



## Marguerite S. Owen

September 1, 1938 - October 14, 2017

Marguerite S. Owen-Webster of Oxford, MD, died peacefully at home in her sleep, without pain, on October 14, 2017. She was born at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Washington, DC, on September 1, 1938.

In her home at the time she died (7:37 p.m.), she was surrounded by members of her family. Present were her two brothers, Ted and Steve Schimpff; Ted's wife Alice; Ted and Alice's son Dr. Scott Schimpff; a physician from Jacksonville, FL, whose practice focuses on pain management, who came to Oxford to minister to Marguerite in the final days of her life, and who kept her pain free; Scott's wife, Gina; Marguerite's husband, David Webster; David's son Steven and his wife, Lora.

Marguerite was brought up in College Park, MD, attended local public schools, and graduated from Northwestern High School in 1956. She entered Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, as a freshman that September and graduated Phi Beta Kappa four years later with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Her education continued at Yale Law School ending in 1963 with a law degree. During her law school career, she was elected to the Yale Law Journal and to the Order of the Coif, both of which are academic honors.

Marguerite took and passed the DC Bar in 1963 and was a member of the bar until her death. That same year, she entered private practice in a tax and

international law firm named Surrey and Morse (later Surrey, Karasik and Morse). She became a partner in the firm in 1968 and rose to become its president.

In 1975, Marguerite and another partner, Michael Nussbaum, left to form their new firm of Nussbaum and Owen in Washington, DC, (which later became Nussbaum, Owen and Webster). She left that firm in 1990 during the savings and loan crisis to take the first of three government positions, all of which involved financial matters. From 1990 to 1995, she worked as an attorney with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. She then served as Deputy General Counsel of the DC Financial Control Board, which was chartered by Congress to take control of District of Columbia financial matters at a time when the District government was close to insolvency.

After five years as Deputy General Counsel, she became the General Counsel (and sole employee) of the Emergency Loan Guarantee Board, a new entity chartered by Congress, which administered three government loan guarantee programs in the airline, steel, and oil and gas industries, all of which were suffering economic problems at the time. The three loan guarantee programs were overseen by the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Washington, DC.

Marguerite was active in the DC Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, serving as the group's Co-Chair, on its Board of Trustees, and as Trustee Emeritus. She retired fully from law practice in 2007 and lived in Oxford, MD until her death.

A private interment will occur at the Oxford Cemetery. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., at The Church of the Holy Trinity, 502 South Morris Street, in Oxford, MD, followed by a Celebration of Her Life at the Tred Avon Yacht Club, 102 West Strand, also in Oxford.

In lieu of flowers, donations to honor Marguerite may be made to The Church of the Holy Trinity Mission Fund, P.O. Box 387, Oxford, Maryland.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

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Church of the Holy Trinity  
Oxford, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marguerite S. Owen*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Marguerite S. Owen*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Marguerite S. Owen*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *David,*

*Ann Marie and I just learned of Marguerite's passing. Our hearts are breaking, both for her and for you and your and her extended families. Marguerite was one of the finest people I have ever met. And while she may be gone from this earth, her light will continue to burn brightly in my heart, and in the hearts of all who knew her. We will find a time to come see you in Oxford soon. But in the meantime, we will raise a glass of good wine (which Marguerite always loved to drink!) to toast the life of a woman whose beauty and grace on the outside was only matched by the beauty and grace of her soul within. We were all the better for the privilege of having known her.*

*David, Ann Marie, and Brian Wilkins  
February 5, 2018*

David Wilkins - February 05, 2018 at 10:55 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Marguerite S. Owen.*



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November 01, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Marguerite Owen*



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**Steven Webster** - October 29, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ *David-- Sadly, after you and Marguerite were such kind mentors in my earliest days, we have seen very little of each other in the 28 (!) years since I was retained by Michael in the 1989 expansion draft. Marguerite was not only a terrific lawyer with superb judgment, she was wise, tolerant and wickedly fun. Having not seen her in so long, my image of Marguerite is frozen in amber-- way younger than I am now, beautiful, put together, gracious and kind. I know you must miss her terribly. May you have no more sorrows.*  
*Eric*

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**Eric Lewis** - October 27, 2017 at 12:07 PM

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“ David and members of the family. I learned only minutes ago of Marguerite's passing. She was a wonderful lawyer who, with David, Mike Nussbaum and other fine lawyers had the firm Nussbaum, Owen and Webster with offices on the second floor of the building at 1800 M Street. (We were also in the building) This was in the 1980's and they were high times for all of us. As years passed Marguerite (and David) lived in a beautiful townhouse a few houses down on California Street from my mother in law. So although I did not know Marguerite well ( I would see her at social events), geography kept us reasonably close. I knew her by reputation to be a wonderful person and a skilled advocate. David, please know I and others at our firm are deeply saddened by her passing and have you and the family in our thoughts. Roger Zuckerman

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**Roger Zuckerman** - October 24, 2017 at 10:24 AM

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“ I am very sorry to hear of Marguerite's passing. Please accept my sympathies and prayers.

*Nickie Ochoa Besaw*



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**Nickie Ochoa Besaw** - October 18, 2017 at 10:43 AM

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“ Nichole Cummings lit a candle in memory of Marguerite S. Owen



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**Nichole Cummings** - October 16, 2017 at 08:35 PM