

PICTURES & MEMENTOS

Many families wish to display family photographs during the visitation and service. We have both free-standing and table easels available. We also have display boards with magnetic picture corners so that you may arrange your own collage without tape or pins. Most families find it convenient to come a little early and personally arrange the pictures.

Additionally, we have electronic display screens which automatically scroll through your pictures.



You may also wish to bring personal items representing interests like hobby and crafts or tools from the business or work life of the deceased. We have a variety of tables that you can utilize to display these items.

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CANDLES

For ages candles have been lighted in remembrance of loved ones. Friends and relatives calling at your services have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a life lived.



CANDLELITE SERVICE

Candelabra's are available to softly light your visitation or service

MEMORY CANDLES

Votive candles are available to be individually lit by friends and relatives



Votive candles in your choice of red, green, amber, blue, or white can be placed on stands in the front of the funeral home chapel for friends and relatives to light.

You may hold a candlelight service or visitation with our antique candelabra's spaced about the chapel and your floral arrangements



light a candle . . . in memory

We invite you to light a candle as a symbol of your thoughts and prayers.

PIANO - ORGAN

If you desire live music for your service, our facility has an organ and a piano available. You may provide your own musician or we can contact one for you.

Additionally, you may wish to consider a vocalist; again we can assist you.

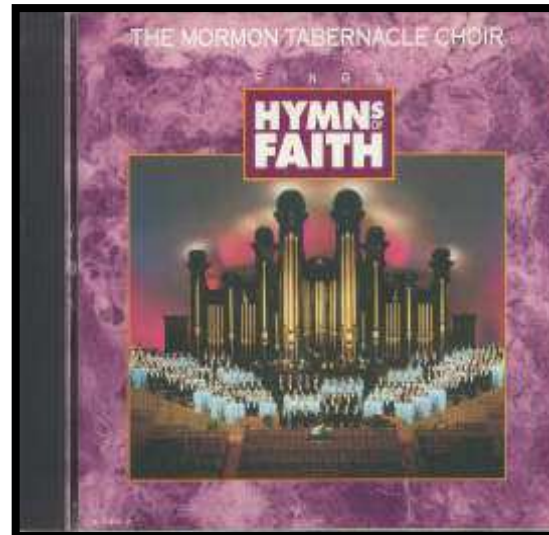


RECORDED CD

During calling hours it is our suggestion that music quietly fill the silence in the background throughout the funeral home. When you first arrive and the funeral home is empty, you may notice the music rather than be ill at ease with the stark silence.

Once callers arrive and people begin talking, you probably will not even be able to hear the music. For your selection, we have assembled six different general albums to personalize your visitation time. You may wish to select a favorite type of music in memory of the deceased or simply pick a type members of your family can relate to. In addition, if you have any favorite recordings that you feel would be appropriate, please let us know and we can make arrangements to have them played as background music.

HYMNS



We have a vast collection of traditional and modern hymns that can be played as part of your service. An opening and closing hymn can add much to the service and a signature piece played in the middle of the service can personalize your service.

SOUND SYSTEM

Our facility is available with a state-of-the-art sound system. Besides providing a level and equal sound of the officiates voice throughout, the system also has portable hearing assistance devices for the hearing impaired. We also have the ability to record your entire service.



Light classics featuring piano, strings, clarinet, flute, & oboe.

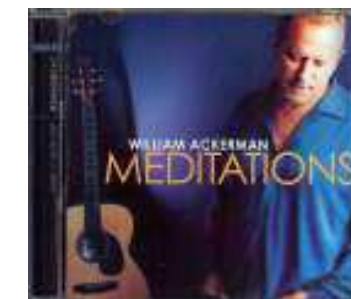
We have an extensive library of recorded hymns and other appropriate music. You may use our collection or provide your own CD's for visitation or the service.



Traditional hymns expressing spirituality & grace on piano & strings.



Mellow evening jazz creating an elegant quiet mood.



Melodic guitar selections accompanied with cello, violin & horn.



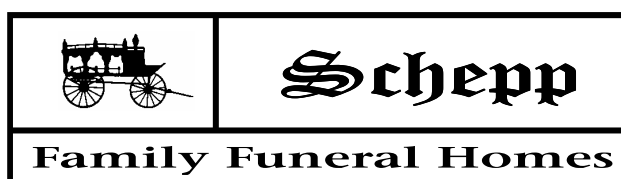
A moonlight serenade of big band selections for a sentimental journey.

PERSONALIZE

We offer many different options to customize most caskets, urns, or outer enclosures you select. Some items have more options than others. Rather than settle for a "standard" selection, you have the opportunity to personalize with different colors, styles, & engravings; many at no additional charge.



