



## David S. Owen

October 6, 1961 - February 1, 2017

David Stuart Owen, 55, of Worthington, died February 1, 2017 at Kobacker House after fighting a courageous battle against cancer. David was born October 6, 1961 at Riverside Methodist Hospital and was the much loved son of Bill and Jackie Owen. He was surrounded by family, friends and his music during his illness. His father was at his side at the time of his death as he had been at every point through this very difficult journey. David graduated from Upper Arlington High School in 1980 and The Ohio State University. He was currently employed by Century Link where he enjoyed many friends. He worked in the newspaper business, which he loved, for a number of years. Prior to that, he worked for many years at Quest. Family, friends, music and writing were David's loves. He was writing a book about his father's service in World War II at the time of his death. David wrote over 400 songs and played music in coffee-houses and restaurants in the Columbus area. He shared his knowledge and love of music with his many friends and family, even up to the last days of his life. David and his family enjoyed a lot of time together, throughout his life and during his last weeks at the Kobacker. David is survived by his father and stepmother, William V. Owen and Eileen Rager Owen; two sisters, Ann North and Susan Owen; two nephews, Mark and David North; a niece, Jacqueline Outka; an uncle, Dick Owen, and many cousins: Jim Owen (Suzi); Judy Baird (Ron); Jennifer Owen, Dick Owen (Jeannie). He is also survived by the family of Eileen Rager Owen in Indianapolis, Indiana, Florida and Texas. His many friends are too numerous

to list. Many expressed gratitude for his unique spirit, kindness, and sense of humor. David was preceded in death by his mother, Jackie Owen, and a number of aunts and uncles: Betty Owen, Dan and Jane Lane, Phyllis and Jim Owen and Sara Owen. A memorial service will be held at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 2:00p.m. The family would like to thank all the staff at Kobacker House and the James Cancer Hospital for their loving care of David and our family. In lieu of flowers, donations to Kobacker House or the James Cancer Hospital in David's name would be greatly appreciated. Condolences may be left at the funeral home or the funeral home website at [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *How life ebbs and flows and in the intersections and different avenues we take, miss moments that years later, shake us to our core. In the time of social media, we find out some things and miss others. Missing this breaks my heart, but Dave was so much bigger than any one moment in time, and in all of the moments between 1961-2017 he left pieces of his heart and soul within so many, and made us better people because of it.*



*I first met Dave in the 90s at Ruby Tuesday's on campus at a show for mutual friends of ours, in the band, Sparks From the Wheel...In walks the most John Lennon looking (and sounding) dude I had ever seen—his presence left me speechless and I think I maybe said hi. But he just left an impression wherever he went. We would then work at Qwest together and I would catch a show here and there when I could.*

*His creativity and enthusiasm were boundless and his musical tastes broadened mine...as we would listen to so many unique artists and genres. The DSO mixtape experience was a true gift... The La's, Camper Van Beethoven, and really too many to list.*

*The crack in his ceiling which he named the San Andreas Fault (in Sharpie while I looked on wide-eyed like “you're writing on your ceiling in Sharpie right now bro...” to that rich, deep laugh he had when he was thoroughly amused by something), dancing without care, and ability to bypass small talk in a single bound....*

*Dave was a light of friendship in my life that I treasure—even more so after just finding out about his not being here...no gigs to pop in to just say hi...*

*and while I could find reason to fret having missed the chance to tell him goodbye...I rejoice in the fact that Dave is a blessed member of the great gig in the sky.*

*The world is a little less, knowing his gorgeous light has left this plane.*

*Some people come into your life for a moment in time and rearrange your soul and make you better having done so, and Dave was that friend to me. So many laughs, lyrics, and meaningful conversations.*

*Dave, you passed the audition.*

*Bless you and your beautiful family—it was an great honor to know you my dear friend.*

*What memories, what a soul. Love you DSO.*

*I shall play “Heaven” by the Psychedelic Furs in your honor and celebrate you.*

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**Trina Hays** - October 31, 2024 at 10:17 AM



“ *David S. Owen*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *The First Congregational Church Community is saddened by David's passing. May our prayers and thoughts bring you comfort at this difficult time. -Cheryl Hoskinson, First Church Choir*

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**Cheryl A Hoskinson** - February 06, 2017 at 07:38 AM

RS

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Owen family. Dave will be missed but never forgotten. We have shared many joyous times over the years through Dave's passion for music, songwriting and humor. Countless incredible artist I would have never discovered if not for Dave. Those artist, songs and witty snippets will carry Dave's spirit eternally and in his memory we will always keep the hope for peace, love and harmony.

