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Join Us for A Free Luncheon Seminar

Because of the many inquiries we have had for additional seminars, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding more seminars in 2015. As always, our seminars are free and open to anyone who wishes to attend. They are strictly educational and no selling will take place.

The seminars will be held at your favorite nearby restaurants. Attendees will receive a delicious free lunch! Past locations have included Tiffany's Restaurant, Outback Steakhouse and Daddy's Grille. If there is a topic you would like us to cover or a restaurant location you'd like us to select, please call us anytime.

Please check our website or call us for time, topic and location. We hope to see you soon!



Seminars will be held at 11:30 a.m on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

- Wednesday, March 25
- Wednesday, April 22
- Wednesday, May 27
- Wednesday, June 24
- Wednesday, July 22
- Wednesday, August 26
- Wednesday, September 23



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Saturday, March 21
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Curlew Hills Memory Gardens is honored to present the "Remembering our Fallen" exhibit. This amazing national exhibit is a war memorial created to remember our country's Fallen from The War on Terror since the Twin Towers fell on September 11, 2001. We have the Florida exhibit, which features the names and photos of 304 soldiers from Florida who died from wounds suffered in the war zone while wearing our country's uniform.

"Unlike most war memorials made of brick and mortar, this exhibit is designed to travel so that more people can have the opportunity to remember our Fallen while being reminded of the tremendous cost of our freedom. Its legacy will be that these men and women will be remembered and their names will be spoken," comments exhibit creators Bill and Evonne Williams on their website.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with Congressman Gus Bilirakis 10:00 a.m.

A Note From Our President



Keenan Knopke

As we unveil our new website this month, I pause to consider how the use of technology has changed the funeral industry so greatly in the past decade. Like all businesses, technology has streamlined our office practices and quickened our ability to accomplish tasks.

The funeral industry is steeped in tradition. So, we are often slow to adapt to new technologies. That makes me feel especially proud of how much we as a company have embraced the use of new technology. For example, our counselors and funeral directors use iPads for family presentations. Large screen televisions are used for product viewing. In the renovations of our funeral home last year, we installed a state-of-the-art sound system and a digital sign-in registry book. And now, our new website is another extension of our commitment to use the latest technology to enhance our families' experience with us.

We certainly did not have such amazing technology available when I began in the funeral business many years ago. Perhaps that's why I appreciate the many positive ways we use technology. It gives me great pride knowing how much it helps our families at a time when they need it most.

We are so proud to announce that we have put together a Family Planning Guide for the families we serve. Often after someone experiences a loss, they ask themselves "What do I do now?" This valuable guide will help answer that question by providing information to help you after the loss of a loved one. This information covers what to do regarding credit cards, social security and insurance as well as resources on grief support and community outlets. If you would like a copy of this valuable free guide, just call our office and we'd be happy to give you one.



Check Out Our New Website

If you haven't been to our website lately, you are in for a pleasant surprise. We unveiled our new site this month and we are very proud of it. It features new graphics and easy, informative navigation so you can find what you need easily. It also has an upgraded online obituary section which allows you to upload photos, condolences and memorial candles with ease. Be sure to check it out and let us know what you think!

Our own Keenan Knopke proudly received a beautiful plaque in February from the Gene Okane Division Of FDNY Retired for all that he and Curlew Hills have done to "Keep alive the memory of the 343 firemen who tragically lost their lives at the World Trade Center on 9-11." Keenan was truly honored by the recognition and we at Curlew Hills vow to Never Forget.



From left to right, they are: Joe O'Daly, Mike Nilsson (with the hat on), Jim Barry, Division President Paul Ryan, Keenan Knopke, Recording Secretary Rich Miccio, & Division Vice President Louis Kikis.

Facebook Now Allows a Legacy Contact



Facebook announced in February that it will now allow its 1.35 billion users to decide what will happen to their accounts when they die. You can now assign a friend or family member to take over your Facebook profile when you die.

The often requested feature allows you to choose a Facebook friend to be a "legacy contact," who will serve as a kind of executor of your social network page. The friend can post information on your behalf (such as funeral details), respond to new friend requests and update your profile photo.

To turn over access to a legacy contact, Facebook still requires people to request that a profile be memorialized, asking them to prove that a person has died.

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, March 21

Remembering
Our Fallen Heroes Event
9:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14
K-9 Memorial Service
4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 25
30th Annual
Memorial Day Service
9:30 a.m.