



Owen Rooney

December 6, 2017

Owen was born October 10, 1920 in Pontypridd, Wales to the late Joseph Rooney and the late Rhoda (nee Reynolds). He spent most of his life in Ireland before coming to America.

Owen is survived by his loving wife Lillian (nee Ekenkrantz). He is the father of three beautiful daughters. He is survived by two of his daughters - Sharon Doyle (James), Sandy Alessandro (Stephen), and sadly predeceased by his loving daughter, the late Colleen Cotullos.

Owen is survived by 5 adoring grandchildren - Erin Schularick (Dustin), Clayton Doyle (Elizabeth), Dana Crump (Jonny), Kelly Looney (Eric), Lilly Alessandro, 3 great grandchildren - Ansley Schularick, Jenna Crump and Olivia Schularick. He is also survived by one brother - Terrence Rooney (of Ireland). Owen is predeceased by 3 brothers - Joseph, Paddy and Bernard Rooney.

Owen will also be missed by many extended family members and friends.

Owen was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Irish Society at the Commodore Barry Irish Center. He also loved gardening and singing professionally.

Donations in Owen's memory may be made to the:

Commodore John Barry Club

The Irish Center

6815 Emlen St.

Philadelphia, PA. 19119

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Presentation BVM Church
100 Old Soldiers Rd.
Cheltenham, PA 19012
(215) 379-1599
<http://presentationbvm.org>

Funeral Mass

DEC 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Dear Lillian, Sharon and Jim, Sandy and Steve, Terence, and Family,

I am so sorry for your great loss! Owen is a wonderful man, and he will be missed! I first became acquainted with the Rooney family through Sandy, my wonderful hair stylist! Thanks to Sandy and Sharon, I had the privilege of developing a friendship with Lillian. All of the Rooney's are truly wonderful people! Lillian and Owen raised daughters who took great care of Mom and Dad! Words are inadequate at such a difficult time, but Owen and Lillian are Blessings, as are their daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren! Jim and Steve (sons-in-law) also helped Owen and Lillian, wherever needed! Owen set a great example for all of us! He honored God and neighbor! I heard him make telephone calls to loved ones, friends, and neighbors, to check on them!

Owen was multi-talented! I observed Owen doing his own landscaping, always having his property look beautiful! He had " a green thumb!" Owen would kneel so long outside, planting, his "labor of love"! Every flowering plant alongside the driveway would be perfectly aligned! He could grow anything, vegetables too! Owen watched over Lillian, reminding her to dress warmly on brisk days, and Lillian shared with me how Owen would ask her in the evening if he could do anything to help her! He had many wonderful qualities and talents (beautiful singing voice, great sense of humor, and pride in his Irish heritage)! When Owen met Jesus face-to-face, I believe he asked Our Lord to bless his family and friends! May our loving Lord give all of you Peace! Owen will always be at your side, helping you with any struggle, until you are one day reunited with him, face-to-face! I will continue to pray for you! God Bless you!

Sincerely, Dot Martin

Dorothy Martin - December 10, 2017 at 10:53 AM

EF

“ I have many memories of Owen throughout my life, everyone of them happy. I'm saddened to hear of his passing~ another wonderful soul gone home. To all of the family I send my prayers, especially to Sandy, who I inadvertently met many years ago through Minervas 🥺💕

Eileen (Reynolds) Feeney - December 09, 2017 at 06:32 PM

MD

“ Owen was a giant in the Irish community and a man I greatly admired. One of my favorite pictures is of he and I on an Irish boat cruise. He would let me get up and sing a song and he was in the background looking on approvingly. Just a great great man. Sincere condolences
Mike Dougherty and Family

Mike Dougherty - December 08, 2017 at 05:42 PM

TK

“ To all of the family, We send our warmest thoughts your way! Never meeting your dad, Owen, but hearing many wonderful stories from Sharon, he sounded like an awesome gentleman and his humor was a great trait. Remember all the wonderful memories and keep him close to your hearts. He is now in heaven watching over all of you. Be sure to keep his memory close in all that you do and know that he will see all the good you do as a family. With sincerity and in friendship! John & Terry

terry krebs - December 08, 2017 at 09:03 AM

PB

God bless Owen Rooney - what a gentleman and a great singer. Rest in peace my friend!!! 🙏🍀🌺

pat brown - December 08, 2017 at 09:17 PM

BP

So sorry for your loss. My father, Michael Kirk, was a good friend of Owen's.

Bernadette Pileggi - December 09, 2017 at 01:54 PM

JM

With the greatest sadness and deep love we offer our sympathies to Sharon, Sandy and their families at the loss of such a wonderful man. He was beautiful, warm and kind and the most loving Uncle I could wish for. I loved him so much. Uncle Owen was filled with love, kindness, warmth and humor and his wonderful spirit touched all he met. To have known him was such a gift. Thinking of you all with so much love. Jenny and John McPeake

Jenny McPeake - December 11, 2017 at 05:33 PM

JM

I'm so grateful to have met you all, my cousins, when we visited America and then to have Uncle Owen come out to New Zealand and reunite with my dad, his brother, that was so special. No matter where we are in the world, we're all family and I have the best memories of your dad when I was small in the UK, to touring with him and Aunt Lillian in America and then having him come to New Zealand. I'll never forget him. Jenny and John McPeake, New Zealand

Jenny McPeake - December 11, 2017 at 05:49 PM