URN PERSONALIZATION *names, dates, designs*



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VAULT PERSONALIZATION *names, dates, designs*

CASKET PERSONALIZATION *interior colors & styles panels, corners, & engraving*

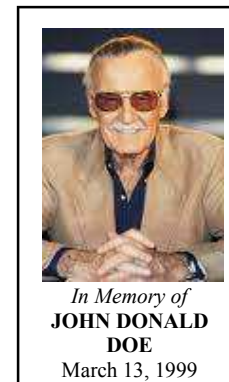


PRINTED MEMORIALS

We can provide practically any printed memorial that you can imagine. We offer register books personally engraved with important information regarding a life lived.

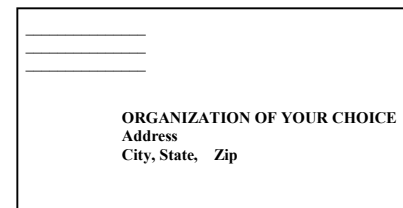


Remembrance books for callers to record their memories can be available during calling hours.

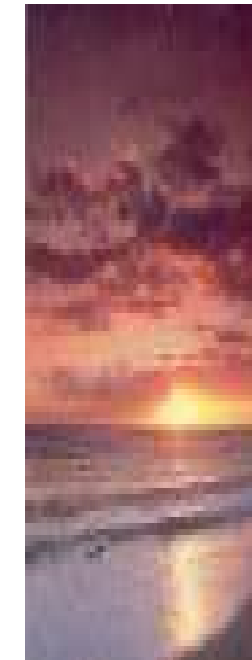
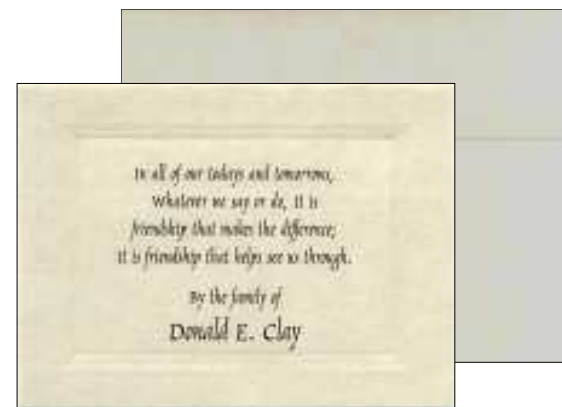


For your selection, we provide over 35 different prayer cards, memorial folders, and service bulletins in various themes from traditional religious to natural scenic designs. These may be customized with any verse and personal photographs.

Contribution envelopes can be printed & located next to the register to ease the process of donations.



We custom engrave your thank-you notes with any verse of your choice and include self-sealing envelopes.



Any of these items along with obituaries may be permanently laminated in plastic to preserve them.

AUTOMOBILES

On the day of the service, one detail that needs attention will be the immediate family's transportation. As part of our standard service we provide a complimentary limousine for your convenience.

At your discretion, you may select to have the limousine arrive at the family home, drive you to the funeral home or other location for the service, to the interment, and be dropped off back home or any other location of your choice (reception facility, etc.).

Besides the family limousine that we provide, others may be ordered from area livery services at prevailing rates.

Beyond the hearse and limousine, we also provide two sedans to provide transportation for the pall bearers and the clergy. A separate vehicle is available to transport floral tributes to the cemetery, your residence, or area care facilities. All of these vehicles are provided for less than most funeral homes charge for just the hearse.



HEARSE
S&S "Victoria"
professional hearse with extended table
easing the pall bearers duty



FAMILY LIMOUSINE
seats 6-8 comfortably
(3 each in rear & middle seats
2 in front with driver)



LEAD/CLERGY/BEARER CARS
Transportation is provided for the clergy and pall bearers should they desire it; this vehicle also leads the procession and assists in controlling traffic

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FLOWER CAR
A ceremonial vehicle to transport flowers to the cemetery as part of the funeral procession



VINTAGE VEHICLES

Additionally, exclusively at our funeral homes, we offer vintage antique professional automobiles.

We have assembled a restored collection of classic professional cars including a 1928 Buick hearse, a 1931 Cadillac Imperial limousine, a 1924 Packard touring car, and a 1930 Ford Model A Phaeton. For those who desire “something special” from yesteryear, we offer these vehicles at no additional cost from our “modern” equipment.



