



STEPHENSON-DEARMAN FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Serving Southeast Arkansas since 1928

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To our friends in Monticello, Drew County, and Southeast Arkansas

On behalf of our entire staff here at Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home, in light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) we want to ensure you that in these times of uncertainty, the safety of the families we serve and our staff remains our highest priority.

We stay in close contact with state and national organizations such as the Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization, Arkansas Department of Health, National Funeral Director's Association and the Arkansas Funeral Director's Association discussing the impact of this virus on funeral homes and the families we serve. The following guidelines have been updated as of July 15, 2020 and will be effective immediately at SDFH until further notice:

- Chapel funerals will be limited to 50 persons and masks are required
- Social distancing should be used with good hygiene and no welcoming gestures such as hand shaking or hugs
- To the extent possible, all funerals will be held in our chapel or preferably in an outside environment such as graveside services or other outdoor venues
- We encourage the general public to sign our guestbook online since they will be unable to sign the guestbook at the funeral home. If you do not have access to a computer, feel free to give us a call and we will be happy to enter your name and message on our online registry
- Family arrangement conferences will be limited to 2-3 persons or preferably, by teleconference or electronically via email and text messages

If you are 65 years or older, have underlying health conditions such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, severe obesity, asthma or weakened immunity, we strongly discourage your attendance. Also if you are coughing, sneezing, have a fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, or a loss of taste or smell, it is recommended that you do not enter the facility. We would also recommend you wash your hands with disinfectant soap in our restrooms before entering our chapel or use one of the many hand sanitizing stations in our facility.

Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home will continue to provide earth burial and cremation options to the people of Monticello, Drew County, and Southeast Arkansas in a professional and dignified manner just as we have done for 92 years. We now have technology in place to record all funeral services and upload them to our website for those that cannot attend due to COVID-19. Our facilities will have daily cleaning and disinfecting procedures for the safety of our staff and families we serve.

We will continue to monitor the situation as it is quickly evolving and will continue to post any updates as they become available on this page. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation to help keep everyone safe in light of this unprecedented situation. If you should have any questions, don't hesitate to call us at 870-367-2451 or email us at info@stephensondearman.com.

Chuck Dearman and the Stephenson-Dearman Funeral Home Staff