Respectfully  
Randy & Denise Showalter

*A couple Dave'isms*

*'why does the weather man say 80% chance of rain? Why don't they say 20% chance of Sunshine?'*

*Dave calls on the phone. Our son Josh answers it and says 'dad it's for you and it's John Lennon!'*

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**Randy Showalter** - February 05, 2017 at 09:02 AM

DP

*David was a great pal. We also shared and discovered cool music, made “mix tapes” together and went to many, many shows at his neighborhood Staches venue on N High street. So saddened by his passing and disappointed I just discovered this recently. RIP musician extraordinaire.*

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**David Del Prince** - February 04, 2024 at 01:07 PM

BM

“ Becky Metcalf purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of David S. Owen.



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**Becky Metcalf** - February 04, 2017 at 02:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David S. Owen.*



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February 04, 2017 at 12:01 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to David's family and friends. The obituary I saw in the Dispatch seemed to beautifully put a lot of things about him and his life.*

*Dave truly was a very kind, supportive, talented, clever and funny person. The few times I spent with him this past year, he clearly was hurting. But he always was upbeat and entertaining, and I'll miss him.*

*Nate Ellis*

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**Nate Ellis** - February 04, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David S. Owen.*



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February 03, 2017 at 02:28 PM

DC

“*Dave's Toll Free Prov. Family at CenturyLink purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of David S. Owen.*



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**Dave's Toll Free Prov. Family at CenturyLink** - February 03, 2017 at 11:20 AM

BB

“*Soon after I began working with Dave in the Toll Free Provisioning Team at LCI/Qwest (now CenturyLink) in about 1997, it was evident that he was an interesting person with a great sense of humor, creative mind, and kind heart. He took his job seriously, and I liked that. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know him and then discovered he also had amazing musical talents ... what a great guy! It was a gift to have him back at CenturyLink prior to the time cancer stole him from us. Mr. Owen, he was so proud of the book he was writing about you, the amazing WW II humble hero! What an honor and special gift to meet you and learn more about Dave through your eyes! I will never forget our conversation. Susan and Ann, it was so nice to meet you also. All of you have my deepest sympathy, and I'm so very grateful for all that you poured into his life and the care you provided throughout his illness. Each of you will remain in my prayers as you journey through the grief that accompanies this significant loss. I will always miss you, Dave-O! I wasn't done talking with you yet, and will always smile if anyone else ever says "ah, never mind." Like I always said after seeing you the last few times, "See you next time." Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Brenda Burkey** - February 03, 2017 at 11:20 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David S. Owen.



February 03, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ Guitar Man Dave and I were close friends for many years. I have many wonderful memories of steak and shrimp dinners from his grill, watching many Grateful Dead, Beatles, Robyn Hitchcock and other music videos and just "hanging out" and talking. Lots and lots of talking on many subjects! His great sense of humor and musical abilities were so great! I will always remember these things and many others I haven't mentioned here or I would be writing all day.

*Peggy Shover*

**Peggy Shover** - February 03, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ Denise & Randy Showalter lit a candle in memory of David S. Owen



**Denise & Randy Showalter** - February 02, 2017 at 04:08 PM

JB

“ So many things come to mind when thinking of Dave. His incredible knowledge, skill and love for music, how his quirky comments kept us laughing at work, his obsession with the weather (the difference between thunder showers and rain showers), and how proud he was of his father. He talked about him often and about the book he was writing in honor of his dad. His work area remained unchanged for so long, just in case he was able to get back to us. A reminder now of our loss of such a good and kind man, with so much in life to be proud of.

*We will miss him.*

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**Judy Betts** - February 02, 2017 at 02:30 PM