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President's Message

Randy Nash • TFDA Board of Directors



Greetings Fellow Funeral Professionals,

It seems like only a short time ago I was writing my first Thanagram letter and here I am writing my last. Even through the difficulties of the past two years, they have been some of the best of my life. Just a few weeks ago I traveled across our great state to all three district meetings. This was the first time we had met in all three districts since the Fall of 2019, and I was thrilled to see the wonderful attendance in all districts. With all the changes over the past 14 months there is something to be said for being able to meet in person and be in the company of friends.

Coming up June 20-22, 2021 we will gather for the 118th TFDA/TFSSC Annual Convention and Expo where by popular demand we will be back in Middle Tennessee at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center in beautiful Franklin, Tennessee. We have an exciting convention planned and I challenge all TFDA and TFSSC Members to be in attendance to make this our best one yet! From the Interfaith Service to the Grand Banquet, I am looking forward to seeing friends and colleagues from across the state. I want to thank our Convention Chairman and TFDA Past President Greg Rush for his longtime leadership of the Convention Committee and always making sure we have a great convention.

This June marks 19 years since I began my funeral service career and if you would have told me that I was not only going to be President of the TFDA once but twice I would've never believed you. I think I can speak for all of our Board of Directors that it is truly an honor to give back to the profession that gives so much to us. I have learned many lessons during my tenure on this board but the most important is that without a doubt we are fortunate to have some of the best funeral professionals right here in our great state.

Words cannot describe the honor and pride that I have felt over the past seven years serving on the Tennessee Funeral Directors Association Board of Directors. It has truly changed my life and made me both the person and the funeral director that I am today. I am truly grateful to all of you for placing your trust in me to lead this organization and please know that I am always here when needed; my cup truly runneth over. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Yours in Service Always,
Randy Nash
TFDA President



The Tennessee Funeral Directors Association Board of Directors and Staff are here for you.

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Notes on “Surviving the Death of a Child”

by Todd W. Van Beck

Compare today with 1900.

In 1900 children were expected not to survive birth, and even the mother's life was suspect of being destroyed in the process.

Today however children are not supposed to die, and most do not – Thank God – but still hundreds of children die everyday.

The Problems:

1. It reverses the “natural” order to things. Children are supposed to survive their parents.
2. The guilt issue looms high on the horizon because children are so helpless and to be cut down by death so young is heartbreaking.
3. All the hopes and dreams of the parents for the child evaporate.

What I say?

1. Tell them honestly how you feel. If you feel a loss of words tell them.
2. Be humble and gentle.
3. Remember nothing said in word form will change or alleviate the situation.
4. The truth is life will never be the same again.
5. Do not try to be profound, even Billy Graham said he was at a loss for words when he was confronted with a child's death.

What about the other children?

1. It is true that children are stronger than adults give them credit for.
2. Tell the children the truth.
3. Truth is your ally.
4. Children have built in lie detectors and they can sense and feel when things are being kept from them. They want to be included.

Things to be sensitive to in dealing with children:

1. A child's attention span is not as long as an adult's.
2. Remember to treat the child as normally as possible.
3. Do not allow the child's life routine to be interrupted as to make them feel insecure. Get up at the same time, eat at the same time etc.
4. Be sensitive that a child's reaction to death is on a different level of complication as is an adult's – example: a child might actually be relieved that a sibling has died so that they will not have to share a bedroom.

Value of Rite, Rituals and Ceremonies:

1. When words fail people use rituals.
2. Rituals are actually the language of most children – we call it Play.
3. Encourage the family to hold the dead child, comb the hair, help dress the child – if they wish.
4. Encourage the siblings to draw pictures and help describe their feelings.

NO ONE IS PERFECT;

Remember going through the process of grief is more important than going through it perfectly. Go easy on everybody for everybody is basically in the same boat. Let mistakes go and do not make a big deal about what this person said or did.

Should children go to funerals?

