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Cremation Society of Illinois™

Cremation - Think Outside The Box

At Cremation Society of Illinois, it has been our honor to assist families in their time of need for nearly 40 years. Supporting others is what we do. However, our professional skills in guiding others through a journey of grief never truly prepares us for our own.

This year, we endured losses that have given our family at Cremation Society of Illinois greater perspective on grief, human connection and celebrating life. We hope the significant lessons imparted from Sean Patrick Sullivan and Donald Robert Fritz will positively influence our service to others for years to come.

Sean Patrick Sullivan, 46, was defined by his enormous heart, fierce determination, and calm strength. Sean long defied the odds he faced in a life-long battle against Cystic Fibrosis, ultimately succumbing to the disease due to Covid-related complications on February 6. Sean's vigorous approach to life will long be remembered. He was active in sports as a youth and participated in several charity stair climbs for lung health as an adult. He embraced the cultural and sporting opportunities available in Chicago with enthusiasm throughout his life. He never missed an opportunity spend time with his family and a bevy of friends,

Following a successful lung transplant at age 39, Sean welcomed the responsibility of being a donor recipient. He became an advocate for the Donate Life movement and spoke with Cystic Fibrosis survivors and their families about facing their looming obstacles with faith and resilience. Sean was living proof that hope was a necessary part of survival, and he worked to imbue that same sense of hope with those waiting for their own miracle.

In his professional life, Sean worked beside us, his family, at the Cremation Society of Illinois, serving those who lost loved ones. He was a respected member of the Cremation Association of North America.

Sean's hopeful outlook and his enormous heart will be missed by his extended family and ever-growing circle of friends.

Donald Robert Fritz, 50, director of operations at Cremation Society of Illinois, passed June 3 following a brief battle with cancer. Don developed an interest in funeral service as a young boy, and his family fostered that interest. He started working at Lain Sullivan Funeral home when he was just 16 years old. While he may have started washing hearses or mowing the lawn, Don steadfastly absorbed the specifics of caring for the bereaved, and his place in the business grew right along with the transition of the funeral home into Cremation Society of Illinois.

During his 34 years working with the Sullivan family, Don's level of dedication and professionalism made him an integral part of the operations. Don was a leading member of the Cremation Society of Illinois board, as well as an active board member with the Cremation Association of North America (CANA). His contributions to the Crematory Operators coursework used across the country will be remembered.

Don sported a recognizable laugh and displayed unending generosity. He enjoyed being involved in the activities and interests of his children. We will miss his welcome presence both at work and in our lives. We grieve with his wife Amie and his children Elizabeth and Zachary.

In honor of Don, we hope to display his unparalleled work ethic and will strive to honor the pride he took in caring for the bereaved. From Sean's approach to life may we all remember to embrace hope, enjoy life, cherish loved ones, be a good friend and love hard.



Strawberry Cheese Cake Bites



How to Make No Bake Strawberry Cheesecake Bites

Cut off the tops of the strawberries and hollow out the inside with a paring knife. In a bowl, combine the cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla with an electric mixer until smooth. Fill each strawberry with the cheesecake filling using a spoon, knife, or a piping bag. Dip the strawberry, cheesecake side down, into the graham cracker crumbs. Keep refrigerated until served.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound of strawberries
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- graham cracker crumbs or crushed graham cracker



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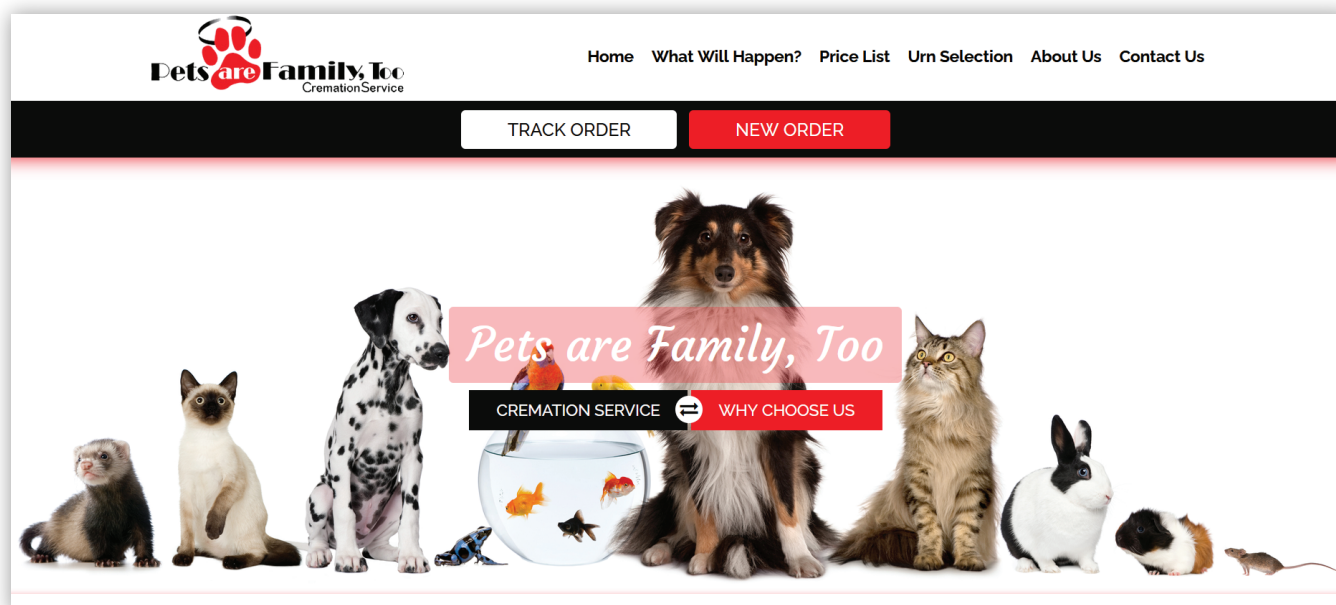
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Updated Pet Website

We are excited to announce our Pet Cremation website has been updated. Pets are family, Too, cremation service now offers ecommerce capabilities. Our pet families can now complete their cremation arrangements, set up transportation, select urns and keepsakes and make payment from the website. Our website also offers a new service, Parting Stones, where the cremated remains of your pet can be solidified into stone like solids. The appearance of each set will vary naturally in shape, color, and texture making each collection uniquely beautiful. Pets are family, Too performs only individual cremations at our pet crematory in Romeoville.



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