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**GEORGE DARTE FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL**
SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1911

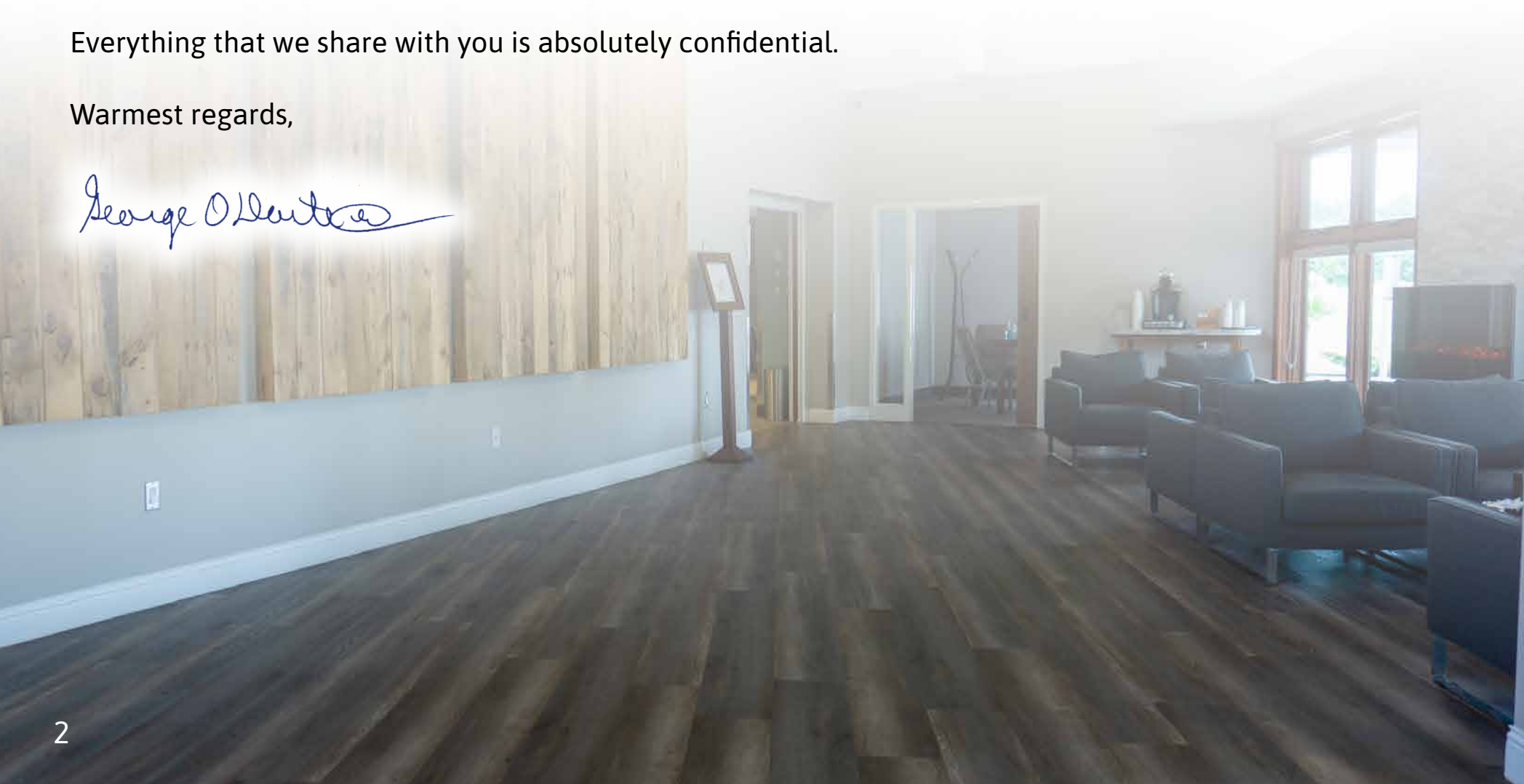


Welcome To Our Funeral Home

I am sending you some information for you and any other family members to think about. It has suggestions and questions for you to consider. I am also including Dr. Alan Wolfelt's (a worldwide leader in death education) 10 Freedoms for Creating a Meaningful Funeral as well as information on a Eulogy.

