

Cody-White Funeral Home Is Celebrating The Lives Of Loved Ones

David J. DeRubeis Sr. tells Patch how Cody-White Funeral Home provides service and support to grieving families in the Milford community.



[Cody-White Funeral Home and Cremation Services](#) is committed to being the most professional, ethical and highest level funeral provider in the industry, while also celebrating and remembering lives lived well. With a staff made up of licensed funeral directors, office managers and funeral assistants who have established relationships with local churches, hospitals, hospice and civic groups, the compassionate team is deeply rooted in the greater Milford community.

David J. DeRubeis Sr., managing partner at Cody-White Funeral Home and Cremation Services, provides both professional services and emotional support to families in their darkest hours. Learn more about the business that is proud to be a long standing integral part of "The Small City with a Big Heart."

Patch: How long have you been doing business in town?

DeRubeis: Our business was established in 1930. I have been a licensed funeral director for 40 years and a managing partner at Cody-White for 20 years.

Patch: What attracted you to the line of work you're in, and how did you get started?

DeRubeis: Getting involved in the funeral profession was not my first choice, unfortunately or fortunately. Growing up in “da Bronx,” my dream of becoming a NYC police officer was not to be, due to a childhood illness that caused partial loss of my hearing. However, the need to serve and help people steered me to the funeral profession.

Patch: If you had to sum up your business mission to a stranger in five words, what would those words be?

DeRubeis: “Live by the golden rule.”

Patch: What's the biggest challenge or most difficult moment you've faced in your job?

DeRubeis: The most difficult situation I have to face in my profession is the death of a child.

Patch: What's the most satisfying part of your job?

DeRubeis: The most satisfying part of my job is knowing that we were able to guide people through their darkest hours.

Patch: How would you say your business or organization distinguishes itself from the others?

DeRubeis: Cody-White distinguishes itself from others by the superior services we render to our client families.

Patch: What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given when it comes to success?

DeRubeis: The best piece of advice I was ever given was, "Live by the golden rule."

Patch: What are you most proud of when it comes to your business?

DeRubeis: We have established a "Fallen Hero's Service" program, designed to recognize the efforts of all City of Milford and Town of Orange employees for their faithful service to our communities. If an untimely death should occur while working, we will provide a funeral service at no cost to the bereaved family. This is Cody-White's way of showing our gratitude to our communities for the many years of trust that have been bestowed us. We are proud to be an integral member of the "Small City with a Big Heart." We will always serve our communities as family because we are family!

Patch: How can Patch readers learn more about your work and business?

DeRubeis: For more information on Cody-White's services and resources, please visit [our website](#).

About Cody-White Funeral Home and Cremation Services

Our Greek-Revival style building was erected in 1845 by the family of Governor Charles Hobby Pond on the historical Milford Green.

During the 1930s and 1940s, S. Harrington White served the communities of Milford and Orange, and then in 1956, Thomas J. Cody, Sr. purchased the White Funeral Home and renamed it "Cody-White Funeral and Cremation Service." With caring consideration, sage advice, and judicious council, he offered excellent and professional services to the Milford and Orange communities and beyond. When Tom Sr. retired, his children, Tom J. Cody, Jr., Kevin W. Cody, and Jaclyn Cody D'Auria, and later his grandson Brian Cody, joined in the family business. Tom and Kevin still serve our community today.

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