1924 OPEN TOURING CAR

A restored 1924 “Packard” touring car with seating for 6 passengers



1931 LIMOUSINE

A restored 1931 “Cadillac Imperial” limousine with seating for 6 passengers



1928 HEARSE

A restored 1928 “Buick Flxible” hearse



1930 OPEN PHAETON

A restored 1930 “Ford Model A” with seating for 4 passengers



(please note these vehicles are only for local processions and will not be used during in climate weather)

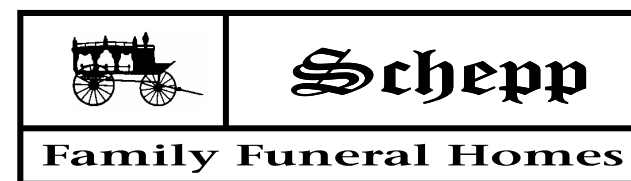


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HORSE-DRAWN HEARSE

Another unique offering you may wish to consider is our horse-drawn hearse from the late 1800's. The hearse may be used at no additional charge, however local stables charge for the use of their horses.

*(we reserve the right to limit its use during inclement weather
and there is a limit to the distance it may travel)*



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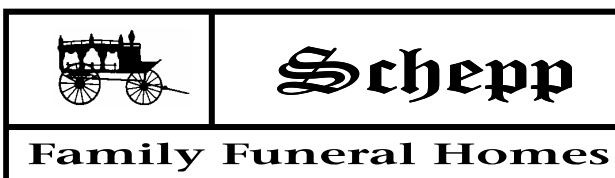
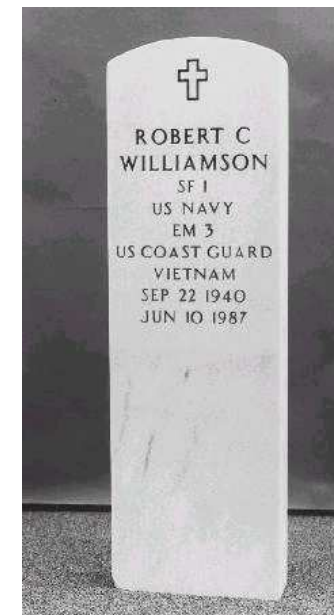
MILITARY HONORS

The Armed Services of the United States will provide representatives as a burial detail for eligible veterans. Each branch usually provides a full detail for active duty or retired officers.

For veterans who only served a few years, regardless whether it was during wartime, representatives from Fort Drum will be present to present the flag and play "Taps" (a recorded CD).

As part of our standard service, we will make all of the arrangements for you; all you need do is provide us with a copy of the honorable discharge.

Even should you decide not to have honors, each veteran is entitled to a flag and a headstone. Again, as part of our standard service, we will process all of the applications for you.



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COMMITTAL OPTIONS

COMMITTAL MUSIC



BAGPIPER

standing in place at the cemetery or can lead the walk to the grave

Music doesn't have to be confined to the funeral home or the church. Many times we have seen a lone bagpiper creating the sad tones of "Amazing Grace" or "Going Home" in movies or at televised funerals for fallen firemen and policemen. It is a long established tradition to have "Taps" intoned at the conclusion of a service for those who served in the armed services.



BUGLER

in place of recorded "Taps" usually provided by the military

We can assist you in locating musicians to provide these services. If available, a bagpiper can be present at the cemetery when we arrive for the committal service. Though the military will provide a tape recording of "Taps", you may wish to have us locate a bugler to play a live rendition.



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FLOWERS

The long established custom in our area has been to visit a local florist so that they can explain all of the arrangements that are possible with flowers that are available at the time. There are still some family-owned flower shops in our area. If you would find it more convenient, we can coordinate your floral order with a florist of your choice.

There are many different designs available from baskets and sprays to specialized creations like floral pillows and religious arrangements.

Another option would be to have individual flowers handed out to each person attending the committal service at the cemetery; we can either pull flowers from the arrangements sent to the funeral home or you may purchase a grouping from a florist. As part of our standard service, we will deliver any flowers left after the service to any local destination of your choice including your residence, local nursing homes, or churches.



CREMATION

When cremation is selected, we have a variety of options available. For those who wish to simply substitute cremation for burial, we can provide a “ceremonial” casket which you rent from us rather than purchase a casket; you then preserve all of your options for traditional visitation and service

For those who prefer options to traditional preparations of the remains, we are one of the few funeral homes who offer refrigeration as an alternative. If you opt for cremation followed by a memorial service, yet still wish to have cemetery committal services, we have a “funeral ark” which allows the use of pall bearers and the procession to the cemetery.