Everything that we share with you is absolutely confidential.

Warmest regards,



Who are we?

In 1911, John Patterson, a builder of the Welland Canal, began a funeral business in Welland with his two sons, Harold and Gerald. John also partnered with his son-in-law, George Dante, and opened a funeral home in Port Colborne. By 1927, George Dante sold the business in Port Colborne and moved to St. Catharines.

In 1972, George O. Dante III, received his funeral directors license and carried on the family business as the fourth generation of funeral professionals. In 1977, George's brother, Patrick Dante, received his license and joined the firm.

In 1979, George decided to build the George Dante Funeral Chapel Inc. on Carlton Street. In 1990, an extensive funeral home addition was added, more than doubling the size to 22,000 square feet. Then in 2015, an 18,000 square foot addition was added, incorporating many new design elements designed to help the families we serve.

In 1998, Patrick sold his business to a funeral home chain. As of that date, George Dante Funeral Chapel Inc. became the only locally owned, independent funeral home in St. Catharines. We are able to compete successfully with corporate funeral home chains due to our unique family owned and operated approach.



George Dante - Owner
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Burial Arrangement Options

For your convenience, we have created three arrangement options for our families to choose from. Any of our options can be customized to suit the needs of your family.

A) Funeral Ceremony with Two Day Visitation

Professional services of funeral event planners; support staff and assistants; initial transfer from place of death; basic (non-embalming) preparation and embalming of your loved one; facilities and/or equipment including personal care suite, visitation room, ceremony room and/or gathering space before leaving for church for ceremony; documentation; transportation including general duty vehicles, clergy/lead car and funeral hearse.

As above with visitation for up to 12 hours

(2 days maximum) prior to funeral ceremony at the funeral home.....\$

As above with visitation for up to 12 hours

(2 days maximum) prior to funeral ceremony off-site; includes private gathering time the morning of the funeral before processing to a church or other off-site location.....\$

B) Funeral Ceremony with One Day Visitation C) Direct Burial

Professional services of funeral event planners; support staff and assistants; initial transfer from place of death; basic (non-embalming) preparation and embalming of your loved one; facilities and/or equipment including personal care suite, visitation room, ceremony room and/or gathering space before leaving for church for ceremony; documentation; transportation including general duty vehicles, clergy/lead car and funeral hearse.

As above with visitation for up to 6 hours

(1 day maximum) prior to funeral ceremony at the funeral home.....\$

As above with visitation for up to 6 hours

(1 day maximum) prior to funeral ceremony off-site; includes private gathering time the morning of the funeral before processing to a church or other off-site location.....\$

n C) Direct Burial

Professional services of funeral event planners; support staff and assistants; initial transfer from place of death; basic (non-embalming) preparation; facilities and/or equipment including personal care suite; documentation; transportation including general duty vehicles, and funeral hearse.

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As above with private family gathering time at the funeral home before processing to the cemetery.....\$

As above with embalming of your loved one and private family gathering time at the funeral home before processing to the cemetery.....\$

