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Greetings,

It looks like we hit the ground running. The 118th Convention was a huge success. Thank you to all the vendors, as well as the membership, for all the support given. I would like to give a big shout out to Greg Rush and the Convention Committee, Bob Batson and Dawn Elliott for all their help and support as well. Also, many thanks to Jay Bucy and his team for all they do for TFDA and the Governmental Affairs Committee.

I hope everyone had a great summer and hoping for a better fall as we push on after Covid-19. As the TFDA moves forward in our 2021-2022 year, I hope to have a chance to speak and actively show you what the TFDA does for its members and how hard we are working to better this association as we move forward.

My goal is to continue educating the membership on the Master Trust and how it is working for us, along with the benefits of being a member of this association. The Board is here to assist you at any time with any problem or solution pertaining to the association and the great profession we serve.

Respectfully,
Marc Sims
TFDA President



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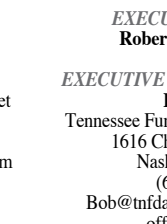
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A strong preneed program is vital to the success of a funeral home. With so many different options and companies to choose from, how do you know what is right for you? The answer may not be as straightforward as you think.

Generally, as funeral directors, we are looking for three things from a preneed provider: growth, commission and simplicity. A single premium product generally ticks all three boxes, so many of us stop there and don't consider the other products and services offered.

Over the years, I've known funeral directors that would not even consider writing a multi-pay preneed arrangement. If the family couldn't write the check for the single premium, they wouldn't take the arrangement. This is letting business walk out your door. And considering the traditional nature of our business, you may not lose just that one client, but also other members of their family.

Yes, the single premium option may provide good growth and commission, but it probably doesn't fit the financial situation of many of your clients. As funeral prices continue to rise, the number of people able to afford the single payment will continue to decrease. More often than not, families today are, understandably, making funeral plans based on financial circumstances, not tradition. If you can't provide an affordable option, the funeral home across town might.

As funeral directors, we have a special responsibility to care for our communities. Providing affordable preneed payment options for all our families should be a top priority. Finding an experienced provider that offers products to cover all ages and medical histories, with different pricing and benefit structures can help you bridge that gap.



There are several multi-pay product offerings allowing a family to pay overtime. Many of us have simply preferred the ease of a single payment option. But to serve our families well, and ensure the success of our own businesses, it's worth it to explore what multi-pay options are available. Products include full, reduced and graded benefits. Another very affordable option is a "dollar for dollar" product. These products won't pay the full benefit immediately, and this must be explained to the family. But the products include growth, and many ensure the benefit will never be less than what has been paid into the policy. Some "dollar for dollar" plans are even

commissionable. These multi-pay plans also have the same insurance benefits as a single premium product, including a tax-free benefit and the option for assignment to Social Services qualifications.

We know that it is in the families' best interests to have a funding option in place at the time they make the arrangements. But this doesn't always happen. When I was actively working in a funeral home, we had a drawer full of unfunded prearrangements and I'm guessing you do as well. I know that being an insurance agent is not necessarily at the top of your list of job responsibilities, and many of us are uncomfortable "selling". But that drawer full of arrangements – that's a drawer full of leads. And those families have already done the hard part – they've shown their interest and made their wishes known. What if you could call them back now and offer them an affordable way to pay for those arrangements, so their families don't have to? Would you really have to "sell" that?

In my opinion, funding a prearrangement is not a sell. It's simply solving a problem for your families. My advice is to find a preneed partner that will help you serve your families better and set you apart from your competition.

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Convention Highlights

June 20 – 22, 2021

Embassy Suites Hotel, Franklin, TN

We never expected the 118th Convention to be such a success with approximately 450 attendees and 47 exhibitors.

Thank you to all the attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors for their support in making the convention one for the records. After the 2020 convention was cancelled because of the pandemic, no one realized the collaboration of so many would be so extraordinary!

Sunday, June 20, 2021



We began our convention with Bobby Williams, Interfaith Service. Bobby Williams, President and founder of A3 Marketing and Spirit of a Champion Ministries, Inc. Producer, Director Author Marketplace Minister Robert H. Williams, Jr. Bobby Williams did a wonderful job as this year's TFDA Convention Chaplain and happens to be Randy Nash's uncle.

