



Marie "Peaches" Owen

February 4, 1937 - December 7, 2019

Services for Alberta Marie "Peaches" Owen of Tyler, Texas will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint, Texas. Interment will be at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Tyler. Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Owen passed away Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

Alberta Marie "Peaches" Gonsoulin was born on February 4, 1937 in Galveston, Texas to Robert and Isabelle Gonsoulin. She graduated from Incarnate Word Academy in Houston.

Peaches was married to Louis Walter Owen in September 1955. The Owen family moved to New Orleans in July 1957 where they established lifelong friendships. Square Dancing and camping trips were integral parts of their life. Peaches coached baseball and was very involved in her children's activities. They returned to Houston in 1972 where Peaches continued being active in the community.

They arrived in Tyler in 1982 when Mr. Owen joined Petrofac. Peaches quickly entrenched herself in the community. She was a longtime member of the Tyler Newcomers club and loved playing golf in the Hollytree Ladies Golf leagues

as well as playing Bridge and Mahjong. She was a friend to all and her smile lit up a room. People were immediately drawn to her vibrant personality and she was always willing to do anything it took to help her family, friends and community.

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 as well as the Twin Cities, Minnesota area. It is another example of their Christian faith and commitment to help those in need.

Peaches and Louis were honored with the 2013 Outstanding Philanthropist Award by the East Texas Chapter of The Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The Owen family was a major donor to the initial building campaign for Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint and was deeply involved in their expansion plans. In 2010 Louis and Peaches celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a lead gift to Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital to build the Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital. After the death of Louis in 2016, Peaches continued her philanthropic endeavors with the establishment of the Louis W. Owen Lung Care Center at the Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital.

She was a great friend to all who knew her. Her gentle and gracious heart will be forever remembered for the outpouring of love it generated. Even throughout her various ailments, her thoughts were always focused on how she could help others as opposed to how others could help her.

But above all, she had an unbridled passion for her family. Her eyes would light up, her voice would sing and her heart would burst whenever she was around her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They were her

life. Peaches will be missed, but her legacy will live on in the hearts and souls of her family.

Mrs. Owen was preceded in death by her loving husband Louis; her parents, Robert and Isabelle Gonsoulin; her siblings, Annette Hebert, Robert Gonsoulin Jr., and John 'Jack' Gonsoulin. She is survived by a loving family including sister, Suzanne Groneman; children, John Owen and wife Rebecca, Celeste Rekieta and husband Bob, Louis Paul Owen and wife Teresa; grandchildren, Patrick Owen, Sophia Owen, Darby Owen, Kristen Claeys, Nick Rekieta and wife Kayla, Bryce Owen and wife Emily, Lindsay Rowden and husband Harrison; and 17 great-grandchildren, Archer, Isabelle, Alice, Ramona, Vi, Christian, Avery, SylviaMarie, AudreyRose, CeciliaJayne, Peyton, Brooke, Charleigh, Louis, Audrey, Wyatt and Zadok.

The family wishes to thank Judy Lassiter, Dylan Steller, Michelle Taylor and Mike Hamschin for their extraordinary care and support of Mrs. Owen.

Visitation is scheduled on Thursday, December 12, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Flint. A Vigil Prayer Service and Rosary will follow at 7:00 PM.

Memorials in honor of Mrs. Owen may be made to Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, at 100 E. Ferguson, Suite 800, Tyler, Texas 75702; Catholic Charities at 202 W. Front St., Tyler, Texas, 75702; Literacy Council of Tyler at 1530 S. Southwest Loop 323, Suite 20, Tyler, Texas, 75702; 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

DEC 12. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

DEC 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Requiem Mass

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marie "Peaches" Owen



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 10, 2019 at 03:29 PM

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“ I post this note on behalf of the chemical engineers, class of 1956, at The Rice Institute. We have known and enjoyed Louis and Peaches over all these years since our days at Rice. In particular, I recall my last, grand visit with them in Tyler on the occasion of Louis' 80th birthday.
Charles Koberg
San Angelo, Texas

Charles Koberg - January 24, 2020 at 01:17 PM

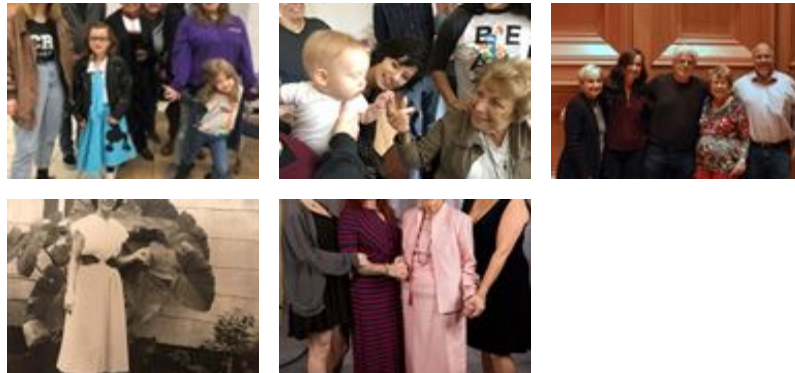
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“ Our prayers go out to the family of Peaches and Louis Owen. We knew them in Houston in the 1970s and went camping and square dancing many times with them. We always had a great time, full of laughter and fun and games. Our children would run around playing while we sat by the fire drinking coffee, laughing and telling stories. Such lovely memories of your family. We met Jack and Mary Jo Gonsoulin when we first moved to Houston in 1972 and soon we were camping with Peaches and Louis as well. We are so sad to hear of her passing. She was a lovely, thoughtful lady, sweet and generous to all. Our daughter Sue Ann even stayed with the Owen family for a while when we were transferred to Singapore. We will never forget her kindness. God bless the Owen family on this sad occasion.

Ramona Wilson - December 15, 2019 at 10:58 PM



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“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Marie "Peaches" Owen.*



December 11, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *John and Carlyn Swaim purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Marie "Peaches" Owen.*



John and Carlyn Swaim - December 11, 2019 at 02:03 AM



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“ *Peaches always had a smile on her face regardless of what was going on in her world. She had a way of bringing a smile to my face whenever I saw her. I was lucky to have gotten to know her even if only a little. May the smile you always wore here be brighter as you see the lord.*

Melanie and Danny Mogle

Melanie Mogle - December 10, 2019 at 10:36 AM