

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

## Flag Retirement Program

At Candle Light Funeral Home, we are offering a respectful place to dispose of your frayed American flag. We will have a box where you can drop off your flags.

The federal flag code calls for damaged or stained flags to be destroyed in a dignified manner. The funeral home will ensure that the flag receives an appropriate formal incineration.

As well, we will be proposing to families of a deceased veteran the chance to be cremated with one of these flags. Offering this service allows the proper disposal of the American flag, shows honor and respect to that veteran, which he or she deserves.

Thank you for your participation in this service. Please call or email the funeral home with any questions you may have regarding this service.

### Our U.S. Flag

On June 14, 1777, the United States Congress resolved "that the Flag of the United States be 13 stripes alternate red and white, that the Union be 13 stars, white in a blue field representing a new Constellation." After this was passed, our Flag looked different each time a new State joined the Union because a new stripe was added. The Flag soon required very tall flag poles, so on April 4, 1818, Congress enacted: "that from the fourth day of July next, the Flag of the United States be 13 horizontal stripes, alternate red and white, that the Union be 20 stars, white in a blue field, that on the admission of every new State into the Union, one star be added to the Union of the Flag..." As states were admitted the position of the Stars were changed so that today we have stars in nine rows: five rows with six stars and four rows with five stars.

### Flag Etiquette

#### *The flag..*

- ...should never be in the dark*
- ...should not be used for any decoration in general*
- ...should never be used for any advertising purpose*
- ...should not be used as part of a costume, except*
- ...as part of military, fireman, policeman uniforms*
- ...should never have any mark, insignia, letter,*

- ...word, number, etc. placed or attached onto it*
- ...should never touch the ground when lowered*
- ...and received into waiting hands and arms*
- ...should be folded appropriately when stored*
- ...when a flag is no longer fit to serve, it should be*
- ...destroyed by burning in a dignified manner*

U.S. Code Title 4 Chapter 1 Subsection 8  
Respect Flag

The flag when it is in such condition that is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

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