Sunday afternoon provided a wonderful amount of beneficial information presented by Dominick Astorino and Wally Hooker. Dominick Astorino presented "Reading Between the Lines: Formaldehyde Bias, Facts and Fallacies. Wally Hooker presented "Difficult Case, Donor Cases and Autopsies. Both seminars were very well attended. TFDA would like to say thank you to

Tennessee Donor Services for sponsoring both of these great speakers.

Chairperson, Rosemary Harrison did an excellent job with the TFDA/TFSSC Memorial Service.

TFDA President, Randy Nash, brought in Commonwealth Quartet to sing for the service and they did an excellent job making the service special.

We would like to thank **Bass-Mollett Publishers** for sponsoring the Memorial Service Candles; **Funeral Home Gifts** for the opportunity to receive memorial blankets and **Tukios, Inc.** for sponsoring the Memorial Service video.



The loved ones honored at this year's Memorial Service:

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Mr. Mark Link Anglin
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Mr. Brenton "Brent" Dean Warner
Mr. Thomas Matthew Sullenger

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Mr. Phillip Wayne Anderson, Sr.
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Mr. Steven Mark Rose
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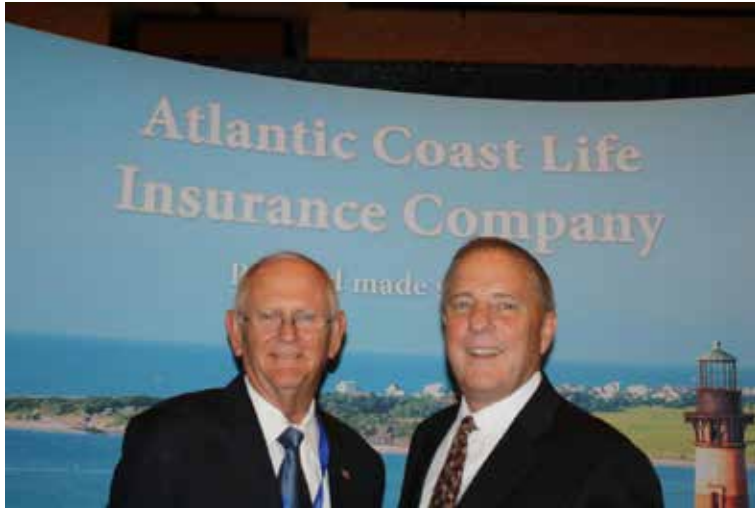


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The TFDA Business Meeting was Monday morning. Again, this meeting was very well attended.

The 2021 – 22 TFDA Board of Directors: Marc Sims, TFDA President; Brent McNeeley, TFDA Vice President; Mandi Marlin, TFDA Secretary/Treasurer; Randy Nash, TFDA Immediate Past President; Rosemary Harrison, TFDA Director Middle; Matthew Sowell, TFDA Director Middle; Mitchell Kyker, TFDA Director East; Justin Jeffers, TFDA Director East; Patrick Williams, TFDA Director West; Taylor Moore, TFDA Director West.



There was a surprise for the TFDA Executive Director, Bob Batson. He was honored with a plaque and video presented for his 30 years of service. He did not have a clue and was a great surprise!



Larry Hobbs, Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, TN, (he was unable to attend) Andrea Hobbs and Kimberly Caldwell excepted for Mr. Hobbs.



During the TFDA Business Meeting, the 50 Years of Service plaques were presented to Terry Crockett, Alexander Funeral and Cremation Center, Gallatin, TN.



Tony Sowell, Oakes & Nichols, Inc., Columbia, TN.



Vic Davis, Davis Funeral Home, Wartburg, TN



Michael H. Ward, Berry Funeral Home, Knoxville, TN. (Mr. Ward was unable to attend) Fred Berry excepted for Mr. Ward.





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Tom Vanderwall, Vanderwall Funeral Home, Dayton, TN.



Jimmy Anthony, Anthony Funeral Home, Hartsville, TN.



Others that were recognized for their 50 Years of Service but were unable to attend:



W.T. Graham, Higgins Funeral Home, Fayetteville, TN (pictured above)

William R. Appleton, Woodbin Funeral Home, Nashville, TN

Thomas R. "Butch" Evans, Evans Mortuary, Rockwood, TN

Congratulations to all of these who were honored for their commitment to the funeral industry and their communities.

We had two funeral home establishments that were honored for 100 Years of Service:

Atchley Funeral Home, Sevierville, TN, Harrison Atchley excepted the plaque in honor of their 100 years.



