



Louis Walter Owen

September 24, 1933 - July 28, 2016

Services for Louis Walter Owen, 82, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at Flint with Father Timothy Kelly officiating. Interment will be at Rose Lawn Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Owen passed away Thursday, July 28, 2016 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler after a long illness.

He was born September 24, 1933 in Houston, Texas to George Winchell Owen and Sofia. He graduated from St. Thomas High School, Houston and attended Rice University, graduating with both a B.A. and a B.S. in chemical engineering in 1957.

He was married to Alberta "Peaches" Gonsoulin in September 1955. The Owens moved to New Orleans in July, 1957 where Mr. Owen worked for Tenneco, rising to the position of Technical Manager of the refinery. He returned with his family to Houston in 1972 to join a consulting firm, Atkins, McBride, and Owen Engineering.

Mr. Owen joined Petrofac in Tyler in 1982 serving as Vice President, Sr. Vice President and President until 2004. He continued serving on the board of

directors of Petrofac International for some years.

In 2006, Louis and Peaches Owen established the Louis and Peaches Owen Family Foundation which has provided critical funding to many organizations across East Texas and the Twin Cities, Minnesota area.

The Owen family was a major donor to the initial building campaign for the Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint and deeply involved in their current expansion plans. In 2010, Louis and Peaches Owen celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with an \$18 million lead gift to Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital to build the Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital.

Louis lived to serve others. He served his community as evidenced by his unflinching acts of charity. He served his friends with a warm smile, a helpful hand and a gracious heart. He could always be counted on when one was in need. He served his faith with unbridled passion in his love for Christ, but most importantly, he served his family where he always welcomed you with a twinkle in his eyes and love in his heart.

Mr. Owen was preceded in death by his parents, George Winchell Owen and Sofia and a brother, George Winchell Owen, Jr. He is survived by his loving family including his wife of 60 years, Peaches Owen; sons John Owen and wife Rebecca and Louis Paul Owen and wife Teresa; daughter Celeste Rekieta and husband Bob; grandchildren, Kristen Claeys, Nick Rekieta and wife Kayla, Bryce Owen and wife Emily, Lindsay Owen, Patrick Owen, Sophia Owen and Darby Owen; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank Judy Lassiter, Jeanette Harmon and Mike Hamschin for their extraordinary care and support of Mr. Owen.

Pallbearers will be Jesse Owen, Patrick Owen, Bryce Owen, Lindsay Owen, Bob Rekieta and Mike Hamschin. Honorary Pallbearers will be Michael Gallatin and Jack Gonsoulin.

Visitation is scheduled on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Peaches Hall of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint, Texas.

Memorials in honor of Mr. Owen may be made to Catholic Charities at 202 W. Front St., Tyler, Texas 75702 or Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County at 211 Winchester Dr., Tyler, Texas, 75701.

For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
18221 FM 2493
Flint, TX 75762
(903) 894-7647

Requiem Mass

AUG 3. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



Mike
Hulse

“ *My condolences to Peaches on Louis' passing. Over a thirty year acquaintance with Mr Owen, I found him to be the engineer that all others should strive to be like. Smart as a whip, thoughtful, caring, and a true gentleman. I will never forget a conversation that he and I had about the Chalmette Refinery where he accurately remembered things in detail over twenty years after he had left the plant. An amazing man that will be missed by many.*

Mike Hulse

Mike Hulse - August 13, 2016 at 05:54 PM



JS

“ *I spent 8 years working with Lou and it was always such a pleasure to seek his guide and accept his wisdom. Jerry Smith, x Petrofac employee.*

Jerry Smith - August 03, 2016 at 01:54 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Louis Walter Owen.*



August 02, 2016 at 01:37 PM

DT

“ Douglas Tiede purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Louis Walter Owen.



Douglas Tiede - August 02, 2016 at 11:24 AM

DB

“ Dear Peaches and family, You and Louis have very much been in my prayers, In this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, may God, through His Holy Spirit, grant Louis Divine Mercy and light, and may He bless and comfort you in your grief. Love, Deacon Shaun Black

Deacon Shaun D. Black - August 02, 2016 at 11:15 AM

CR

Dear Peaches and family, My heartfelt condolences on the death of Louis, a humble and gentle man! Be assured of my prayers for you and your family. Leon and Louis shared a good friendship based on mutual respect and a strong work ethic in their love of engineering. In healthier days, we once saw Louis at Lowe's, early one morning, and he was looking for a part to repair a kitchen faucet. He was so practical and a problem solver, knowing probably that if he did the job, it would get done right. May perpetual light shine on Louis and may our Divine Mercy grant Louis eternal peace!

Cristina Randolph - August 02, 2016 at 06:46 PM

JV

“ Jeanette Zey, Dean Ned Thomas, Professor Verduzco purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Louis Walter Owen.



Jeanette Zey, Dean Ned Thomas, Professor Verduzco - August 01, 2016 at 05:52 PM

MF

“ *Much Love from Rob and Sue Casagrande and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Louis Walter Owen.*



Much Love from Rob and Sue Casagrande and Family -
August 01, 2016 at 03:44 PM

MA

“ *Peaches/ John/Paul,
Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss. He was my mentor , supervisor and a great friend for more than 25 years. Like you all, I will be missing him too. God bless his soul.
Mohammad Arianpour*



Mohammad Arianpour - August 01, 2016 at 01:18 PM

TP

“ *To Peaches and family. Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss. I am in NY State for the summer, but want to send you a big hug and know I'm thinking of you and praying for you all at this most difficult time.*

Terri Paige - August 01, 2016 at 12:38 PM

EA

“ *Ed Santos A.C.T.S. lit a candle in memory of Louis Walter Owen*



Ed Santos A.C.T.S. - August 01, 2016 at 11:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louis Walter Owen.*



August 01, 2016 at 10:30 AM

DS

“ *Louis was such a wonderful man, Our thoughts and prayers are with your family,
Danny and Denise Saleh*

danny saleh - July 29, 2016 at 03:31 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Louis Walter Owen.*



July 29, 2016 at 01:29 PM