Yes, if they want to. No if they protest. Remember children love to be involved with family happenings whether they understand all the nuances of the activities or not. A child is not expected to understand all the complexities of marriage in order to march down the aisle as a ring bearer or a flower girl at a wedding.

Explaining death to children:

Well this is a big ticket item because most every adult on the face of the earth does not totally understand death themselves. However here are some suggestions:

1. Answer only the questions the child asks and keep it short and simple.
2. Yes or no answers are usually the best. "Do dead people get hungry?" "No." Do dead people smell food?" "No."

3. Go easy on explanations. Often times adult's love to talk and talk and talk, and often times their children have tuned them out minutes ago and are not hearing anything the adult is babbling about.

Finally:

It is just as important for the parents to talk to their children about death as it is to talk to them about sex. Life and death – they simply go hand in hand.

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Dear Tennessee Funeral Professional:

The Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers is notifying consumers and funeral professionals that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued its final policy on providing financial assistance related to COVID-19 related funeral expenses. The federal agency said the financial assistance it will provide will be **a maximum of \$9,000 per funeral**.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Congress authorized FEMA to provide financial assistance to individuals who incurred COVID-19 related funeral expenses after January 20, 2020. FEMA has issued its final policy — which includes details such as eligibility and documentation criteria and the application process — for how funds will be distributed to families.

As part of its policy, FEMA will only award COVID-19 Funeral Assistance for a deceased individual on a single application. If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should register under a single application as applicant and co-applicant. The applicant or co-applicant must have incurred the funeral expenses. The deceased individual's documentation status is not considered as part of the reimbursement process, but the applicant(s) must be U.S. citizens, legal residents, asylees, refugees or non-citizen nationals.

Families should decide who the applicant and any co-applicants will be and to gather the documents they need to be reimbursed for expenses. The applicant must provide the following documents:

- **A copy of the death certificate.** The death certificate must indicate the death “may have been caused by” or “was likely a result of” COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are also considered sufficient.

- **Proof of funeral expenses incurred.** Documentation (receipts, funeral home contract, etcetera) must include the applicant's name as the responsible person for the expense, the deceased individual's name, the amount of funeral expenses and that funeral expenses were incurred after January 20, 2020.

Eligible funeral expenses include but are not limited to:

- Transportation for up to two individuals to identify the deceased individual
- Transfer of remains
- Casket or urn
- Burial plot or cremation niche
- Marker or headstone
- Clergy or officiant services
- Arrangement of the funeral ceremony
- Use of funeral home equipment or staff
- Cremation or interment costs
- Costs associated with producing and certifying multiple death certificates
- Additional expenses mandated by any applicable local or state government laws or ordinances.

If applicants have already received reimbursement for certain funeral expenses through government agencies, voluntary agencies, nonprofits, burial or funeral insurance then they cannot resubmit those same expenses for reimbursement through this FEMA-administered program. If they received any outside assistance, they must include documentation of this assistance in their application. If they received financial assistance through the deceased's life insurance policy, they may still apply for reimbursement.





Dear Tennessee Funeral Establishment:

The Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers is notifying you that Mr. Reid Van Ness, who was previously licensed as a Funeral Director and Embalmer, surrendered both licenses on March 6, 2020. As such, Mr. Van Ness is not authorized to conduct any work as a funeral director or embalmer in Tennessee.

You are receiving this notification because the Board has recently received complaints regarding Mr. Van Ness

potentially conducting unlicensed activity as a funeral director or embalmer in Tennessee, and the Board wants to ensure your establishment is aware of his lack of licensure.

Complaints pertaining to the Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers, including those for unlicensed activity, may be filed online at <https://www.tn.gov/commerce/resources-services/file-a-complaint.html>.