Ligon & Bobo Funeral Home, Lebanon, TN, Clark McKinney excepted the plaque for the funeral homes 100 Years of Service.



During the TFDA Business Meeting, the TFSSC Business also took place. They elected new officers and directors.



From left to right: Matt Kreidenweis- 2nd VP; David Akard - 1st VP; Michael Smalley – President; Tommy Spears - 1 yr. Director; Jay Slatton - 3 yr. Director; Danny Hurt - Sec./ Tres.; Not Pictured: Larry Baldwin - 2 yr. Director; Phillip Anglin - Past Pres.

Monday's Joint Luncheon, "We Survived, Together" was presented by TFDA President Randy Nash. Randy talked about the year of 2020 and how it was a year like no other but, with the help of the TFDA Board, TFDA membership, NFDA and surrounding states, we survived together.

The Monday Night Live and Silent Auction has become a huge event! It was absolutely amazing on the creative items brought in to bid on, such a wide range of things to pick from and help TFDA raise money for the PAC Fund.

With so much effort from many of you, we raised \$11,775.00! The record was \$12,000.00 and we came pretty close! Thank you so much to all of you that made this possible. You came up with so many creative ideas!

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SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION

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Bean Bag Toss Game	Karnes & Son Funeral Home	Ali Ridgeway	\$110
Summer Fun Package	Shackelford FH - Wayne Co	Ali Ridgeway	\$325
Self Care Spa Basket	Karnes & Son Funeral Home	Andi Poiner	\$60
Mahogany Bowl & Mississippi Products	Directors Answering Service	Bob Childress	\$55
TN Vols Hammock	Karnes & Son Funeral Home	Bob Childress	\$55
Made in Tennessee Basket	Karnes & Son Funeral Home	Bob Childress	\$80
Assorted Wine Basket	Farrar Funeral Home	Carey Davis	\$120
Beverage Cart	Williamson Memorial FH	Clark Goodrich	\$300
Wooden Lantern	Yarbrough Mortuary Service	Dale Layne	\$75
American Eagle	Jerry Griffie	Dale Layne	\$100
Disaster Pouches (4)	Ambulance & Coach Sales	Dale Layne	\$135
Michael Kors Purse	Tony & Becky Hysmith	Danny Hurt	\$220
Barnwood Rocker & Side Table	Cripple Creek Casket Co	Dayle Lane	\$510
Cornerstone Marble Urn	Wilbert Vault	Dayle Lane	\$105
Charlie Brewer's Fishing Lures #1	Wilbert Vault	Jackie Purcell	\$90
Handmade Wooden Truck	Atlantic Coast Life	Julie Kyker Bartlett	\$45
Mark Roberts Santa	Karnes & Son Funeral Home	Justin Jeffers	\$225
Woods of Tennessee Rocker	Cripple Creek Casket Co	Justin Jeffers	\$500
Russell Dickerson Autograph Package	Lea & Simmons FH	Justin Jeffers	\$600
Doggy Goody Basket	Karnes & Son Funeral Home	Kim Caldwell	\$105
"Girls Day Out" Gift Cards	Mid South Mortuary	Langley Marlin	\$120
"The Putting Green" Print	Karnes & Son Funeral Home	Laura Farrar	\$85
Fun in the Sun Basket	Karnes & Son Funeral Home	Mattie Moore	\$75
50" television	VitalChek	Mitch Kyker	\$500
Sweet Jordan's Coffee Basket #2	Ridgeway Funeral Home	Montrey Moore	\$65
Patriotic Porch Tub	Williamson Memorial FH	Montrey Moore	\$225
Weber Grill	Dyersburg Funeral Home	Patrick Williams	\$200
Instrument Kit	Dodge Chemical Co	Patrick Williams	\$350
Bat	Cripple Creek Casket Co	Randy Nash	\$400
"We the People" Wooden Flag	Dale Layne	Rosemary Harrison	\$225
20ga casket	Batesville	Steve Spann	\$625
20ga Dennison Casket	Jennings & Ayers FH	Steve Spann	\$855
Charlie Brewer's Fishing Lures #2	Wilbert Vault	Susie Sowell	\$75
Disney Gift Card	Oaks & Nichols Funeral Home	Susie Sowell	\$430
Handmade Wooden Hearse	Atlantic Coast Life	Tony Sowell	\$100
Set of 3 Bulbs	Applied Lighting	Tony Sowell	\$40
18ga Stapleton Casket	Matthews Aurora	Tony Sowell	\$1900

After the live auction, Randy Nash asked if there was anyone willing to donate to get closer to the goal of \$12,000. The people listed below made additional donations!

