

Wylie
Funeral Homes, P.A.

A Guide to Celebrating Life
and Preplanning



Dear Friends



My father, Albert P. Wylie, established our funeral home in Baltimore, Maryland in 1993. Today we're one of Maryland's most preferred family-owned funeral service providers. Unlike large chains focused on investors and shareholders, we believe our reputation is our most important asset. We earn your confidence by combining meaningful and memorable experiences with flawless service. Our arrangement and service professionals are specially selected and trained to gently guide you and those you care about most through the critical first steps of this journey. We serve all of Baltimore and surrounding counties with locations in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Our Baltimore location is located 5 minutes from downtown and within 2 miles of interstates 95 and 295 and our Baltimore County location is just 3 miles from interstate 695, providing convenient access.

We are proud to offer the widest range of options and prices to meet every family's need as cost is often one of the first things families will inquire about. While price is important, what most people really want to know at this most difficult time is, "Are you someone I can TRUST?" and "Is this funeral home worthy of caring for my loved one?" We encourage you to visit us and compare. I know our facilities and our team of caring professionals will impress you. Whether planning in advance as a gift to those you care about most or at the time of need, we are here for you any hour of the day or night. Choose quality. Choose value. Choose Wylie Funeral Homes. Your family will be grateful you did.

Our Family Serving Your Family,

Brandon M. Wylie

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A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together. The hand on the left is older, with visible wrinkles and a lighter skin tone. The hand on the right is younger, with smoother skin and a darker skin tone. They are set against a bright, out-of-focus background that appears to be a sky or a body of water. The lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the texture of the skin.

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The Importance of Ceremony

Family and community supporting one another

Bringing family and friends together at a time of loss is common; most of us long for the comfort of companionship during life's difficult moments. Creating a ceremony gives shape, voice and color to our feelings and satisfies our innate desire to honor those we love. A ceremony, uniquely designed to celebrate the life journey of

your loved one, is the first step in healing for your circle of family and friends and is a gift to everyone who participates. There are many ways to honor one's life. In fact, your choices are limited only by your imagination. Here are two important things to reflect upon: the ceremony itself and whether you choose burial or cremation.

Traditional Funeral Services

Traditional Services Offered in a Unique Way



A traditional funeral service denotes the physical presence of the body at the service and involves three primary components: a viewing ceremony, the remarks and/or prayers, and then the committal at the cemetery of your choice. While the term 'traditional' is used to describe these services, the ceremony that is created for your loved one can be as creative as you desire and will certainly meet your families' expectations. A funeral service may be held in our chapel, at your church or at another venue of your choosing. Below are our traditional funeral services:

Chapel Services - Wylie Funeral Homes offer onsite chapel services for your loved one. With generous seating and soothing interior, our chapel is designed to offer your family a memorable experience. A chapel service may contain opening prayer and/or remarks by clergy or someone you designate to preside. It may also include special music, a video presentation, readings, poems and/or eulogies.

Church Service - A funeral service can also be held at the church of your choice. Working directly with you, we ensure that all details of this service correspond with your wishes for your loved one. This service is designed to commune church and familial wishes with respect and reverence for the departed and we work to support that process.

Graveside Service - Graveside service is available for families who choose not to have a funeral service at our facilities or at a church. This service consists of family and friends meeting at your loved one's grave for an intimate, memorable service. Our staff will be on hand to provide consistent care and support throughout the entire graveside service.

Transport Services - There are times when your loved one may wish to go home or come home. We provide transport services for your loved one to reach their destination whether in the US or abroad. We will arrange the necessary transportation, paperwork and documentation to reach your loved ones preferred resting place. Our caring staff will make sure that your family is well aware of all local or international rules and regulations to ensure that proper care of your loved one is a priority and we abide by all local customs and traditions.

Cremation Services

What makes cremation with Wylie Funeral Homes P.A. unique?

