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We've Remodeled Our Funeral Home



If you have not been to our funeral home in the past several months, you would be in for quite a surprise. From the moment you walk in our front door you are greeted with beautiful new furnishings, flooring, window shutters, lighting, paint and artwork.

The overall theme for the building could be described as a Tommy Bahama décor. Its relaxed elegance is inviting yet upscale. Throughout the building the new wood flooring gives a true Southern charm. The flooring is accented by all new paint of pale green hues and relaxed Florida-style artwork.

The focal point of our newly designed lobby is the large fireplace, which was completely redone with creekstone natural stone. Placed beside the fireplace is a one-of-a-kind water feature. This hand created art has a beautifully painted butterfly mural which the water gently cascades over.

We are especially proud of our new large chapel. We replaced the stationary rows of seating with comfortable folding chairs which can be configured to suit large or small gatherings. Our new café-style coffee lounge is also new. By tearing down a wall between two offices, we were able to create a comfortable meeting space for coffee or other refreshments. The rich cocoa brown walls and intimate lighting give the feeling of sitting in your favorite coffee shop.

If you have not yet seen our new funeral home, please call us for a private tour. We would be happy and proud to show it to you.

Save the Dates 2015

Memorial Day Service
 Monday, May 25

September 11 Memorial Service
 Friday, September 11

Dr. Wolfelt Seminars
 Thursday & Friday October 29 & 30

Veterans Day Service
 Wednesday, November 11

Candlelight Service of Remembrance
 Wednesday, December 9



All our events are free and open for all to attend. Please watch our website for details on each upcoming event as it gets closer or feel free to call our office anytime for more information.

A Note From Our President



Keenan Knopke

I As the year draws to a close, I reflect back on the many wonderful events that have occurred in 2014. As I do so, I am filled with pride to be able to be a part of Curlew Hills Memory Gardens. As you read in this newsletter, we received two prestigious awards this year. The first, Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce Midsize Business of the Year, tells me that we are doing a good job in being a part of our community. We're not an huge out-of-state corporation that worries about its stock values. We're part of your neighborhood and we're proud of that.

Our second award from American Cemetery and Cremation Magazine is also a true honor. Winning such a prestigious national award is a wonderful confirmation of our commitment to excellence in family service as well as the pristine maintenance of our cemetery grounds.

I am truly proud we received these special recognitions. But even more than that, I am humbled that every day families entrust us with their loved ones at a time when caring, quality service really matters most. Now, that is something to be proud of.



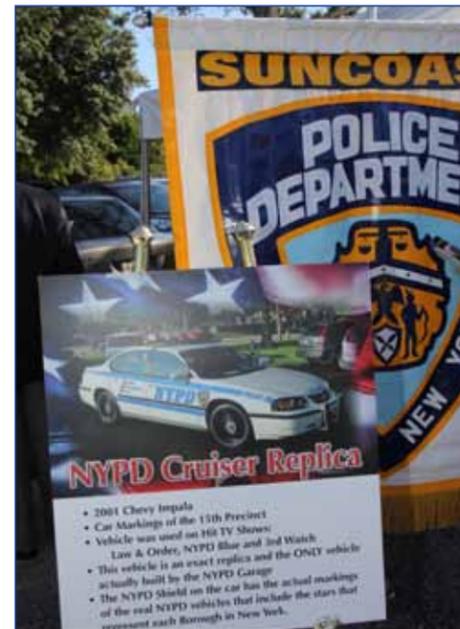
Grief expert Dr. Alan Wolfelt was the guest speaker at our 3rd Annual Community Grief Seminars in October. As in previous years, Dr. Wolfelt presented two community seminars, both of which are free and open to the public. The first event was held at North Bay Community Church and was entitled Touch Stones for Hope & Healing. This special program offered guests support in their own personal grief experience. The second seminar called Exploring the Value & Function of Grief Symptoms was held at Suncoast Hospice. Caregivers of all kinds attended this educational event. As always, both events were open to anyone searching for a message of hope and healing. Mark your calendars for next year's seminars with Dr. Wolfelt on October 29 & 30, 2015.

Veterans Day Service Honored Our Veterans

It was a lovely, sunny morning for our Veterans Day Service this year. Guests old and young gathered to pay tribute to our American veterans. Our special guest speaker was the one and only Congressman Gus Bilirakis. The amazing choir from Palm Harbor United Methodist Church once again thrilled the crowd with its beautiful patriotic music. New this year, we had the Blood Mobile onsite for guests interested in donating. All donors received a long-sleeved t-shirt.



Approximately 1500 guests attended our 9/11 Memorial Service. The event included the unveiling of our new memorial honoring the (74) law enforcement officers who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The list of officers includes Sirius, a Port Authority Police Department K-9, who was killed when the second tower collapsed. Master of Ceremonies News Anchor Reginald Roundtree led the program and introduced the special guest speaker Joe Graziano. Mr. Graziano is a retired FDNY 9/11 survivor and the sole survivor from his fire department. He gave an emotional presentation of his memories from that dark day.



Curlew Hills Named

Curlew Hills is thrilled to be named 2014 Midsize Business of the Year by the Greater Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce. This special honor came as great surprise at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner in October. Each year the Chamber awards a small, medium and large sized company a Business of the Year award to recognize outstanding firms in Palm Harbor. Curlew Hills takes great pride in receiving the medium sized business award for 2014.



Curlew Hills Wins "Runner Up" in National Cemetery Contest

The American Cemetery & Cremation Magazine named Curlew Hills as "Runner Up" in the 2014 American Cemetery Excellence Award. Curlew Hills was selected from numerous nationwide nominations. Criteria included "maintaining a high level of service and a commitment to families and the community." We are so proud of this incredible national honor and pledge to stay committed to serving our families with integrity and dignity.