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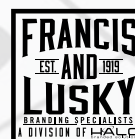
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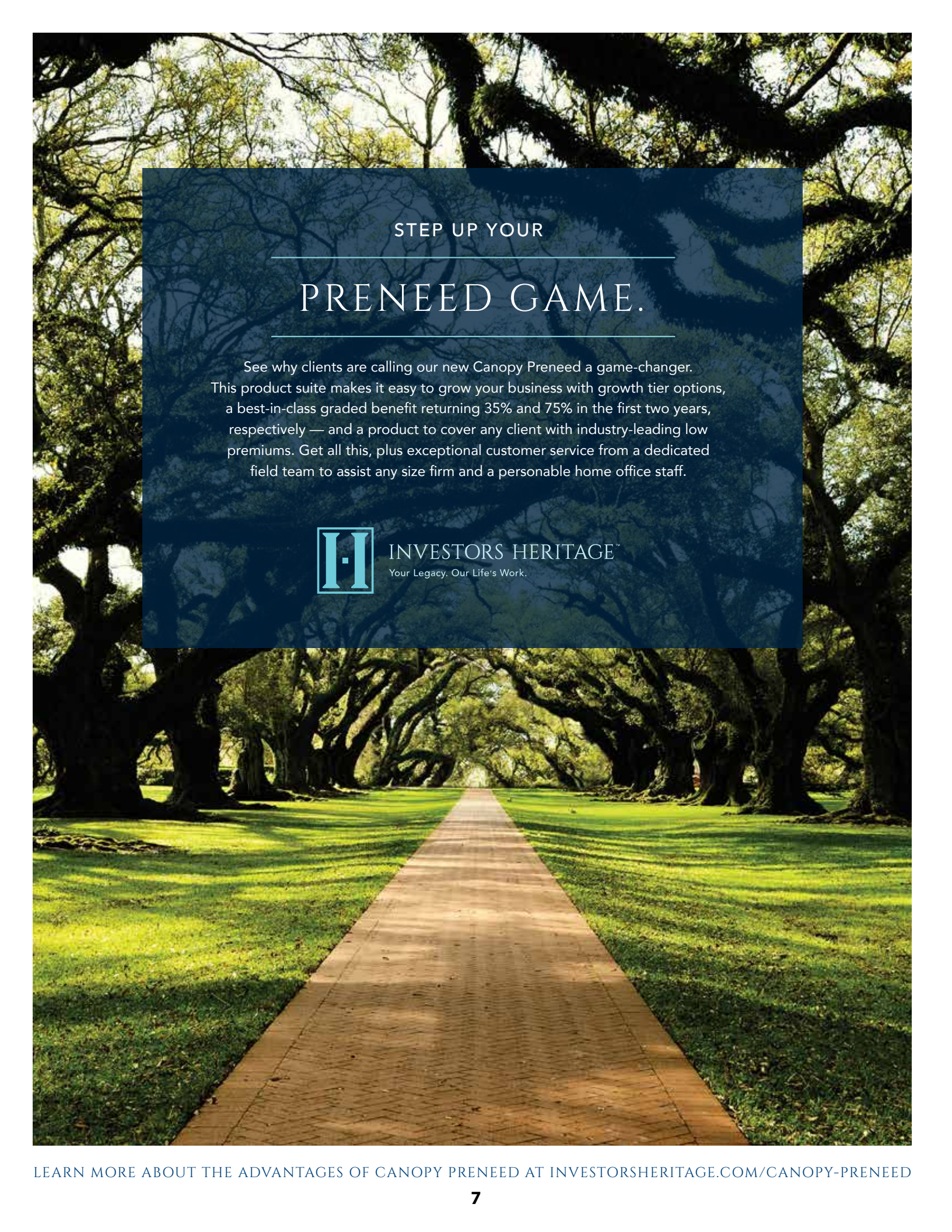
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5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
TFDA/TFSSC Memorial Service

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9:00 am – 11:00 am
TFDA Business Meeting
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10:00 am – 11:00 am
TFSSC Business Meeting



