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Duggan's Mission Chapel Funeral Home wishes to release information to dispel the rumors and assumptions made due to misreporting in the Sonoma Index Tribune and Press Democrat, along with information found on the internet.

Duggan's Mission Chapel Funeral Home has been operating and serving the Sonoma Valley area consistently since 1952. In 2017, the Duggan family sold the funeral home business to Edward Leon. At that time, the Duggan family was not interested in selling the property, so they kept that in their family trust and became the business' landlord. In August 2022, the family trust sold the property to Ken Mattson. This did not change the operation or ownership of the business. It only changed who the landlord was. Duggan's Funeral Home has a secure long term lease.

As news of Ken Mattson's default and bankruptcy began to arise, the newspapers began reporting about the property, but never made clear the fact that the business was owned separately and not affected by the bankruptcy. As long time members of this community, we are very disappointed in the news agencies lack of responsibility. We received a letter from the courts telling us to continue to pay our rent to keep our lease solid, and we have done that.

The outcry and phone calls coming from the public with rumors that funeral home is closing, and many other rumors of the business leaving needed to be dispelled. The behavior of the public has caused us to make sure that people know the truth about what is going on with the funeral home. As one of the longest consistently operated businesses in the valley, we plan on being here and serving this community for years to come.