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Thank You for

Supporting the Museum



Once again, the community came out to support the Sangria Salute last month, and we are so grateful! We had a fantastic evening raising \$20,000 and exceeding our fundraising goal for the LT Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum! We would like to extend a special thanks to our staff and to sponsor, Chuck Cabrera, co-owner of The Sayville Inn. If you were unable to attend, you can still support the museum at www.murphsealmuseum.org.

Thank you 

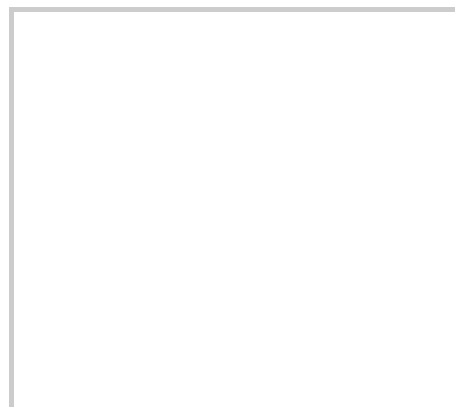


Watch Our Candlelight Memorial Online



If you missed our annual Candlelight Memorial Service on November 13th, you can share in the experience by watching the recording online. Find solace in honoring those we have lost. This nondenominational service is designed to help you reflect and remember with love and peace

***Watch the video and sign
the virtual guestbook.***





Candlelight Memorial

Embrace a Stress-Free Holiday



If you're one of the many people who feel the pressure of holiday expectations, we have 5 tips to help you appreciate the season and maintain your calm.

1. First and foremost, focus on what matters most to you. Say yes to things that bring you joy and decline stressful events.

2. Be thoughtful in gifting by making genuine, heartfelt gestures. These often mean more than purchased items.
3. Create moments of peace, even if they are brief breaks for a quiet moment of reading or walking in nature.
4. Spread kindness.
5. Embrace traditions, old and new, to make the holidays more personal. It is okay to focus on yourself and your needs, especially when you have experienced a loss.

See more ideas on the blog, and we wish you a holiday full of warmth and connection!

[To Read the Blog](#)



The Gift of Preplanning

What can you do to relieve your family of stress? It may sound unusual or surprising to mention this at holiday time, but preplanning your own funeral is a true gift your children will be grateful for. More individuals and couples are choosing to preplan their funerals. Preplanning creates a meaningful, personalized tribute, reflecting your personality and hobbies. It also minimizes conflict, stress, and financial burdens. Learn more on our blog about how you can keep your family in mind when preplanning and give them a gift that relieves them of making decisions at a sad and stressful time.

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Random Acts of Kindness



Anytime is a good time

for random acts of kindness!

Thanksgiving through the New Year continue to provide opportunities to be kind and grateful every day! We have 20 ideas for random acts of kindness that can help us all brighten the winter season for ourselves and others. Skim the ideas and pass on the kindness!

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Recipe Corner



Brown Sugar-Cinnamon Cranberry Sauce



If you're tired of the usual cranberry sauce recipe, here's a version that adds depth of flavor and the good qualities of honey and cinnamon to the mix. Adding honey while the sauce is warm allows you to easily bring the sauce to the sweetness level that works best for you!

1 bag cranberries
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons honey or to taste

Add cranberries, brown sugar, a little water, and cinnamon to a pan and cook gently until berries are softened. Once the cranberries are cooked, adjust the sweetness to your taste by adding honey while the sauce is still warm. Serve with sweet or savory dishes.



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