



**Owen Stevens Service/Celebration of Life**

January 18, 2025 (Saturday) at 1:00pm  
Parkland Fellowship Baptist Church, Surrey  
[9574 160 St, Surrey BC V4N2R6](https://www.google.com/maps/place/9574+160+St,+Surrey+BC+V4N2R6)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Owen Stevens on November 27, 2024. He is survived by his beloved wife, Evangeline, and their three children—two sons and a daughter. Recently retired, Owen had joyfully embraced his next great adventure: spending cherished moments as a devoted grandfather and babysitter to his grandchildren, whom he adored. He will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

Owen dedicated his entire career to the education and advancement of lighting, both through his professional work and tireless volunteer efforts. His lifelong involvement with the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IES) stands as a testament to his unwavering commitment and passion. Over more than 30 years of active service, Owen made exceptional contributions to the Society, particularly to the Vancouver section, and left an indelible mark on the field of lighting education.

Renowned for his deep knowledge in lighting engineering, specifications, and sales, Owen also stood out for his remarkable social skills and ability to foster connections among people. As a leader on the Vancouver section's Board of Directors, Owen worked tirelessly to bring cohesion and collaboration across generational and professional divides. Leading by example, he formally educated and mentored countless lighting professionals throughout his career, leaving a lasting legacy for the industry.

For the past three decades, Owen was the face of quality lighting education for the Vancouver section. He took a proactive role in working with IES Education leadership to adapt the Society's programs to meet the evolving challenges of the industry. Serving twice as president of the Vancouver section, Owen's leadership, work ethic, and wisdom guided the Society's local, regional, and national activities with unparalleled dedication.

Owen's mentorship and generosity in sharing his expertise inspired all who had the privilege of working with him. He was more than a leader—he was a true Lighting Education Master, often reminding others with his favorite words of wisdom: *"Do or do not. There is no try."* — Yoda

Owen Stevens will be fondly remembered not only for his professional achievements but also for the joy, warmth, and inspiration he brought to his family, friends, and colleagues. His legacy will continue to shine brightly in the hearts and minds of those who knew him.