11:00 am – 1:00 pm
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Presented by Randy Nash, TFDA President
TOPIC: *We Survived, Together*
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1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
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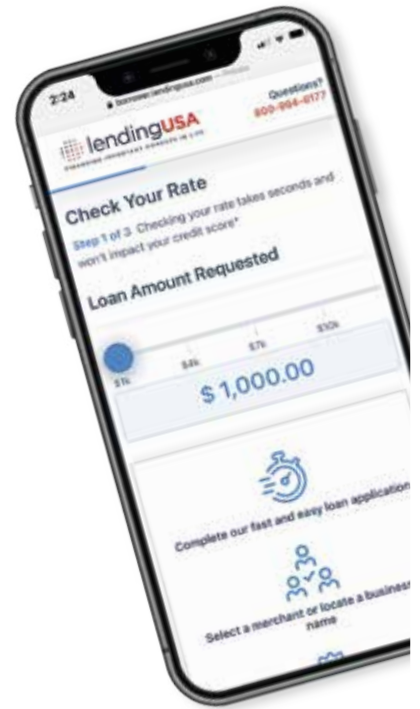
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Each year during the annual convention the legislation and actions by the Governmental Affairs Committee is reviewed. As the 2021 Tennessee General Assembly winds down we wanted to share a few of the pieces of legislation that TFDA has worked on and closely followed on your behalf.

TFDA Legislation

Alkaline Hydrolysis

SB931/HB334 by Sen. Rusty Crowe, R-Johnson City & Rep. Gary Hicks, R-Rogersville

This legislation was brought on behalf of TFDA and was a multi-year effort led by the TFDA Governmental Affairs Committee that got delayed in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As written, this legislation would allow funeral homes to operate an alkaline hydrolysis operation for the disposal of human remains. The Tennessee Department of Health will provide the licensing and approval for an alkaline hydrolysis system. This bill passed both chambers with no opposition. Status: Enacted as Public Chapter 141 effective April 13, 2021.

Preneed Contract Options

SB1091/HB738 by Sen. Rusty Crowe, R-Johnson City & Rep. Scotty Campbell, R-Mountain City

This piece of legislation filed in an effort to provide additional options for pre-need funeral contract sales. The TFDA Board and Governmental Affairs Committee wanted to give the members the opportunity to discuss options that several other border states have implemented as it pertains to amounts of preneed contracts must trust or place into an insurance product. After district meetings the TFDA Board agreed to ask the sponsors to withdraw this legislation. Status: This bill was not put on notice in either chamber.

Tracked Legislation

SB771/HB780 by Sen. Jack Johnson, R-Franklin & Rep. William Lamberth, R-Portland

This is a bill brought by the Lee Administration bill that seeks to modernize certain professional boards, including funeral directors and embalmers. The two changes made to funeral directing and embalming include lowering the number of hours an apprentice must work per week from 40 to 32 and allowing a person licensed under TCA 62-5-305 to sell pre-need funeral contracts if they own the funeral home. The TFDA Board was neutral on the legislation. Status: Passed the Senate. Headed to Finance, Ways, & Means committee in the House.

SB828/HB1181 by Sen. Janice Bowling, R-Tullahoma & Rep. Tim Rudd, R-Murfreesboro

This legislation requires fetal remains from a surgical abortion at an abortion facility to be either cremated or buried. As written, this bill would allow the abortion facility to make the determination of how these remains will be handled if the woman having the abortion chooses not to. The abortion facility is required to pay for and provide the cremation or burial services. As amended, this legislation excludes hospitals from the definition of “abortion facility;” sets certain guidelines for how the remains should be disposed; and sets up legal parameters for how law enforcement can collect fetal remains if needed for a criminal investigation. Status: Senate and House passed. Sent to Governor Lee for signature.

