and softball.

“The most rewarding part of my job is being able to guide a family through the difficult time of loss. I take pride in being able to make that transition easier on a family.” Melissa is a great asset to Owen and to the families we serve.

*Melissa Roberson's Favorite Scripture:*

**“Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.”  
-Proverbs 31:30**

## Why Plan My Funeral In Advance?

It is difficult to think about one's own funeral. Almost everyone would agree that making funeral arrangements of a loved one is one of the hardest things you will ever do. But think about how difficult these decisions are when in the depths of mourning a loss. There are as many as 125 tasks, vital statistic information to be collected, and decisions your family must make on the hardest day of their life.

We can help make this easier for your family. Most of these decisions can be made in advance and the vital information can be recorded, thus removing a significant burden from your family. Preplanning allows you to consider all your options, express your own wishes and soften the emotional pain your family will experience. It also allows you to answer tough questions like

“who will arrange my funeral?” “who will pay for my funeral?” and “how hard will that be for them?”

We offer many ways to fund your funeral in advance. Prefunding eliminates the financial burden that falls on your family. It also eliminates emotional overspending that can take place at the time of death, protecting your other assets and keeping your life insurance intact for your family's needs.

Prearranging also gives your loved ones peace of mind knowing that they are following your wishes. This allows them to focus on their memories rather than all the details of making the funeral arrangements. There is also comfort in knowing you have given your family a great gift of love by relieving their burden during such a difficult time.

Please call 502-447-2600 or email Deborah Bales at [deborah.bales@owenfuneralhome.com](mailto:deborah.bales@owenfuneralhome.com) today for an appointment to discuss the benefits of advance funeral preplanning.



*Deborah Bales, Preneed Director*



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David L. and Pamela H. Owen  
Linda Owen  
Rachel Owen Barr

**FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

Kyle O'Bryan, Manager Dixie Highway  
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Jackie Pugh  
Melissa Roberson  
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Erica Skaggs

**PRENEED DEPARTMENT**

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**PASTORAL CARE & AFTERCARE SERVICES**

Dr. Kenneth Cutrer  
Gene Nisbet, KLPC

## Neighborhood News

### Grief Support Groups

Provided by Owen Funeral Homes  
as a Free Public Service

#### "Now and Beyond"

For Those Who Lost A Spouse  
Every 3rd Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.  
Owen Funeral Home, Jeffersontown  
Every 3rd Friday, 2:00 p.m.  
Southwest Regional Library

#### "A Parent's Grief"

For Those Who Lost A Child  
Every 3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
Owen Funeral Home, Dixie Location

#### Down the Same Road

Loss of a Loved One to Substance Abuse  
Every 1st Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.  
Owen Funeral Home, Dixie Location

#### Spousal Loss Luncheon

Every 1st Friday, 2:00 p.m.  
Contact Owen for Location

For Information:

Please call or email Genene Nisbet,  
Bereavement Services Specialist at 447-7759  
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### From Our Kitchen To Yours

#### Kisses in the Dark

Melissa Roberson's Favorite

#### Ingredients:

6 oz. package of chocolate bits  
3 egg whites  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1 cup sugar  
1/3 cup crumbled salted crackers

#### Instructions:

Preheat oven 350 degrees

Melt (1) 6 oz. pkg chocolate bits and let cool for 5 minutes. Combine 3 egg whites, 1/2 tsp. vanilla and beat stiff. Beat in 1 cup sugar until very still. Fold in 1/3 cup crumbled salted crackers and chocolate. Drop by teaspoon on greased cookie sheet. Cook 10 – 12 minutes at 350 degrees. Makes 4 dozen.