**Funk Funeral Home serving the community for 155 years**

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The oldest ongoing funeral establishment in Bristol is celebrating their 155th anniversary this year.

Funk Funeral Home has been in business since 1865, founded by Christian Funk. The company even advertised in the very first edition of The Bristol Press on March 9, 1871. The business remained in the Funk family for four generations until 1980 when Ronald and Emilie Duhaime purchased it. His son Christopher joined in 1987 and they have been running it together ever since.

“We are honored to serve the Bristol community,” Christopher Duhaime said.

Duhaime is a third generation funeral director and has been in the industry for 33 years. His grandparents, Edgar and Dorothy Duhaime, ran the Duhaime Funeral home for 40 years before it was purchased by and then merged with Funk Funeral Home in 1990.

“You have to have a lot of compassion to do what we do,” he said. “It’s all about families trusting who’s caring for their loved one.”

Funk Funeral Home in Bristol opened for business in 1865.

Funk Funeral Home has remained open and ready to serve the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. They have been utilizing technology to allow family and friends to be able to attend services. They have offered to use Zoom services to allow guests to attend remotely and have been offering webcasting of funeral services.

What sets Funk Funeral Home apart is its longevity and long standing tradition of serving the Bristol community. Funk Funeral Home is family-run and provides a personal touch to its services. Memorials are done out of an original Victorian home located at 35 Bellevue Ave.

They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to accommodate every family’s needs. They offer all burial services, as well as cremation services, and a full and complete memorial service package for a family’s loved one. They also offer Military Funeral Honors for veterans of our armed services that are based on the status of the veteran.

Funk Funeral Home is constantly expanding, remodeling and upgrading its facility to meet the needs of the families of Bristol. Since 1996, they have purchased additional land to double the size of their parking lot. With the expanded parking facility, a six passenger cart was purchased to accommodate the handicapped and elderly. They have also installed a full service generator which will accommodate their full facility in case of loss of power.

“Our hallmark is our service, and we must continue to provide world class service to the families that we are honored to serve,” Duhaime said.

Funk Funeral Home was recently voted Best Funeral Home in the Bristol Press’ Reader’s Poll.

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