SB951/HB12 by Sen. Sara Kyle, D-Memphis & Rep. G.A. Hardaway, D-Memphis

Dubbed “April’s Law,” this bill expands a Class E felony to include the sexual abuse of a corpse.

Status: House and Senate passed. Headed to the Governor for his signature.

Legislation of Concern

SB899/HB510

“Innovation FastTrack Act” creates a regulatory program wherein the Department of Commerce & Insurance would issue a regulatory license to individuals seeking to pilot test an innovation. The legislation defines innovation to mean the use or incorporation of a new or an emerging technology, or the re-imagination of uses for an existing technology. Applicants for the program would submit a request to the department and pay a fee to the commissioner. It would remove the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers from the licensing process. The TFDA Board and Governmental Affairs Committee opposed this legislation.

Status: Taken off notice in the Senate and House.

HB1081

Enacts the “Licensing Independence for Future Tennesseans Act.” The legislation would require all persons who have a funeral directors license and numerous other licenses including engineering, auctioneering, real estate and accounting, who move to Tennessee to automatically be given a Tennessee license if some very simple qualifications are met. Because this bill would also remove the engagement of the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers and the staff of the Department of Commerce and Insurance to make important licensing decisions, the TFDA Board and Governmental Affairs Committee was opposed.

Status: Not moved in 2021.

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Obituaries



Dean E. Trent, 85, of Kingsport, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, February 22, 2021 with his family by his side following a year of declining health. He was born in Sneedville, TN and moved to Kingsport in 1940 at the age of 5. Dean never forgot his upbringing or where he came from and was proud to be from Hancock County. His strong work ethic began at age 16 and he was happiest when he was working. He graduated from Lynn View High School and began his business endeavors working with his parents at The Peggy Ann Restaurant. His calling was helping families as a funeral director. Serving countless families throughout his funeral career, he began his career at Gate City Funeral Home in 1959. He became the owner of Carter-Trent Funeral Homes in 1991 with locations in Kingsport, Church Hill and Scott County. Dean was honest, hardworking, humble, and extremely generous. He worked side by side with his wife Martha, 3 daughters, Judy, Deana and Jodi as well as his nephew, Brent Warner.

Dean was an entrepreneur and owner of numerous businesses over the years. He completed Vanderbilt School of Banking, was a former executive vice president of Tri City Bank and served on the board of First VA Bank/BBT and Citizen's Bank. He was a founding member of the Independent Funeral Director's Association and was a long-standing member of the Tennessee Funeral Director's Association. Dean was appointed to serve on an advisory board by Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter.

Dean was a supporter of the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Kingsport Association. He was

a member of Gideons International and a member of the Jericho Shrine Temple and a 32nd degree Mason.

He enjoyed spending time at his homes in Pigeon Forge, TN, Hilton Head, SC and his farm in Scott County, VA. He especially enjoyed family trips, and cherished spending time with his grandchildren and great grandson. Dean was immensely proud of his family and loved them unconditionally.

Dean kept his faith in God, serving the Lord first and foremost. Dean was a member of Temple Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Jerry Dean Trent; parents, Rex W. Trent and Hazel Cantwell Trent; sister, Ruthie Ferguson; and nephew, Brent Warner (May 2020).

Dean is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 63 years, Martha Triplett Trent, of the home; daughters, Judy Addington and husband Mark of Kingsport, Deana Steadman and husband David of Kingsport and Jodi Redwine and husband David of Gate City; grandchildren, Brinley Addington of Nashville, TN, Lindsey Smith and husband Ryan of Gate City, Breven Addington and wife Logan of Kingsport; Drew Steadman of Nashville, Whitney Steadman of Kingsport, Lendon Redwine of Gate City; great grandson, Lane Smith of Gate City; sister, Shirley Trent Warner and husband Roger of Kingsport; brother-in-law, Ed Ferguson; nephews, Brad Warner and Cliff Ferguson; niece, Jennifer Turner; several great nieces and great nephews; special uncle, Ralph Hurley of Sneedville, TN; and his beloved dog, Marti.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to his 24 /7 caregivers who have become family to us, Connie, Sue, Frieda, Hunter, Paula, Corvin, Dallas, Margie, Todd and Jessica.