Brent McNeeley	100
Justin Jeffers	100
Pam Stephens	100
Bud Myers	100
Dale Layne	120
Marc Sims	200
Tony Sowell	100
Tony Hysmith	100
Chris Christian	100
Murry Moore	100
Taylor Moore	100
Mike Hale	200
Brad Ridgeway	100
Bob Childress	100

TOTAL AMOUNT \$11,775.00!

Thank you to everyone that made this Silent and Live Auction a huge success!

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

We all know that Todd Van Beck draws a crowd. Mr. Van Beck presented a three-hour seminar *"The Grief Dictionary Program – Everything about Grief From A – Z"*. Todd holds the attendee's attention and everyone always feels his presentations are very beneficial.

Tuesday night was the Grand Banquet. Each year the TFDA and TFSSC honor an outstanding person to honor. This year was no different and the Tennessee Funeral Supply Sales Club honored the late Mr. Wayne Justice.



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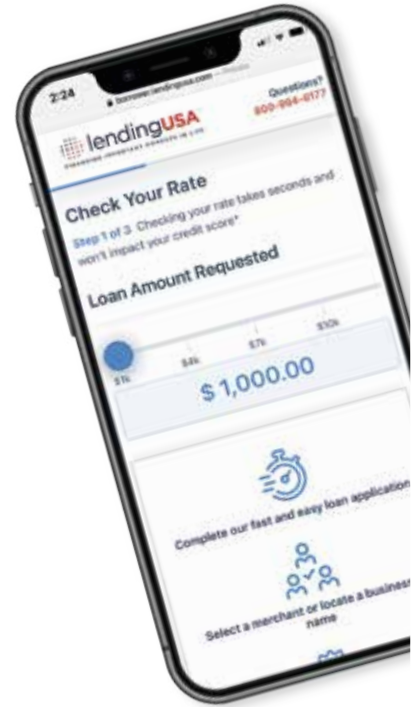
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Wayne Justice

Tennessee Funeral Supply Sales Club

2021 Wall of Fame Recipient (Awarded Posthumously)

Wayne H. Justice was named the 2021 TFSSC Wall of Fame Recipient at the Grand Banquet of the TFDA/TFSSC annual convention

held at Franklin Embassy Suites Hotel on June 22, 2021.

Wayne was a longtime TFSSC member who was greatly respected by his peers in the funeral supply club, as well as his many endearing customers. He was named an Honorary member of the TFSSC as well as the Mississippi Funeral Supply Sales Club for the many years of faithful contribution.

Born October 27, 1938 in Nashville – Wayne owned and operated Exxon Service Stations at both Woodland Street and Charlotte Pike for many years. Following the sale of those businesses, He joined Ambulance & Funeral Coach Sales of Nashville in 1986. He later became part-owner for 25 years – selling hearses and limousines to the funeral industry throughout the Southeast. Wayne was an avid boater: spending his spare time boating on the waters of Old Hickory lake.

He was a 50 year member of the Centre Star Lodge #409, member of the Scottish Rite and Al Menah Shrine Temple as a Jester. He and his friend and business partner Ellis Galyon were the founding members of the Al Menah Horse Patrol.

Wayne was a longtime member of College Heights Baptist Church and later joined Impact Fellowship in Gallatin. Wayne shared his life with his loving wife Martha and children; Adra, Mike, Stephanie and grandchildren.

One of the greatest honors, is to be remembered even after ones passing. Wayne passed away on January 7, 2017 at the age of 78.

TFSSC is proud in the remembering and bestowment of to the TFSSC Wall of Fame to Wayne H. Justice – 2021 Recipient.



Mr. Jim Brewer and Jeff Duffer

Mr. Jim Brewer

Jim has donated his time to helping hundreds of students of John A. Gupton College for many years. His work has not gone unnoticed. This is what Steve Spann said about Jim Brewer:

It is my privilege to present this year's inductees into the TFDA Hall of FAME. As I began thinking about this year's individual and this process, I wondered what is a "Hall of Fame"? Webster says it is a Hall, a Wall or a Walk of fame is a list of individuals, achievements, or contributions, usually chosen by a group of electors, to mark their fame in their field. "Legend"? Is an older individual or story, a person that is very famous and admired by a lot of people?