Cremation services are an option that we extend to families for their loved one. In order to make the choice of cremation, we believe that complete transparency and accountability during the cremation process is essential. The most important component in your choice of cremation is to know who will be handling your loved one throughout the time they are in our care. We facilitate this process by selecting the very best in crematory providers, all of whom have shown expert professionalism and care in providing service to families. Below you will see what sets us apart from other facilities that extend cremation services to your family:

Higher Standards - Our family philosophy has resulted in working with crematories that have standards exceeding, not only State requirements, but those of any other cremation service provider in our region. Quality and care go hand in hand at Wylie Funeral Homes and is a requirement of our staff as well as the crematories we use.

Into Our Care - As a cremation services coordinator, your loved ones remains in the sanctity of our facility until the cremation is to be performed. Following cremation, your loved one is returned to our facility by our caring staff and the urn is returned to you or delivered to the service location.

Peace of Mind - We require all of our families to attend a physical viewing as a positive means of identification of their loved one. Relying on identification forms from other care facilities is not acceptable to us and does not meet our standard of care.

Transparency: Witnessing the Cremation - Many families want to witness the cremation as well as the final processing of the cremated remains. This may be for religious or cultural reasons or to say a final goodbye. Others may do it for a more practical reason of assurance and peace of mind that their loved one is cared for properly and respectfully. Understanding this need and its importance to the families we serve, the crematories we trust offer those services.

Service options for cremation

Funeral Service Prior to Cremation - A funeral service can be held prior to cremation. This service covers all options including a viewing, a fitting ceremony held in the chapel, church, or another venue of your choosing. Following the service and eventual cremation, your loved one can be buried, properly scattered or returned to the care and keeping of your family.

Public or Private Visitations Prior to Cremation - This provides your friends and family the opportunity to say goodbye face to face in a peaceful and tranquil setting. You can place a letter, photograph or other favorite keepsake with your loved one prior to cremation. Often this provides a profound sense of closure and connectedness for family members.

Memorial Service - A memorial service also mirrors a funeral service and does not require the urn to be present. Cremation memorial services also offer unique options of scattering at sea, burial of the urn at a cemetery, or the urn remaining in your personal possession. Our staff is knowledgeable in all faith traditions and customs so we are prepared to attend to the proper details of each specific ceremony. The service may be held in the chapel, church, or another venue of your family's choosing.

Graveside Service - A graveside cremation service is a ceremony held at a cemetery of your choice, attended by family and friends. Most graveside committal services take place just after the memorial service. However, you may also request a private graveside service prior to a memorial service at our chapel or a church of your choice.

Wylie Signature Services

Wylie Funeral Homes has a signature style that immediately sets us apart from other funeral homes. Each of these signature products and services are designed to provide you with additional options that will help you appropriately memorialize your loved one.

Harpist

Our premier signature service is the complimentary harp soloist available to each family during the visitation period for their loved one. Beautifully fitting classical music played by a professional harpist sets the proper, soothing tone for family and friends to pay their respects to your family member.

In-House Print Shop

Custom programs, register books and various other printing options allow us to create a tangible tribute as a keepsake that will surely tell the story of your loved ones' life. With a host of affordable selections, our on-site print shop can make a number of creative, lasting keepsakes. Our ability to personally render these services ensures that we are able to meet each of your families' needs and create whatever you desire.

DVD tribute

Our chapel and visitation room are furnished with multi-media equipment for those who wish to provide their own DVD. For those who choose to have a DVD professionally designed, we can provide this service for a fee.

Family Resources

We work to ensure that every detail of your loved one's ceremony is completed with patience and consideration. We extend that same level of care to your family in the form of family-ready resources that are extended to you and your family during the process of care for your loved one. Whether it's catering, floral arrangements, or even hotel accommodations, we are dedicated to making sure you and your family receive service that is second to none.

