



# Kentucky Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

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## Inspectors Report 43 Funeral Homes Inspected June 5, 2023 – June 30, 2023

1. Great Crossing Funeral Home, Lexington, KY
2. Neptune Society, Louisville, KY
3. Cremation Society of KY, Louisville, KY
4. Ratterman Brothers, Louisville, KY
5. Arch L. Heady, Louisville, KY
6. Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Brodhead, KY
7. McKnight Funeral Home, Crab Orchard, KY
8. Davis & Powell Funeral Directors, Berea, KY
9. Lakes Funeral Home, Berea, KY
10. Dowell & Martin, Mt. Vernon, KY
11. Lakes Funeral Home, McKee, KY
12. Lakes Bradshaw Chapel, McKee, KY
13. Cox Funeral Home, Mt. Vernon, KY
14. Reppert Funeral Home, Berea, KY
15. BFH Care Service, Booneville, KY
16. Booneville Funeral Home, Booneville, KY
17. Searcy & Strong Funeral Home, Booneville, KY
18. Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, Richmond, KY
19. Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home, Richmond, KY
20. Lewis Home for Funerals, Irvine, KY
21. Newman Funeral Home, Beattyville, KY
22. Warren F. Toler Funeral Home, Irvine, KY
23. Grayson Funeral Home, Irvine, KY
24. Perryman's Mortuary, Louisville, KY
25. J.B. Ratterman & Sons, Louisville, KY
26. Alexandria Funeral Home, Alexandria, KY
27. Cooper Funeral Home, Alexandria, KY
28. Floral Hills Funeral Home, Covington, KY
29. Walker Funeral Home, Covington, KY
30. Serenity Funeral Care, Covington, KY
31. Dobbiling, Muehlenkamp-Erschell, Bellevue, KY
32. Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home, Newport, KY
33. Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home, Ft. Thomas, KY



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- 34. Dobbling Funeral Home, Ft. Thomas, KY
- 35. Fares J. Radel Funeral Home, Newport, KY
- 36. Don Catchen & Son Funeral Homes, Elsmere, KY
- 37. Middendorf-Bullock Funeral Homes, Erlanger, KY
- 38. Linnemann Family Homes & Cremation, Erlanger, KY
- 39. C&C Mortuary Service, Elsmere, KY
- 40. Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions, Erlanger, KY
- 41. Alliance Funeral Home, Florence, KY
- 42. Stith Funeral Home, Florence, KY
- 43. Chambers & Grubbs Funeral Home, Florence, KY



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### Apprentices Visited & Calendars Checked June 5, 2023 – June 30, 2023

1. Jimmy Cash, Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Brodhead, KY
2. Matt Wilson, McKnight Funeral Home, Crab Orchard, KY
3. Shelby Chasteen, Lakes Funeral Home, Berea, KY
4. Robert B. Daniel, Lakes Funeral Home, McKee, KY
5. Brandi Brafford Mitchell, Reppert Funeral Home, Berea, KY
6. Heather Combs, Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, Richmond, KY
7. Shannon Goodman, Lewis Home for Funerals, Irvine, KY
8. Marissa Lieras, J.B. Ratterman & Sons, Louisville, KY
9. Kayla Hauke, Cooper Funeral Home, Alexandria, KY
10. Haley Lloyd, Floral Hills Funeral Home, Covington, KY
11. AJ Hughes, Walker Funeral Home, Covington, KY
12. Ashley Bainbridge, Serenity Funeral Care, Covington, KY
13. Tallie Kerr, Dobbling, Muehlenkamp-Erschell, Bellevue, KY
14. Kelly Craven, Linnemann Family Homes, Erlanger, KY
15. Nicole Rice, Chambers & Grubbs, Florence, KY



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To whom it may concern:

Inspector Webb traveled to and performed routine inspections on 43 funeral homes and checked in on 15 apprentices from June 5, 2023 to June 30, 2023.

On June 16, 2023, this inspector performed a routine inspection at Searcy & Strong Funeral Home in Booneville, Kentucky. This inspector discovered the owner had not found a licensed embalmer to manage her facility. I reminded the owner (Barbara Searcy) that she must have a funeral director's and embalming license to run a full-service facility. She voiced her understanding and stated that she was going to be transferring her funeral home ownership to her funeral director, Kenneth Thomas, and that they were currently interviewing an embalmer to hire. I encouraged Mrs. Searcy to report this to the board office asap, and she voiced her understanding.

**Morris Family Funeral Homed Update:**

On June 26, 2023, this inspector stopped in at the Leitchfield Memorial Chapel to check on the apprentice calendar for Trent Pierce. I was greeted by Mr. Tommy Whobrey. He stated that Trent was working at the Glasgow facility. This inspector confirmed with Mr. Kenny Sheppard at AF Crow, that Trent Pierce was there working that day. This inspector reminded Tommy Whobrey he was to refrain from any funeral or embalming related tasks at the facility. He voiced understanding. Upon reviewing Trent Pierce's calendar there were noted days not initialed and days that his supervisor Mr. Nathan Morris's initials were crossed through on the calendar. Mr. Tommy Whobrey stated those were days Mr. Nathan Morris had not been there supervising the apprentice and he had initialed later even though he was not working or supervising the apprentice those days, so they had crossed the initials out. This inspector obtained a copy of the June 2023 calendar. This inspector phoned Mr. Trent Pierce to inquire about his whereabouts during the dates listed and he stated that he stayed home those days and worked on schoolwork because he didn't want to risk getting in trouble since he didn't have a supervisor. He also stated that he was waiting to get his level 2 apprentice paperwork in the mail so at least then he would be legal to be at the facility. This inspector instructed Mr. Pierce he must phone the board's office and report the absence of a supervisor during the time frame of June 13, 2023 to June 22, 2023. He was also instructed that if he didn't have a supervisor for more than 2 days, to report it. Mr. Pierce voiced his understanding. This inspector phoned and reported this to the office and to the chairman of the board.

This inspector was informed the following day by Mr. Kenny Sheppard that they had announced to the employees a change of staff at the facilities and Mr. Morris would no longer be affiliated with managing the employees. I instructed him to report and file the proper paperwork for any change of management at the facilities and any change of supervisory roles for the apprentice. He voiced his understanding that he would take care of this as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

Danielle Webb, Inspector

