

Jenna, Carrollton; Abraham (and Laura) Owen and Grant, Carrollton; Jeanne (and Tony) Holmes, Union, Missouri; Nicolaus (and Hilary) Holmes, Alex, Rylee, and Andie, Union, Missouri; Susannah Holmes (and Bryce) Runyon and Maisy, Samuel, Vera and Imogene Lea, North Africa; Martha Margarete Holmes (and Jake) Mayfield, Great Falls, Montana.

Jack took great pride in his grandchildren's varied careers and liked to brag that there were no deadbeats in his family! He also enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in sports and other activities. Jack continued to be a supporter of school and amateur sport teams.

Jack's family and friends will remember him as a great storyteller. He saw a lot of changes in his long life, and succeeded in adapting to these changes. He used email and read the New York Times on-line every morning. Jack put a lot of stock in a person's character. He valued education and remained engaged in life and learning. He especially valued common sense. Late in his life he narrated his life story, to be published later.

Jack was a steward of the earth. He loved the native grasslands and prairies. He and Weldon collected and cultivated and marketed native wild flower seeds.

During the last years of Helen's life, Jack was devoted to her care.

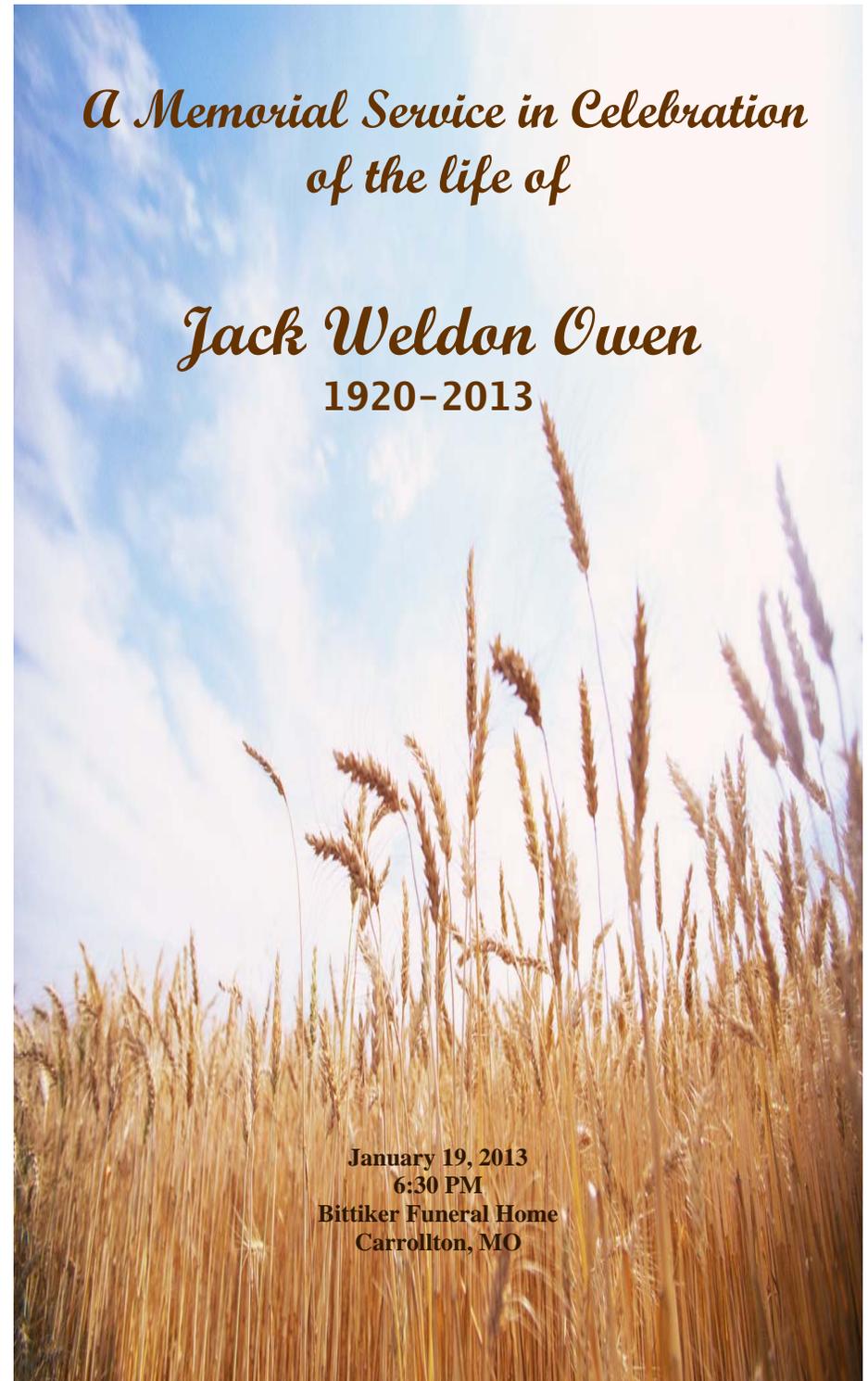
Even though chronic disease made him dependent on oxygen, he continued to pursue his dream to trap and sell wild hogs in Oklahoma to benefit the Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