Service Enhancements

In order to ensure that our services meet each of your specific desires, we offer additional enhancements to personalize each service. These enhancements include pall bearer gloves, memorial displays, and even custom throws for your loved ones' service. In addition, we offer the option of designing wristbands, custom casket insert panels, printed posters and a host of other customizations which further gives you and your family the ability to create a truly memorable and unique experience.

Notary services

We offer no-cost notary service to those families who are in need of this assistance.

Grief resources

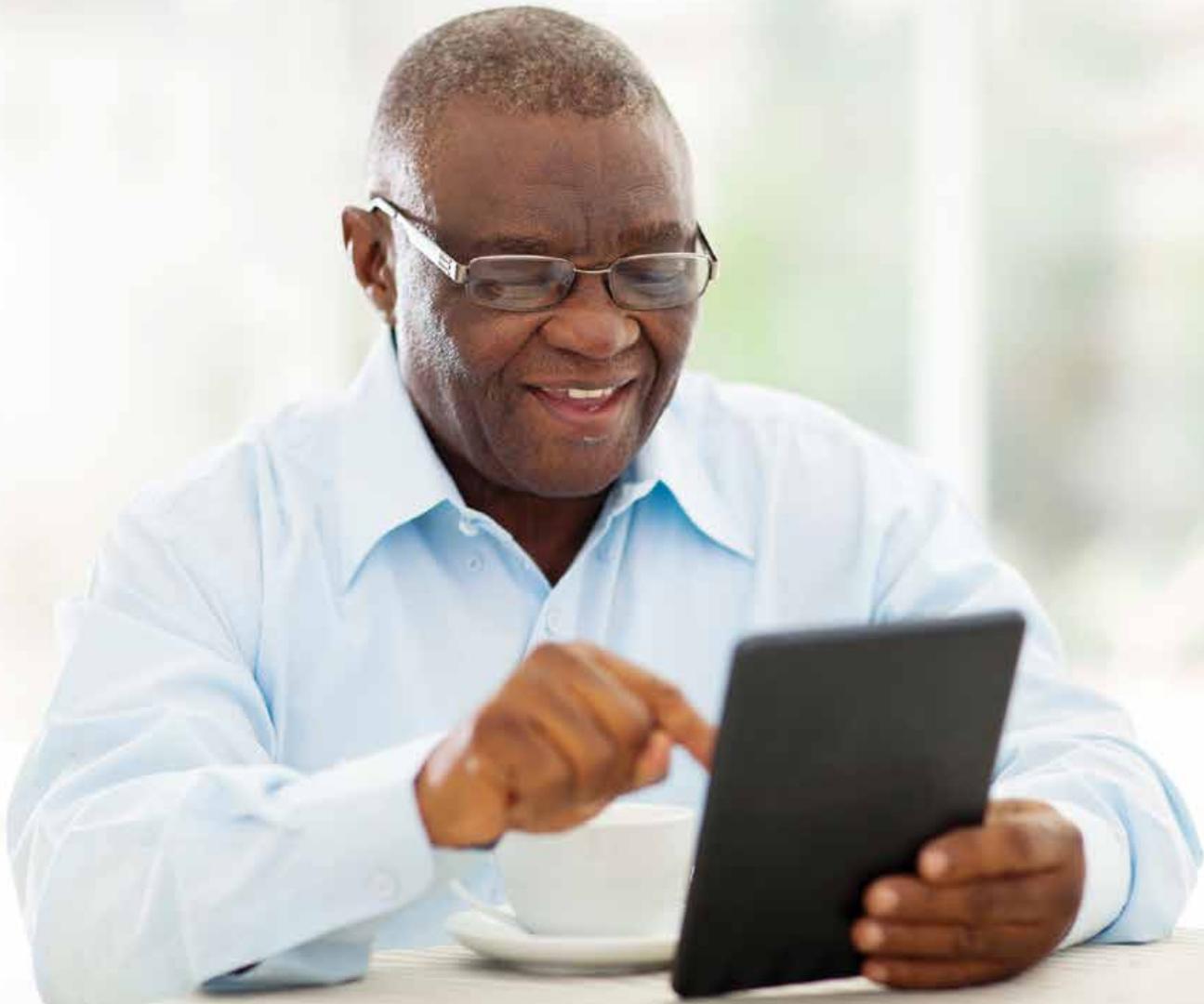
Grief is a natural response to losing a loved one and at Wylie Funeral Homes we believe that proper care following funeral services is essential to the grieving process. Our partners at Gilchrist Hospice Care are here for you as you begin your journey through grief. Families from the Wylie Funeral Homes receive their first session with Gilchrist grief counselors free of charge with other sessions offered on a sliding scale to accommodate your families' needs.

