

## **Kennedy Funeral Home**

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Harry R. Rogers started this funeral business in 1914. Carlton F. Kennedy purchased the business in 1965 and changed the name to Rogers and Kennedy Funeral Home presently known as Kennedy Funeral Home.

A tradition of service for over 97 years, Kennedy Funeral Home is a familiar business involved in Greene, NY and the surrounding communities. We have built our name on a foundation of honesty, trust and the desire to service families the way we would like to be served. Change is an ongoing happening. We are knowledgeable of the unique funeral customs for all faiths. By adding personal mementos of the deceased we can create a personalized funeral for loved ones.

Our facilities are homelike. Our family rooms - where families can greet relatives and friends who come to pay respect - are large and bright. We have smaller rooms ideal for private conversations, moments of reflection or for children to unwind.

Our casket selection includes a variety of hardwoods - mahogany, maple, oak, cherry, pine or pecan - and 16, 18 or 20 gauge steel. The interior casket comes in a selection of colors and made of velvet or crepe. If the family wishes, a commemorative panel located in the lid of the casket can be added. This panel provides a personal way to highlight a loved one's interests, hobbies, organizational emblems or favorite past times. A family relationship panel - Mother, Mom, Father or Dad - can also be purchased. A casket with a memory shelf to display special keepsakes is available. If needed an oversized casket can be purchased.

Cremation is an alternative to a traditional funeral. During the cremation process intense heat is used to reduce human remains into small bone fragments. This takes place in a chamber known as a cremation retort. After cremation these bone fragments are further reduced to a fine powdery form, known as the cremated remains or ashes. Most Christian denominations do not object to cremations, however, traditional Jewish and Islamic law prohibits cremations as a form of disposing. Since 1963 Roman Catholic rules regarding cremation have been liberalized. They now allow a funeral mass to be said before cremation if the body is present in the church. They also allow a mass after cremation with or without the cremated remains in the church. The next of kin has legal authority to decide what to do with the ashes. The ashes may be removed from the crematory's container and placed in a decorative urn. This urn may be entered in a grave in a cemetery or a special building. Families may choose to divide the cremations among family members. Some type of a rigid container for the ashes may be necessary due to sanitary reasons. We have a large variety of urns for you to choose from. Or a family may spread or scatter the remains in a garden, lake or a special place that has meaning to their loved one.

Kennedy Funeral Home has been a long time member of the New York State Funeral Directors Association, Inc. This organization promotes legislation that is of value to you the consumer in the State of New York.

If one has funeral arrangements spelled out in their will please remember wills are read after a funeral. You need to Pre-Plan your funeral so your family will know your preferences. Pre-Planning saves your family questions best answered by you. It is best to leave them guidelines.

Pre-plan is a New York Trust administered by the New York State Funeral Directors Association, Inc., a New York Corporation. New York law provides that all monies paid into the Pre-Plan account will be held in trust for the person depositing the funds. Pre arrangements may be easily changed to another funeral home if one should move out of the area. Pre-Planning for a funeral at today's prices is certainly an advantage. Call us for information about Pre-Planning. You'll be glad you did.

The obituary, a public notice of someone's death, may be written by the family or the funeral director.

Our years of service have allowed us to gain a wide range of information and understanding of many different programs of great value to the families we serve. Our basic service includes counseling about social security, SSI, veteran benefits, insurance and medicare/medicaid.

When selecting a funeral home there are many obvious considerations - service, costs, facility and convenience. The decision of having a memorial service, a graveside service or none at all is based on what is important and wanted by the family.

One has enough to think about without worrying about costs. We offer a variety of service options at many different costs so one can choose within one's budget. Whatever your decision our staff will be pleased to serve you.

Volunteers are always needed and necessary in our community. Our staff can be seen volunteering along with their neighbors. We continue to co-sponsor a Lions Club softball team, as well as support The Chenango River Theatre and the Greater Greene Chamber of Commerce. Our contributions to the youth activities at Greene Central School be it musical programs, plays, sports or club activities are always welcome. Kennedy Funeral Home also supports the Greene Emergency Squad, the Greene Fire Department, the Smithville Flats Fire Department, the Brisben Fire Department, the SPCA, Green Community Services, Inc as well as the Cancer Organization.

We are an independent and privately owned funeral business. Our genealogical records date back to 1914. Our facilities are handicap accessible. Give us a call at (607) 656-7714 or (607) 656-9389 or visit us to discuss your wants and needs. If it is more convenient, we will come to your home. Remember we are right in Greene just two blocks north of the traffic light at 21 North Chenango Street. A big white house with a welcoming sign.