

Every Life is Worth Remembering

Erickson-Smith Funeral Home is proud to be one of the only funeral homes in our area to offer three funeral celebrants on staff.



Creating a Legacy One Story at a Time

What are In-Sight Institute Certified Celebrants?

- Over 2100 individuals from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Trinidad, Guatemala & the Philippines have been trained to provide unique, individualized services.
- In-Sight Institute Certified Celebrants meet with the family to gather the stories and listen to the memories. The funeral experience is built around these stories.
- In-Sight Institute Certified Celebrants spend 8 to 10 hours preparing a Celebrant funeral experience and act as a partner with the funeral director to create a funeral or memorial service that fits the family and encourages healthy grieving.
- In-Sight Institute Certified Celebrants are prepared to create a Life Tribute that fits the person who died and his/her family. These services are not only personalized but also individualized.
- In-Sight Institute Certified Celebrants present funerals in parks, gardens, beaches, mountains, boats, homes, funeral home chapels... whatever best meets the needs of the family.

Who Needs a Celebrant?

- Families who identify themselves as "Spiritual But Not Religious"
- Families who do not have a minister or church affiliation
- Families who want a unique, personalized service
- Families who want a Life Tribute experience the evening before a liturgical service

Statistics

- According to the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, one in five Americans claim no religious identity. (*Aggregated data from surveys conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People & Press, 2007-2012. Number of respondents: 9,443 in 2007 and 17,010 in 2012.*)
- This group, called "nones," is now the second largest category after Catholics, and outnumbers the top Protestant denomination, the Southern Baptists.
- One in three (32%) of the population under the age of thirty is unaffiliated and unlikely to age into claiming a religion (*USA Today 10/9/12*).
- There are more people over the age of 65 in our population than teenagers. The number of Americans over 65 is expected to grow by 2030 to 65 million; nine million will be over 85, compared with four million today.

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