

Hope Memorial Chapel celebrates twenty-five years of service.

We all know that any anniversary merits acknowledgement and reflection. As Hope Memorial Chapel reaches a quarter century this is most definitely true.

Looking back:

On June 20, 1993, my partner Marc Bolduc and I opened our doors to the public with an open house that filled our halls, chapels and parking lot with local residents anxious to see the funeral home of the future. The honored guests that day were Raymond and Therese Bolduc and Gertrude Conroy, our immediate predecessors and strongest supporters.

Hope began with a commitment to continue the tradition of service established by our families. With a talented staff, a larger state-of-the-art facility, and a more current approach to the needs of those dealing with the death of a loved one; in short, we wanted to be a valuable community resource.

To accomplish this goal, we hoped that our former and current clients would continue to count on us in their time of need. By showing your faith and confidence in Hope you helped us to keep our promise and become that resource. Our dream for the future of funeral service would have been unrealized without your confidence and patronage. For this and so much more we thank you.

Looking forward:

Having arrived at this milestone, we understand that the next twenty-five years will hold even greater challenges than those we faced. Yet the goal of serving bereaved families remains paramount. The need for new ideas and resources is as great as it was a quarter century ago when our youth, energy and imagination brought Hope into being.

With this in mind, we have found a way to preserve the legacy entrusted to us. Soon we will be transferring ownership to a small, family owned company, (smaller, in fact, than several of the family owned funeral homes in Maine) whose goal is to make this transition while preserving the philosophy and mission of Hope Memorial Chapel as well as our predecessors. We are confident that this will happen.

To this end, I will remain at Hope as Managing Partner. I am comfortable knowing I have the support of partners equally committed to the legacy and tradition that began over 100 years ago, and who have the vision and desire to look ahead.

Thank you for helping us get this far and for what we can continue to do together.

John Conroy