Carter-Trent Funeral Home is serving the Trent family.





Taylor Badger, Ligon & Bobo Funeral Home, father in-law.

Mr. Stevie Mandrell, age 53 of Westmoreland passed away March 4, 2021, at Sumner Regional Medical Center in Gallatin.

He was born Richard Stephen Mandrell on December 8, 1967, in Allen County, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Mandrell; brother, Timothy Mandrell; sister, Stacey Mandrell; paternal grandparents, Basil and Jewell Mandrell; maternal grandparents, Oscar and Nellie Harrison; and aunt, Pam Redmon.

He is survived by his fiancé, Lisa Hudson; daughter, Brooke (Taylor) Badger; son, Stephen Mandrell; mother, Brenda (Leon) Jones; grandson, Mason Badger; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

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Martha Triplett Trent, 84, of Kingsport went home to be with her Lord and Savior and to reunite with her husband Dean on early Wednesday morning, March 10, 2021 at her home following a year of declining health.

The daughter of a Baptist preacher, she was born in Blowing Rock NC, and graduated from Chilhowie high School, Chilhowie, VA. She and her brother Tommy sang together on the radio when they were in high school. Martha moved to Kingsport when her dad became the pastor of Temple Baptist Church. She met and married Dean Trent in 1957 and became a Kingsport resident and raised her family here. She was a member of Temple Baptist Church and enjoyed singing in the choir. As the owners of Carter-Trent Funeral Homes she worked side by side with her husband Dean, 3 daughters, Judy, Deana and Jodi as well as her nephew, Brent Warner.

She enjoyed spending time at their homes in Pigeon Forge, TN, Hilton Head, SC and their farm in Scott County, VA. She especially enjoyed family trips, and cherished spend-

ing time with her grandchildren and great grandson. Martha had a generous heart and was extremely proud of all of her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Dean E. Trent (February 22, 2021); an infant son, Jerry Dean Trent; parents, Rev. Carl and Irene Triplett; brothers, Tom Triplett, and Charles Triplett, nephews, Grant and Brian Triplett and Brent Warner (May 2020).

Martha is survived by her daughters, Judy Addington and husband Mark of Kingsport, Deana Steadman and husband David of Kingsport and Jodi Redwine and husband David of Gate City; grandchildren, Brinley Addington of Nashville, TN, Lindsey Smith and husband Ryan of Gate City, Breven Addington and wife Logan of Kingsport; Drew Steadman of Nashville, Whitney Steadman of Kingsport, Lendon Redwine of Gate City; great grandson, Lane Smith of Gate City; sister, Mary Triplett Dunn and husband David of West Point, GA; brothers, Howard Triplett and wife Frances of Dandridge, TN and William Triplett and wife Becky of Sylvania, GA; sisters-in-law, Judy Triplett of Rincon, GA and Shirley Trent Warner and husband Roger of Kingsport; brother-in-law, Ed Ferguson; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog, Marti.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to her 24 /7 caregivers who have become family to us, Connie, Frieda, Paula, Sue, Hunter, Corvin, Dallas, Margie, Jessica and Todd. Also, a very special thank you to the nurses of Amedysis Hospice for a year of loving care.



Mackie was employed with Bordwine Funeral Home for 40 years.

Mackie G. Elliott, 77, of Etowah, TN passed away Sunday, March 14, 2021. He is rejoicing with his Lord Jesus Christ and his wife Geraldine, whom he has sorely missed.

Mackie was a member of Dixon Avenue Baptist Church and retired from Bordwine Funeral Home.

Mackie touched the lives and hearts of thousands of people during his time at the funeral home. The staff of Bordwine Funeral Home would like to thank Mackie for his 40 years of dedicated service. He and his legacy will live on in our hearts forever.