This year's inductee is certainly a legend in funeral service not because he is older but because of his contribution to funeral service.

- He has worked in funeral service for more than 60 years.
- He has not only worked in a funeral home and built a tremendous reputation he has also taught clinicals embalming at Gupton College for more than 20 years.
- He has been preceptor to students for the past 50 years.
- He has been a member of the Board of Directors of John A. Gupton College for almost 40 years.
- This individual has provided trade embalming service in the middle Tennessee area for more than 50 years and more than 20,000 embalming's.
- He served as the TFDA Convention Chair for over 20 years.

A Legend is an older person!! My wife can tell you that I am not good in MATH but this adds up to "240 YEARS". I do not think that he is hardly that old. As I think about this individual and his impact on the funeral service profession, I cannot help but think that his impact on funeral service is not just local but it is far and wide. He reminds me of Ellis Galyon, because anywhere you go in the funeral profession, everyone knows Ellis Galyon and this individual. He is the constant professional undertaker, seven days a week, twenty-four hours per day. He is at the funeral home at 6 am every day, and YES that includes Saturday and Sunday.

READ LETTER from Steve Tidwell.

As I started this presentation, I mentioned looking up the words Hall of Fame in the Websters dictionary. If you look up the word FUNERAL DIRECTOR, you will see a picture of this year's 2021 TFDA Hall of Fame inductee JIM BREWER.



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After the honoring of the legends. Bob Batson and Rosemary Harrison got the dance floor going!



The TFDA office would like to say thank you to Linda Yarbrough, Yarbrough Mortuary Service, Jackson, TN and Brad Ridgeway, Ridgeway Funeral Home, Paris, TN, for taking the time to take the pictures at this year's convention. If it weren't for them, we would not have been able to look back at all the fun, educational and memorable moments!

Last but not least, Thank you Tim Bond, Pierce Chemicals, for making mask available for attendees.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2021

September 2021 TFDA Seminar and District Meeting (Dates and topics TBA)

October 16, 2021 TFDA and TN Donor Service Present Vernie Fountain (Information below)

October 17 – 20, 2021 2021 NFDA International Convention & Expo, Nashville, TN “Together Again”

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Obituaries



Mrs. Clara E. Spann

Age: 98

Dickson, TN and formerly of Charlotte Died: Saturday May 15, 2021, at Alive Hospice in Nashville after a short stay. She was a member of the Central Church of Christ in Charlotte. Most of her life was spent caring for her family.

She and her husband J.T. "Jr" Spann loved singing in several Gospel Singing groups over the years.

Survivors:

3 Daughters:

Lovie Cole of Clarksville TN

Becky Smith of Lakeland, FL

Bonnie Hassell (Mike) of Smyrna, TN

4 Sons:

Donald Spann (Faye) of Dickson, TN

Donnie Spann (Linda) of Clarksville, TN

Stanley Spann (Linda) of Charlotte, TN

Steve Spann (Meryl) of Dickson, TN

14 Grandchildren

22 Great Grandchildren

15 Great Great Grandchildren

31 Step Grandchildren

28 Step Great Grandchildren

Preceded in death by:

Parents: Thomas & Rebecca Sensing Proctor

Husband: J. T. "Jr" Spann

Brothers: Willie, Dailey, Owen, Buford, Grady, James and David Proctor

Sister: Bertie Proctor Mayfield

1 Great Grandchild



Formerly of Speck Funeral Home in Livingston, TN and father-in-law of J. David Parsons, TFDA Past President 1998 – 99.

Mr. Grover C. Brown, age 88, of Livingston, Tennessee passed away Saturday Evening, May 29, 2021, at the Livingston Regional Hospital. Funeral Services for Mr. Grover C. Brown will be

held 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at the Livingston United Methodist Church with interment in the Overton County Memorial Gardens. Rev. Tom Haliburton will officiate. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of services.

Mr. Brown was born in Overton County, Tennessee on January 24, 1933, to the late Thomas Clinton "Clint" and Margaret Malissa Neely Brown. He served in the United States Army from 1953 until 1955. After his time in services, he worked for the Union Bank & Trust Company for 20 plus years. After leaving there **he became a partner with his in-laws, Ira and Vera Speck in Speck Funeral Home in 1976 and remained there until his retirement.** He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Livingston, the Livingston Rotary Club from 1965 until his death. He was a life member of the American Legion (60 years) and the Livingston Exchange Club.