Burial Options at a Glance

| | TWO DAY VISITATION | ONE DAY VISITATION | DIRECT BURIAL |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| PACKAGE ITEMS | | | |
| Professional Services | | | |
| Coordinating Activities, Rites, Ceremonies | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Support Staff Services | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Licensed Staff Services for Ceremony | \$ | \$ | - |
| Staff Services for Gathering – \$/period | \$ | \$ | - |
| Documentation – permits, forms, etc. | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Embalming | \$ | \$ | - |
| Basic Body Preparation | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Facilities | | | |
| Facilities Basic Charge | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Facilities for Ceremony – \$/room | \$ | \$ | - |
| Facilities for Visitation – \$/room/period | \$ | \$ | - |
| Facilities for Prep/Embalming/Shelter | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Motor Vehicles | | | |
| Transfer of Deceased & Admin. Services | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Clergy/Lead Vehicle | \$ | \$ | - |
| Funeral Hearse | \$ | \$ | \$ |
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| Basic Cost before disbursements, merchandise, optional services & HST | \$ | \$ | \$ |



Making it Personal

Even the smallest touch can make a big difference in personalizing your funeral services. There is no right or wrong when it comes to remembering your loved one and honouring their life, accomplishments, and individuality.

Personalization isn't just about marking your loved one's individuality. It also allows family and friends to feel comforted by the tribute ceremony and experience their connection to the life being honoured. A memorable and meaningful tribute service can be an important part of the healing process for those who are coping with a loss. We work closely with you to get to know your loved one's life story and consider ways to represent your bond and pay tribute to their unique journey.

Here are a few ideas for your ceremony:

Dove or Butterfly Release

We will coordinate this symbolic ceremony. Releasing doves or butterflies is often done at the end of a funeral or graveside service. The butterfly is a symbol of the resurrection, and the dove a symbol of the human soul. Releasing butterflies or doves is not only a touching ceremony, but a wonderful and memorable way to include young children in the funeral ceremony.

Memory Collages and Precious Memories DVD Tribute

We can provide memory boards for the display of snapshot photos and other memorabilia. These encourage conversations of special times and happy memories and provide a valuable time together for the family as they prepare the tribute. We can create a meaningful slideshow tribute of your loved one. Images of a lifetime are brought together in a format for the entire family to enjoy.

Special Music

Everyone has a special song or piece of music that carries deep associations and memories. We can play your recorded music (we'll find it for you if you don't have it), or arrange a live performance. Live musical tributes can include bagpipers, buglers, harpists, organists, pianists or a soloist, to name a few.

A Fitting Send-off

We have arranged for and encourage families to display personal mementos of a life well lived for the visitation and services that include golf clubs, motorcycles, fishing tackle, rowing shell, lacrosse sticks, hockey gear, sports teams sweaters, and many other fitting send offs.



Casket Selection

The value, selection and cost of caskets are affected by a number of factors such as materials of construction, design details and personalization features. Basically there are two types of caskets – wood and metal.

The two main purposes of a casket are to provide the primary protection of the deceased in burial, and to act as a focal point during the farewell tribute. Therefore, choosing the right casket for yourself or a loved one is a very personal decision.



METAL CASKETS (SUITABLE FOR BURIAL ONLY)

Those who choose metal caskets typically value the protective qualities they offer, as well as the various colours, styles and ornamentation options available.



WOOD CASKETS (SUITABLE FOR BURIAL OR CREMATION)

Wood caskets can either be of solid construction, or made of select wood veneers. Most people who choose a wood casket do so because of the warmth and beauty of the wood. In fact, no two wood caskets are identical, since the graining patterns are unique to each one.



Aegean Copper *by Batesville*

Non-rusting Copper, 32 oz.
Champagne Velvet Interior
Not Suitable for Cremation
Protective

147935 \$



Seville Walnut *by Batesville*

Solid Walnut
Champagne Velvet Interior
Non-protective

148257 \$



Langdon Cherry *by Batesville*

Solid Cherry
Champagne Velvet Interior
Non-protective

148236 \$



Sacramento Maple *by Batesville*

Maple Veneer
Champagne Velvet Interior
Non-protective

205164 \$



Cameron Oak *by Batesville*

Oak Veneer
Champagne Velvet Interior
Non-protective

202513 \$



Woodhaven Pecan *by Batesville*

Pecan Veneer
Champagne Velvet Interior
Non-protective

205162 \$