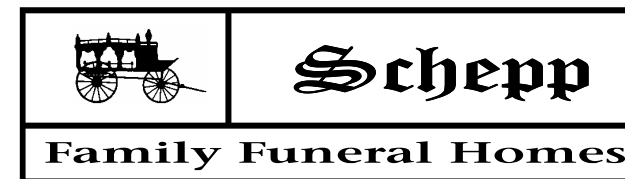
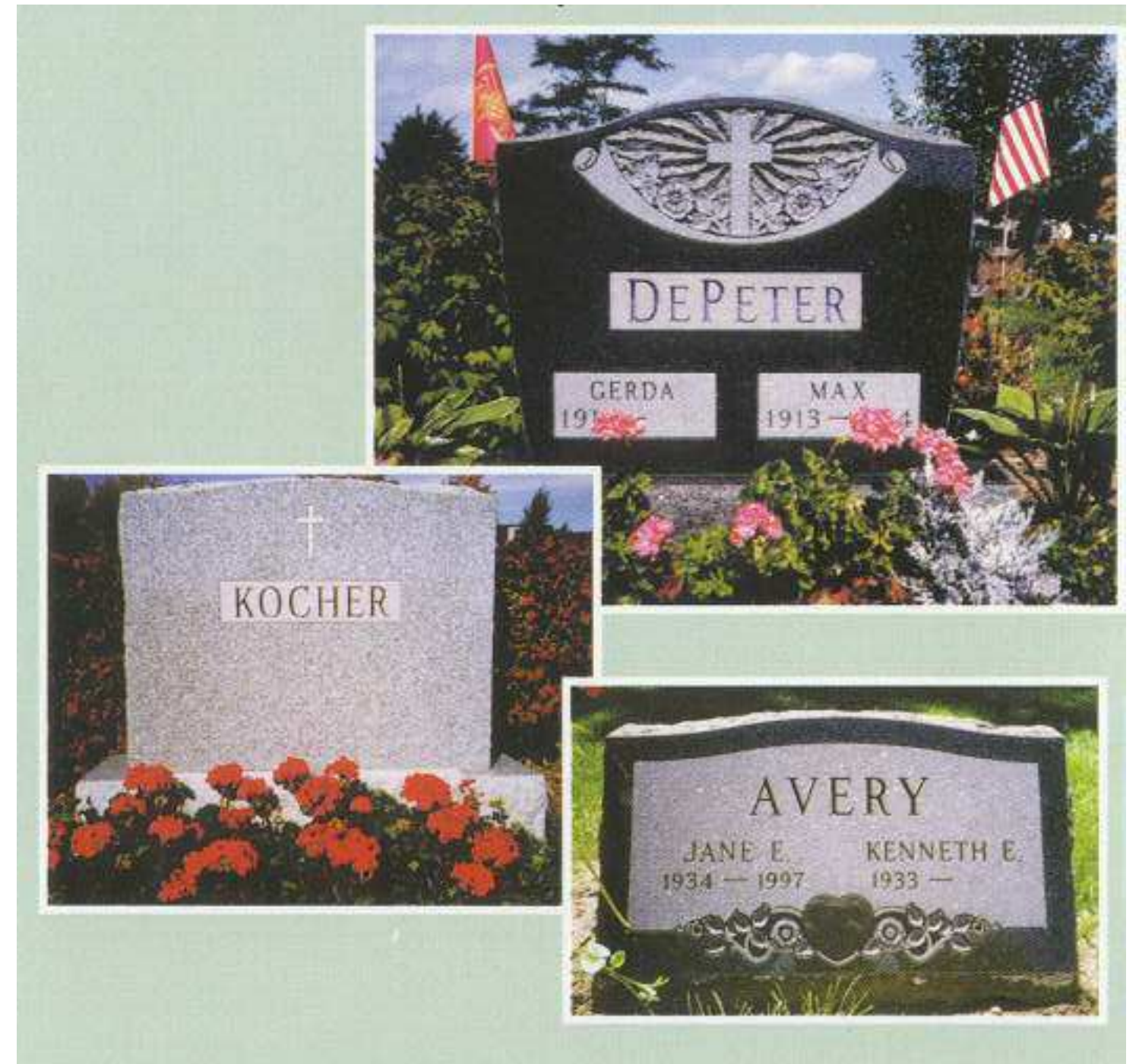


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MONUMENTS

We can assist you in designing a permanent memorial in the cemetery. We have a working relationship with one of Syracuse's oldest family-owned monument dealers, Karl Lutz in Eastwood.

We will either work directly with you in duplicating existing monuments and creating simple designs, or arrange a meeting where you can talk directly with their professional designers.



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