



# The Community

NEWSLETTER

A Family Serving Families Worldwide Since 1980

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## Letter from Deana Levett

When my parents opened Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. in 1980 they didn't expect my brothers and I to join the family business. We all chose this career because of our personal interest in serving the community. With different roles in the company, that allows us to bring new ideas and innovative products. We constantly meet as a family, and with our staff, to see what we can do to be more efficient. We realized that cremation was becoming more of a common practice, and we wanted to ensure the highest level of care to the families who selected this service. In 2009 we purchased our own crematorium, but Mr. Levett decided to create a new company that solely focused on the needs of families who only wanted cremation services. In 2015 Cremation Care of Georgia was opened. Families are ensured not only the highest standards of care, comfort and accountability, but also the peace-of-mind that your loved ones' cremation will be completed by our company, not a third-party. Nearly all other funeral homes subcontract. Your loved one never leaves our cremation center, so no one but our own licensed staff will care for them. We handle every aspect of the process. With our "open door" policy, drop by anytime and we will be proud to give you a private tour. We will continue to raise the standard of caring for families in need with first class service, for generations to come.

## WHAT IS CREMATION?



*The Lincoln family is having a complete service followed by cremation.*

The practice of cremation dates back to ancient times. Today it is more common in western Europe and Japan than in the United States and Canada. However, the number of people in the U.S. and Canada selecting cremation as the form of final disposition has risen significantly during the past few years.

If you are considering cremation, you may want to know more about the process and the many services available to you. It is simply the process of reducing the body to bone fragments through the application of intense heat. Over a period of two to three hours the body is transformed to a state of small skeletal fragments and

ash, similar to the consistency of sand. The cremated remains of an average adult weigh from three to seven pounds. They are generally placed in a temporary container by the crematory until the decision as to the final method of disposition of the cremated remains is decided.



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# CAN THERE BE CEREMONIES WHEN CREMATION IS CHOSEN?

Certainly. Cremation does not limit your choices, but increases the options available to you. It in no way eliminates a funeral. Optional services or ceremonies may precede or follow the actual cremation. Prior to the cremation there may be a visitation and/or funeral ceremony with the casketed body present. If a ceremony or service is conducted following cremation, the receptacle containing the cremated remains may be the focal point of the ceremony. This receptacle is most commonly an urn, which is taken to its final resting place following this ceremony.

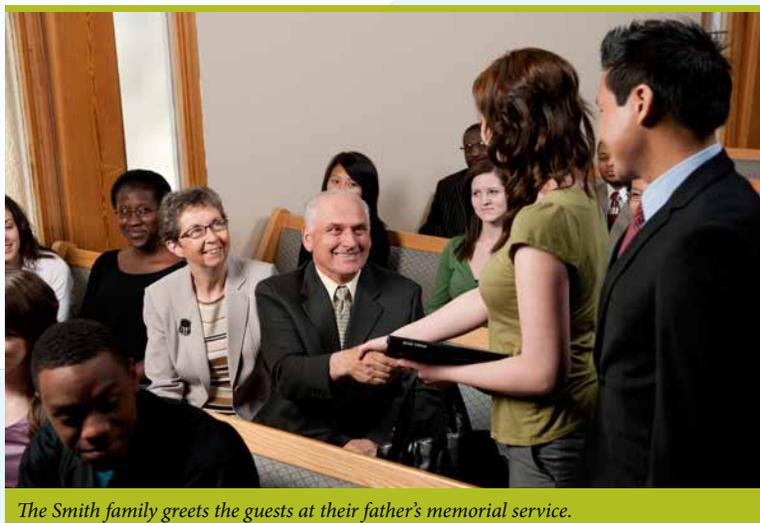
Regardless of the order of events, it is for the benefit of the living that arrangements for a ceremony are made.

Viewing the body of the deceased can help bereaved persons begin to overcome grief by more readily accepting the fact that a death has occurred. Funeral ceremonies also have value in offering family and friends an opportunity to honor their loved one.

Today, a ceremony may be personalized to reflect a spe-

cific interest or hobby of the deceased. It may highlight one's occupation or ethnic background and therefore, hold special meaning for those present.

The funeral ceremony whether the deceased are present or not recognizes the final event in a person's life and offers loved ones a chance to say a last goodbye.



The Smith family greets the guests at their father's memorial service.



## Testimonial

“ When my mother passed her wishes were to be cremated. I was very apprehensive about the cremation process. I was referred to Cremation Care of Georgia by a friend who helped me understand the difference between a company who uses third party crematories, and a company who actually invested in their own crematory. Cremation Care of Georgia is family owned, and it shows with how they do business. I am forever grateful for the reasonable cost, the warmth and kindness from the staff, and especially the beautifully organized memorial service that allowed us to peacefully celebrate my mother's life. I will forever cherish those memories. Thank you Cremation Care of Georgia!” ”

## PREPLANNING IS ESSENTIAL.

Making funeral arrangements in advance can provide the peace of mind that all details have been taken care of in a way that is satisfying to oneself and one's survivors. A family discussion combined with the

counsel of a funeral service professional can assure that everyone involved feels comfortable with the arrangements. Certainly we all would prefer that our loved ones be able to say afterward, “I'm glad we

did” rather than “I wish we had.” Preplanning can help accomplish this goal.



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