After Care program

Our After Care Program is designed to assist families with practical matters that must be attended to after the services have taken place. Our funeral home provides this complimentary service to every family. Our Family Service Director will help you to review and manage all of those important details.

Remarkable Service.
Exceptional Funeral Homes.

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Veteran Services

Honoring Those Who Protect Our Freedom

We believe that it is our responsibility to honor the sacrifices and celebrate the achievements of our veterans as they are heroes who have contributed to the preservation of the freedoms we enjoy today. Wylie Funeral Homes PA offers comprehensive veteran options to appropriately pay tribute to the life of a veteran. Our compassionate and caring professionals are experts in planning military services. Depending on the branch of service, military detachments may provide an honor guard, a flag and taps. Any veteran with an honorable discharge or even those with no living family will always be given military honors and interment in a national cemetery.

Veteran Benefits

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (www.va.gov) provides benefits for a veteran's family if they can provide a copy of their honorable discharge papers. These benefits include a flag, burial in a national veterans' cemetery, a headstone/marker, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and military honors. If burial is in a veterans' cemetery, a grave can also be reserved for a surviving spouse and dependent children.

If your loved one's discharge papers (DD214) cannot be located, a copy can be ordered for a fee through:

www.touchstoneresearchgroup.com

Touchstone also provides express service that can expedite the receipt of the military paper work to assist the funeral home with applying for military burial benefits:

www.touchstoneresearchgroup.com/DD214_Funeral.html

There are additional monetary allowances toward burial expenses if the veteran's death occurs in a federal VA hospital or if the veteran was receiving a VA pension at the time of death. The State of Maryland also offers an allowance under other circumstances. Because federal and state guidelines vary, we will be glad to offer information on an individual basis.

The Local Veteran Service Office

Baltimore Regional Benefit Office 31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201

The Veteran Service Office has a very helpful web site:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/baltimore/index.asp>

If your veteran had life insurance coverage with Government National Life Insurance, we can help with that claim or they can be reached at 1-800-669-8477.

We will also assist in completing all applications for benefits to which a veteran or their family are entitled and eligible, including:

- Burial in a national cemetery
- Securing an American flag
- Receiving military honors
- Obtaining a headstone or marker
- Receiving monetary burial benefits & transportation, if applicable
- Receiving a Presidential Memorial Certificate

World War II Registry of Remembrances

Any service man or woman who helped win World War II, whether in battle or on the home front, is eligible for the Registry. To enter your name or the name of someone you wish to honor for their service to our country, you may register by visiting the Registry at:

www.wwiimemorial.com

Maryland Veteran Cemeteries:

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623 / Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10
Phone: 301-372-6398 Fax: 301-782-7310