He was survived by two daughters, Lesa Parsons and husband David of Livingston, and Joy Beasley and husband Jerry of Ooltewah, Tennessee; son, Dr. Ira L. Sidwell and wife Susan of Nashville; brother, Charles Brown of Weatherford, Texas. He was also survived by eight grandchildren, Curt Parsons, of Memphis, Stuart Parson of Livingston, Jared Beasley and wife Holly of Chattanooga, Brock Sidwell and wife Rainbow of Birmingham, Alabama, Sarah Sidwell of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Michelle Sidwell of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

In addition to his parents, Grover was preceded in death by wife, Joan Speck Brown (1998); sisters, Reba Brown Wyrick, Linnie Brown Upchurch, and Virgie Brown McAlpin; brothers, Willie, Benton, Carlie, Haskell, Hubert, and Lloyd Brown.



Mrs. Terri Jane Buckner, a retired schoolteacher and previous owner of the Central Funeral Home partnership and life-long resident of Manchester, TN, died in her sleep on June 10, 2021. Terri is survived by her mother Thelma “Jane” Chambers; brother, Roger Chambers; special niece, Raegan Chambers; special nephew, Grant Chambers; and many other close family members. She was preceded in death by her father “Johnny” Wayne Chambers and her husband,

Finis “Randy” Buckner. Terri was born in Manchester, TN, on December 6, 1958, to Jane Chambers and the late Johnny Chambers. She attended and graduated from Coffee County High School where she was a basketball cheerleader and a softball player for a tournament team. She continued her education at Tennessee Tech University and received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Elementary Teaching. She started her teaching career at Tracy City High School and Pelham Elementary, then continued on to College Street Elementary School. Terri concluded her 35 year teaching career at College Street where she enjoyed helping students realize their reading potential, decorating her classroom with crazy pens, and participating in school events. She met her late husband, Randy Buckner, at the beginning of her teaching career and they married on August 12, 1981. Terri later attended John A. Gupton College where she received her funeral director and embalming licenses and graduated as Valedictorian of her class. Terri, along with her husband Randy, established Central Funeral Home in Manchester after her licensure. She was also a member of Red Hill Church of Christ. Terri spent most of her time devoted to her late husband Randy Buckner and their funeral home, however in their spare time, they enjoyed traveling, searching for unique antiques, spending time with family, and helping their community in any way possible. Both were avid entertainers and inseparable together. Terri was a unique, intelligent, and interesting woman often taking pictures yet avoiding the camera herself, doing yard work such as mowing, and spending time with her dogs. She will be remembered by her loved ones as a generous, loving person who loved to love and be loved; a person with a quick wit and infectious laugh and smile. In her last years, similar to her late husband, Terri suffered a long battle with cancer and died peacefully in her home surrounded by family and friends. Central Funeral Home is serving the family, 931-723-7774, centralfuneralhome.com



Wendell Moore, age 79, passed away on June 20, 2021, in Greeneville, TN. Mr. Moore was licensed funeral director and embalmer at Anderson Funeral Home in Lafayette for several years before moving to Greeneville and joining Jeffers Funeral and Cremation Service where he remained for 22 years before his retirement.

Wendell D. Moore, 79, of Greeneville, formerly of Lafayette, passed away Sunday, June 20th, 2021, at Greeneville Community Hospital East. He is survived by his Daughter; Wendy Moore of Lawrenceville, GA; Son, David Moore of West Haven CT; Sister and Brother-in-Law, Hilda and Charles Hargis of Midwest City, Oklahoma; and Several Nieces and Nephews. A special thank you to caregiver and family friend, Ieisha Goode for her loving dedication for many years of providing care, friendship and family. Also, special thank you to Amedisys Hospice. Mr. Moore retired from Jeffers Funeral Service after 21 years serving as funeral director and embalmer. He was previously a funeral director and embalmer in Macon county, TN. He was preceded in death by his Wife, Jo Ella Moore; Parents, Boyd and Ruth Moore; Brother, Harold Moore; and Sister, Wilma Mays. Thoughts and memories may be shared with the family at www.jeffersmortuary.com. Jeffers Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

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