



## Miriam Phillips Owen

March 18, 1925 - February 2, 2018

Miriam Owen (Phillips), of Penn Township, passed away Friday morning in the loving arms of her daughter Christine. Miriam was 92.

The youngest daughter of Joseph Henry and Elizabeth Phillips, Miriam was born in Bedlinog, South Wales, UK on March 18, 1925. Miriam was raised in Bedlinog, where she met and would later marry her sweetheart, Robert Owen, on December 26, 1945. Miriam and Robert left Wales in 1949 as Robert pastored churches across Great Britain, and together had three children, Gerald, Cledwyn, and Christine.

In 1959 Miriam, Robert, and their children immigrated to the United States, as Robert took senior pastor positions in Oshkosh and Green Bay, Wisconsin. In 1973 they moved to Pittsburgh, to lead South Hills Assembly of God. During this time they began travelling extensively, preaching the gospel across the world, which continued long after their retirement from South Hills in 1990.

Miriam was beloved in all of the churches she served, and though Robert was the face of their ministry, Miriam was the rock and support behind it, as she was the rock and support of her family and those close to her. Gentle, caring, and ever smiling, Miriam was always ready with a kind word, and even as she battled dementia in her final years, she never stopped smiling.

Miriam is now reunited with her beloved Robert in glory, praising their Saviour for all of eternity. She is survived by her children Gerald (Pamela), Cledwyn (Cindi), and Christine (Carson); grandchildren Christopher (Stacie), Geoffrey (Annie), Stephanie (Steve), Chelsea (Ken), Aaron (Laura), and Christopher; and great-grandchildren Avery, Gavin, Camryn, Kelsie, Salome, Celti, Katalina, Lexis, Ethan, Ava, Titus, Owyn, Henryk, Tegan, Rowan, and Soren.

Friends will be received from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, February 10, at Jeannette Assembly of God, 246 Pleasant Valley Road, Jeannette, PA 15644, where a funeral service will follow in the church sanctuary. Interment will follow in Twin Valley Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Miriam Owen Memorial Scholarship Fund at Hillcrest Christian Academy, which they founded during their time at South Hills Assembly (Hillcrest Christian Academy 2500 Bethel Church Road Bethel Park, PA 15102 or <http://www.hillcrestca.org/donate-now>). William Snyder Funeral Home, Irwin,

is in charge of arrangements. For online condolences please visit [snyderfuneralservices.com](http://snyderfuneralservices.com)

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Twin Valley Memorial Park**  
483 Athena Drive  
Delmont, PA, 15626

**FEB 10 Visitation 11:00AM - 12:15PM**

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Jeannette Asssembly of God  
246 Pleasant Valley Road, Jeannette, PA, US, 15644

**FEB 10 Service 12:15PM - 01:15PM**

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# Comments

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“ I will always remember her years when she worked with our Mom, Sherry Anderson at Montgomery Wards in Green Bay. Then at Central Assembly in Green Bay she always had a positive word or encouragement. i will never forget in my senior year of high school skipping church one Sunday so I could go tobogganing with a girl I was dating. When I called Wards to share with my mom the doctors report for my sprained ankle, Mrs. Owen took my call. Since she was the switchboard operator she proceeded to let me know I was missed Sunday, but was the ski hill the place I should have been. Her and Pastor Owen will always have a special place in my life.

Bill Anderson, Tampa, Florida

Bill Anderson - February 12, 2018 at 09:54 PM

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“ Christine, My deepest sympathy and prayers sent for you and your family during this time. Mark Rupp.

Mark Rupp - February 05, 2018 at 12:05 PM

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“ Mrs Owen was a most gracious lady who holds a very special place in our hearts forever. We sat directly behind her at SHAG for many years and were fortunate enough to always have her hugs.  
She and Pastor Owen were our spiritual parents. She was truly “the wind beneath Pastors wings”.  
Although we rejoice that she is reunited in heaven within Pastor and her family and most importantly our Lord and Savior, we grieve with her family, as we have walked this road ourselves and it is never easy.  
Please reach out to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) and connect with a group in your area.  
We love you all  
Blessings from Denver,  
Jeff and Betty Lynn Pepka



Jeff and Betty Lynn Pepka - February 05, 2018 at 11:59 AM