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Hummel Funeral Homes Announces New Crematories and Pet Services

(Akron, OH – September 1, 2006) – Paul A. Hummel, III, Vice President and Funeral Director, Hummel Funeral Homes and Crematories announces the recent completion and certification of two new crematories -- one for humans and another for pets. An open house for the facilities is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, from 2 to 5 p.m.

“We’ve been aware for some time of a need for our own crematories,” says Hummel. “Proper cremation procedures are imperative in our business and led to our decision to establish our own on-site crematories in Copley.

“Human cremation is definitely a more popular option now,” he adds. “There also has been an increase in requests for pet cremation. Because of this, we chose to build our second, separate, state-of-the-art crematory for pets, which is becoming more and more a trend nationally for funeral homes.”

Hummel Pet Services, which are available 24-hours a day, seven-days a week, include pick-up and delivery from home or vet; individual cremations; assistance with burial; urns, caskets and markers, and free pet loss grief support.

“The veterinarians we have worked with were extremely pleased with our service,” says Hummel. “Pet lovers are particularly happy they now have a loving way to say goodbye to their animal friends. We’ll even go to the veterinarian’s office with them so they don’t have to face their loss alone.”

Both crematories include a room for those who want to be present during the cremation process. The new facilities began operation May 1. Matthews Cremation Division trained and certified Hummel and John Fisch, Manager and Funeral Director, to operate the crematories. The men are members of the Cremation Association of North America.

For information on the open house or their services, call Hummel Funeral Homes and Crematories at 330.253.6126 or 1.888.253.6126 or visit their Web site at www.hummelfuneralhomes.com.

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