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery

1122 Sunrise Beach Road Crownsville, MD 21032
Phone: 410-987-6320 Fax: 410-987-3920

Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery

6827 E. New Market Ellwood Road, Hurlock, MD 21643
Phone: 410-943-3420 Fax: 410-943-3680

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery

11501 Garrison Forest Road Owings Mills, MD 21117
Phone: 410-363-6090 Fax: 410-363-1533

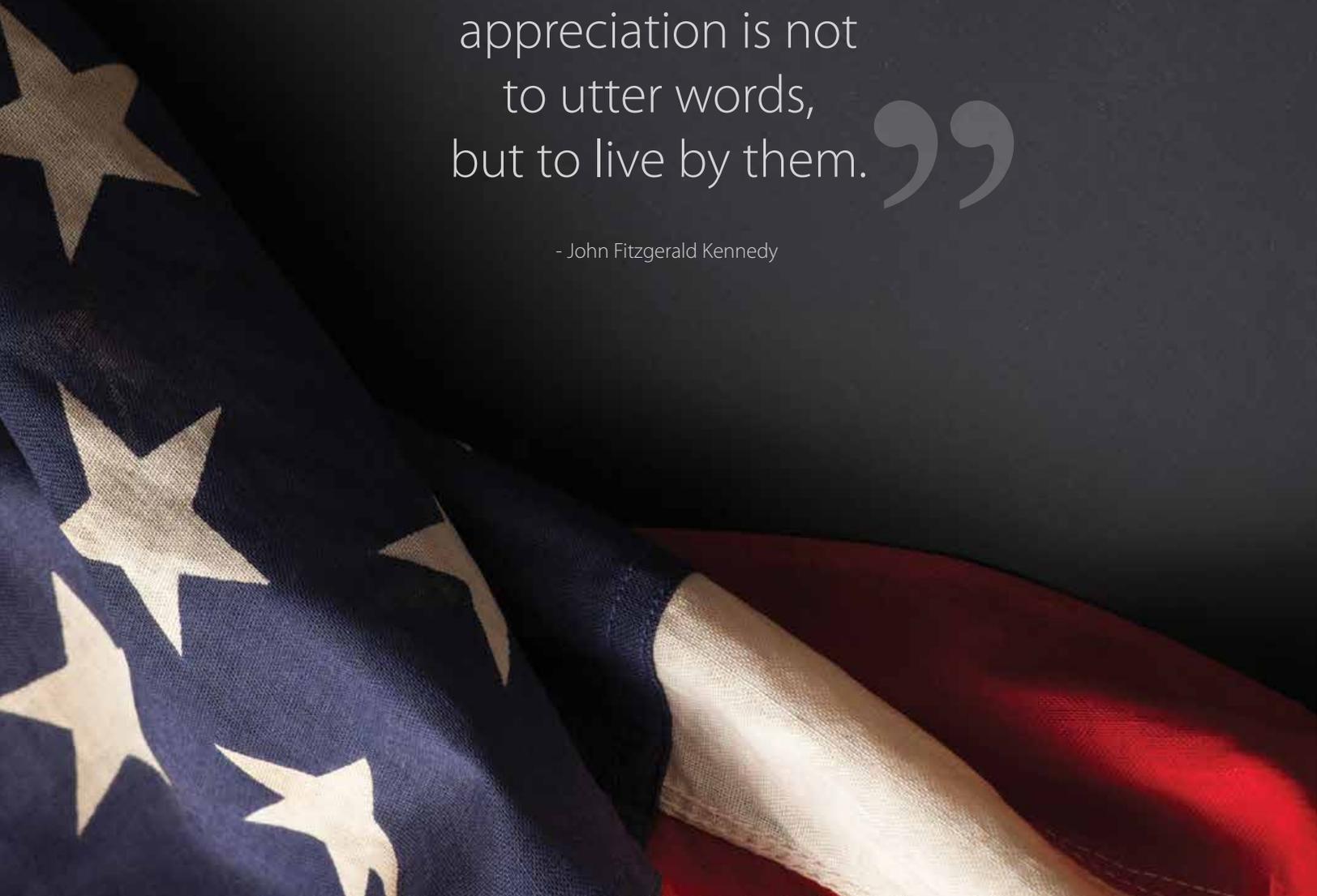
Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery

14205 Pleasant Valley Road, NE, Flintstone, MD 21530
Phone: 301-777-2185 Fax: 301-777-2402

A member of our experienced staff will be available to assist your family, to answer any questions or explore all the available veteran's options at no cost or obligation.

