

PROMOTIONAL FEATURE

# Funk Funeral Home is oldest running in Bristol

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**BRISTOL** — Funk Funeral Home has been serving the city of Bristol for 154 years. “We’re experts at preplanning and helping families plan a meaningful tribute,” said Christopher Duhaime, president and managing partner, noting that the establishment is Bristol’s oldest running funeral home.

Duhaime said his father, Ronald, purchased Funk in 1980 and remains active in the business to this day. Ronald has about 50 years of experience in the funeral industry.

Duhaime, who has been in the industry for 32 years, said Funk Funeral Home is family-run and provides a personal touch to their services. Memorials are done out of an original Victorian home located at 35 Bellevue Ave.

Funk’s funeral directors include Duhaime, his mother and father, Emilie and Ronald, Monique Hetzler, and Elizabeth Cole. The staff has patience and is helpful when offering suggestions, Duhaime said. “You have to have a lot of compassion to do what we

do,” he said. “It’s all about families trusting who’s caring for their loved one.”

Funk Funeral can offer any type of memorial service, whether it be burial or cremation. They have two large rooms to accommodate these services.

Duhaime said he believes Funk Funeral Home provides more services for Bristol families than another other funeral home in the city, something he believes is a testament to the quality they deliver.

Duhaime is a third generation funeral director.

In 1990, the Duhaimes purchased the Duhaime Funeral Home, which was located at 250 West St. The Duhaime Funeral Home was established by Ronald’s parents, Edgar F. and Dorothy M. Duhaime in 1950. The Duhaime business was moved to the Funk location at Bellevue Avenue.

In 1996, the Duhaime family affiliated with Carriage Services of Connecticut, a small group of high-quality, first-class funeral homes. By doing so, the Duhaimes obtained stock ownership in Carriage Services, giving them access to extensive resources and support while continuing to maintain their independent



Christopher Duhaime, president and managing partner of Funk Funeral Home.

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operation of the business. Since 1996, there have been remodeling and renovation projects to the facility, along with an additional land purchase to double the size of their parking lot. With the expanded parking facility, a six

passenger cart was purchased to accommodate the handicapped and elderly. “Our hallmark is our service, and we must continue to provide world class service to the families that we are honored to serve,” said Duhaime. “In

2009, for the comfort of our families, we installed a full service generator which will accommodate our full facility in case of loss of power.”

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