Jack was passionate about his country and his civic responsibilities. He claimed to never have missed an opportunity to vote.

Jack was known as a giver. Many years ago he arranged for his body to be donated to the University of Missouri College of Medicine upon his death. Even beyond his earthly life, he gave.

#### Memorials

Missouri Baptist Children's Home  
Missouri Prairie Foundation  
Wakenda Baptist Church



## Memorial Service

Greeting.....June Owen Newman

Prayer.....Paul Wood

.....\* **"Near to the Heart of God"**.....

Obituary.....Pat Gorsett

Scripture Reading.....Jeanne Owen Holmes

Pastor's Comments .....Pat Gorsett

Music.....Gorsett Family

Eulogy.....Lawrence Owen

Comments.....Heath Owen

.....Slide Presentation.....

.....\* **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**.....

Prayer.....Pat Gorsett

**\*Those who are able are asked to stand and sing.**

Pianist– Sheila Placke

Jack Weldon Owen, age 92 of rural Carrollton, Missouri passed away January 13, 2013. Jack was born April 21, 1920 to Gleaves and Donnie (Stagner) Owen in Deaf Smith County, Texas. His father was a widower with a young daughter when he married Jack's mother. Jack was the firstborn of Donnie and Gleaves and was followed by a sister and seven brothers. Siblings who preceded him in death were Jewell, Warren, Gwynne, G.P., John David, and Bobby. He was baptized as a child and raised his family in the First Baptist Church of Norborne, where he served as a deacon and Sunday School superintendent. He attended Deaf Smith County grade schools and Hereford, Texas high school. As a teen he competed on the state level at the Bible sword drill. As a high school freshman he placed first in Holstein dairy judging at an FFA competition at Texas Tech.

As a young adult he worked on a wheat ranch in the Texas panhandle where he fell in love with the owner's niece, Helen Margarete Tietjens. They were married at the Baptist parsonage in Carrollton, and made their first home in the Texas panhandle on a dairy farm. Their first daughter, June, was born while they lived there. Shortly before the birth of their second daughter, Kay, they moved to rural DeWitt, Missouri. Their son, Weldon, was born while they lived there. While living near DeWitt, Jack farmed with Helen's family. They moved back to Texas before the birth of their youngest daughter, Jeanne, where he farmed and owned a fertilizer business. After a brief time farming in Western Colorado he moved his family back to Carroll County where he farmed for many years in the Norborne area. He also managed the grain elevator in Bosworth and worked for a time as an irrigation systems salesman and a cattle buyer.

In 1971 he and Helen purchased a farm near Carrollton where he and Weldon established the Owen Seed Company. He continued to farm and stayed involved in the seed company. His last church membership was at Wakenda Baptist Church where he appreciated many dear friends and greatly enjoyed being involved in the expansion of their building.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Helen, his son, Weldon in 1989; his son-in-law, Ron Newman in 1999, and his grandson, Clark Wood in 2001. Jack is survived by his daughters and their families: June Owen Newman, Carrollton; Owen (and Zuzana) Newman and Lukas, Lenexa, Kansas; Justin (and Elizabeth Leis-)Newman, Chicago, Illinois; Kay Owen (and Willard) Wood, Norborne; Kenneth (and Staci) Wood, Kendra, Tyler, Kaylea, and Katie, Norborne; Paul (and Tammy) Wood, Cole and Nikayla, Walnut Shade, Missouri; Ruth Lam Owen, Carrollton; Nathan (and Kristy) Owen, Gracelyn, Emmaline, and Max, Norborne; Heath (and Jamie) Owen, Grady and Jack, Carrollton; Spencer (and Carly) Owen, Clarice and