Preceded in death by his wife, Geraldine Elliott; great-grandchild, Pierson Brown; parents, Troy and Nellie Elliott; brother, David Elliott.

Survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Stacy Wilson; son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Christy Elliott; grandchildren and spouses, Trey Raymer, Chrystal and Clint Ballinger, Blake and Paige Wilson, Ryan and Samantha Elliott, McKayla and Adam Brady, Kacy and Rob Moses, Carter Elliott, Megan and Kirk Brown, Emma Callahan and Bristol Callahan; great-grandchildren, Brantley and Huntlee Ballinger, Colton Harrill Wilson, Alexzander Elliott, Hansen and Annistyn Brown; siblings, Juanita and Leonard Harness, Ferland and Della Elliott, Evelyn and Roger Mincey, Steve and Lisa Elliott; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Junior and Frankie Bunch.



CINDY L. MCCORNACK,
wife of Bob McCornack,
TFSSC Member and Rep
for Preneed 4 All.

Cindy L. McCornack,
age 74 of Lebanon passed
peacefully at home with
her loving family at her
side.

Born November 18, 1946,
in Knox County, Illinois, she is the daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Wilson St. George. She had worked as an educational assistant for the Lebanon Special School District for many years. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and also many bridge clubs.

She is survived by her husband, Bob McCornack; daughter, Melissa McCornack of Atlanta, GA; son and daughter in law, Rob and Theresa McCornack of Lebanon; granddaughter, Renee (Zack) Morgan; grandson, Andrew (Stacey) McCornack; sister, Candice Dawson of Galesburg, IL; and two nephews, Michael and Patrick Dawson.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Kenneth Anderson and his Chief of Staff, Chris for their forty plus years of compassionate care, Dr. David Siegel and his team at Tennessee Oncology, Avalon Hospice, Home Instead Home Health Care, and all the kind and loving care from Cindy's many friends.

Memorials may be made to the Lebanon-Wilson County Public Library or to New Leash on Life.

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Thomas C. "Tom" Parsons –
Age 93 of Nashville, TN. April
25, 2021. Born April 21, 1928,
in Decatur County, Tennessee to
Clarence and Mattie Parsons, he
grew up enjoying being a son on
a working farm. As poor as they
were, he found that life was rich
and full of happiness.

He joined the Marines and was
part of the Chosin Few conflict in North Korea. He earned
a Purple Heart and was recommended for the Bronze Star,
but he refused the star because, "it was part of what I [he]
should be doing"

He worked for 45 years as a manufacturer's Representative
for National Casket Company and Batesville Casket Com-
pany. He retired as one of the most successful salesmen in
the Batesville History. Tom is one of only 3 people who has
served 2 terms (1972-73 & 1989-90) as President of the
Tennessee Funeral Supply Sales Club.

He retired enjoying golf and working on the "honey-do-
list" created by Martha. He watched proudly as his family
grew. He spent his days watching his favorite shows, meet-
ing his coffee club in the morning, and participating in the
Shriner's Organization.

He was a happy man, very seldom got irritated (if he did,
just give him room). He passed from this world in the arms
of his family, his friends, and God.

Preceded in death by wife, Martha Parsons. Survived by
son, Thomas Parsons, Jr.; daughter, Keatha (Phil) Lyons;
grandchildren, John (Katie) Houston, Kelly (Michael) Fos-
ter, Daniel Lyons & Mary Kate Lyons; great-grandchildren,
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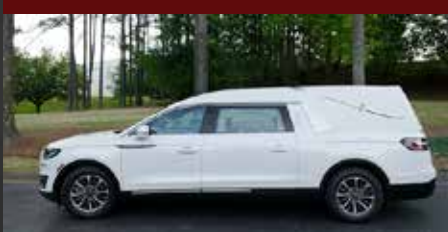
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