“As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget
that the highest
appreciation is not
to utter words,
but to live by them.”

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy



Plan Well. Live Well.

Some things you do with your family, and some things you do for your family.

The Wisdom of Planning Ahead

In today's busy world, we are constantly reminded to plan well for our future. It's possible that you have already prepared your living trust, planned your financial estate, set up a retirement account and maybe started a college fund for your children or grandchildren. All this will ensure that those you love will be well taken care of if anything should happen to you. How important is it, then, to plan ahead for an inevitable need?

Planning your funeral and/or cremation services in advance will not only allow you to guide the look and feel of your service, but it will also free your family from wondering what your wishes would be; allowing them time to support one another, share their memories and begin their journey of healing.

Now is the time to have this discussion with your family, not while you are in crisis. End of life planning is more about living well and it's easier than you may think. Bringing family together for an honest conversation about your plans and wishes is the first step. We consistently see that families who take this walk together have greater peace of mind knowing that every detail has been discussed and taken care of.



The Practical Benefits

Protect Your Family - Without a doubt, the most important reason for making arrangements in advance is to spare your family the financial responsibility of doing so. This certainly reduces the stress for family and friends at an already emotional time..

It Can Save Money - Funding your arrangements in advance through an independent funeral insurance policy can secure the costs of services and some of the memorial products at today's prices and guarantees that the costs will never increase.

Lets Your Wishes Be Known - You may have specific wishes as to how you want to be memorialized. Advance planning will allow you to let your wishes be known about the type of funeral or cremation arrangement you want and will lift the burden of those difficult decisions from your family.

Fully Transferable Policy - Should you move out of the area, the assigned insurance policies death benefit and the irrevocable funds are fully transferable to a funeral home of your choice in another city, state or country.

Travel Assistance - Should your death occur while you are traveling anywhere in the United States or abroad, our professional staff will assist with filing the appropriate paperwork to have you transported back to Wylie Funeral Homes PA. This will spare your family the logistics of arranging transportation and legal paperwork, saving them thousands of dollars.

When To Plan Ahead - The best time is now, while you are thinking about it. We all want to think that there is plenty of time to prepare, but like any future need, being well educated will provide you with the insight to make good decisions in advance without undue stress and unwanted spending. The benefits are significant and the peace-of-mind you will have is priceless. It truly is a gift you give your family.

Testimonials

From families we have served through the years

"Thank you for taking the time to make me and my family feel comfortable at such a difficult time. Thank you for standing beside me when I couldn't stand-alone. Thanks to you and your entire staff for doing such a professional service with my loved one. You all displayed such a love for me and my family in our time of need."

-Denise Wallace & Family

"The professionalism, patience, and love that the Wylie family provided to me and my family were truly immeasurable. We received numerous compliments for how well our Dad looked at the viewing. The facilities and overall environment of Wylie was confirmation that I chose the right funeral home for my dad's homegoing service."

-The Gray Family

"Thank you for the wonderful service you've provided to my family. Our loss was very difficult, but you and your excellent staff helped to ease the hurt and made this process much easier. The professionalism and sensitivity you've shown are beyond measure. We cannot thank you enough. May God continue to bless you all!"

-The Weems Family

"My family and I would like to say thank you for your professional, courteous, kind and comforting services. It was simply the best! We were so pleased with how everyone treated us so well, it really meant a lot."

-The Neale Family

"Thank you for the wonderful experience you've provided for me and my family during our time of bereavement. I was very pleased with the warm atmosphere and personalized attention you all provided during the viewing, funeral, and interment. We would like to thank the entire staff that had a part in this experience. Your services were greatly appreciated and will never ever be forgotten!"

-Michelle Young & Family



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