



## Mr. David Murphy Owen

February 7, 1955 - September 22, 2015

David Murphy Owen, of Anaheim, California, and formerly of Brandon, Florida, entered into eternal rest on September 22, 2015. He was born February 7, 1955 in Memphis, Tennessee to the late H. Scott "Sparky" Owen and Norma Catherine Owen. He was the youngest of three children.

He went "into all the world and preached the gospel" (Mark 16:15) for 40 years in Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, California, and India. As a faithful gospel preacher he took a message of hope to all and touched the lives of many with the Word throughout the world. "In speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity" he showed himself an example to those who believe, young and old (1 Timothy 4:12). He was a constant friend, wise and humble mentor, good father, and loving husband.

Despite the difficult physical battle he endured, he considered God's grace sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9) and continued steadfastly in the Word, taking advantage of every opportunity. "But if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in his name" (1 Peter 4:16). Therefore, he remained "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the LORD, knowing that his () toil was () not in vain in the LORD" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Robin Owen; ever grateful children, Lauren and Coulter Wickerham, and Katie Owen; brothers and

sisters, Jack & Gloria Owen, Renee Hempton, Mickey & Sharon White, and Tim & Susan Aly; three grandchildren, Emma Kate, Lydia Gail, and Scott Murphy; and a host of family and friends, far and near.

"To those in Christ, death is not a hopeless event, instead, it is a defeated foe. Consequently, they arise to sing of victory over death!" (Excerpt from David Owen's 1996 Florida College Lecture).

A Celebration of Life will held on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 P.M. at University Church of Christ, 14314 Bruce B. Downs Blvd, Tampa, where the family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 11:00 A.M. at Serenity Meadows Memorial Park, 6919 Providence Road, Riverview. Memorial contributions may be made to the Indian Christian Evangelization Fund, PO Box 3397, Ponte Vedra, FL 32004. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Serenity Meadows

Tampa, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 29. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

University Church of Christ  
14314 Bruce B. Downs Blvd  
Tampa, FL 33613  
<http://www.universitychurchofchrist.org>

## Celebration of Life

SEP 29. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

NC

“ to the David M. Owen family,

*Alden and I knew David as a young man, from Snapfinger Road*

*Church of Christ many years ago. Knew his Mother and Father*

*and many of his family. He will be missed by us and so appreciate his*

*stand for the truth all these years.*

*Love and Blessings, Alden and Nancy Childers*

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**Nancy Childers** - September 30, 2015 at 02:51 PM

NS

“ *I have known the Owen family since I was a child, worshipping with Ma and Pa Owen, Sparky and Bob at the Coleman Ave church of Christ and have known Jack and David for many years. David preached in one of the first gospel meetings of the Burlington church o Christ where Sparky was preaching im the early 80s. What a wonderful Christian family!! What a wonderful Christian David has been!! He will be missed by many!! Our deepest sympathy to all of the family*

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**Neil Simpson** - September 30, 2015 at 10:04 AM

JB

“ David came to the Tustin church of Christ at just the right time and filled not only the pulpit but a needed presence. His calm demeanor, sound teaching, and wisdom led to a spiritual growth for all who attend regularly. Because of the closeness that was felt and the fact that he will be missed by all at the Tustin church there will be a memorial service at the Tustin Church of Christ on Monday Oct. 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm. If you would like to pay your respects please come and assemble with us.

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**Jeff Biard** - September 29, 2015 at 06:37 PM



“ I met David and Robin in 2006 after finding my way back into a Church of Christ. I spent a few months attending different churches and walked into the Tustin Church of Christ on August 27, 2006 with David behind the pulpit. It was like walking into my childhood...a warm and sound church family with a preacher who has taught me so much these past 9 years. He has encouraged and inspired me. He even helped me move and for the last seven years has been incredibly loving towards my granddaughter who adored him. I miss him terribly. His stand for the truth is beyond words. I found myself recently going on the church website and finding some of his older sermons...so thankful to have these to continue to spiritually grow, learn and hopefully teach my loved ones the things David taught me. My prayer now is that Robin and the girls are comforted. With my love to the Owens family. God Bless!!

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**Holly Townley** - September 29, 2015 at 03:12 PM

CM

“ When my wife and I were looking for someone to marry us, we knew exactly who we wanted. David was so kind-hearted and always took to time to make sure I understood scriptures I was struggling with. He spoke with me for hours at a time. Truly a man of God. My heart breaks for this momentary separation.

Christopher McCracken - September 29, 2015 at 02:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. David Murphy Owen.



September 28, 2015 at 09:27 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. David Murphy Owen.



September 28, 2015 at 09:05 PM

RD

“ I remember being in several Bible classes at Florida College with David Owen. He was one of the best Bible scholars I knew. Having gone to school with Lauren, my heart goes out to the family. Working at a funeral home in Springfield, MO, I see this every day! God has given me the opportunity to minister to several people. May God give you comfort in knowing that He is safe in the arms of Jesus. I look forward to the family reunion in Heaven!

Robby Davis - September 28, 2015 at 07:44 PM

RB

*David was a fine example of faithfulness to the Lord. My own son is named after David's grandfather, Scott or "Pa" as we all knew him in Memphis (and my wife's favorite recipe came from "Ma", a fantastic lasagna) and by extension to David's dad, "Sparky." his uncle, Bob (and wife Janelle) were important correctors of my sometimes youthful excesses when I was at FC. We love the Owen family dearly and more than they can ever know. We weep with them in this terrible loss. But, "Sunday is coming" and like the Lord on that great day, David's now-changed and immortal body will be raised with all the redeemed of Earth to meet the Lord in the air!*

*What a happy day that will be;  
What a glorious jubilee;  
All of Heaven will be there;  
What a meeting in the air!*

*Royce and Lee Bell  
San Bernardino*

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**Royce and Lee Bell** - September 29, 2015 at 08:34 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. David Murphy Owen.*



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September 28, 2015 at 02:26 PM