



## Dr. Owen D. Keene

January 13, 2023

Dr. Owen David Keene, Ph.D., formerly of Manor Township, passed away at United Zion Retirement Community in Lititz, PA on Friday, January 13, 2023 at the age of 88. Born in Finleyville, PA, he was the son of the late David and Alvida Coates Keene.

He was a graduate of Monongahela High School in 1951. Owen graduated with honors from Penn State University in 1955 and accepted an assistantship at the University of Maryland in the field of agriculture in poultry science and nutrition. After earning his Master's Degree in Science, he worked for two years on a research project at the laboratory of the University of Maryland and earned his Doctorate.

Owen worked for Abbott Laboratories in N. Chicago, then taught poultry science at Penn State University for 25 years. He last worked in poultry management at Heritage in Annville, PA. This was a job he loved, and he worked until he was 82 years old.

Owen was predeceased by his wife, Shirley Goodman Keene in 2020, his daughter, Brenda Gordon, daughter-in-law, Mary Stoler Earhart and infant brother, John B. Keene.

He is survived by his children, Bonnie, wife of Dennis Smith, Richard Earhart,

Wendy, wife of Gordon Kautz, and Tammy, wife of Bill Reeve, 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren with a great-granddaughter on the way.

Owen was a resident of United Zion Retirement Community since September 2020. He appreciated and enjoyed his caregivers, going to chapel, singing and music activities.

A very intelligent and kind man who loved and embraced our family. He will be missed.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Dr. Keene's Graveside Service at Millersville Mennonite Cemetery on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with The Rev. Dana Statler officiating.

# Cemetery Details

## Millersville Mennonite Cemetery

Millersville , PA 17551

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JAN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Owen D. Keene*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *My late father and grandfather loved using Dr. Keene talents and wisdom formulating the poultry feed for their chicken layer flocks. I did not know Dr.Keene personally but, heard this name mentioned frequently for adjusting the performances of the families layer flocks. He was a fine gentlemen to see leave the field of poultry science. Many thanks to the family the left behind. May you rest in assurance. The Meck family.*

**Matthew Meck** - January 17, 2023 at 09:44 PM



“ *Sending Prayers and Deepest Sympathy to the Family. I'm so sorry for the loss of your Beloved Owen. He was a lovely Man and Neighbor. Love to all of you ❤️ Jo Anne Parmer Matos 🌸*

**Jo Anne Parmer Matos** - January 15, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Owen D. Keene.*



January 15, 2023 at 01:15 PM