



Carleton Funeral Home

Finding Comfort In the Details

The most painful experience in life is the passing of a loved one. If we are lucky, arrangements have been made prior to the passing. Other times, when unexpected, the pain of the loss is compounded by all we must do to make their final arrangements. It is hard to rationalize and make good decisions when in a time of such grief. There is no solace except that of our faith and our need to be strong for those who depend on us. But who do we depend on? We depend on those who will be facilitating our last goodbyes. We seek a place where all relatives and friends can converge to share in the pain and the memories, and derive strength from one another. We find comfort in the gestures as small as someone handing us a tissue to wipe the tears from our eyes. In these tiny moments, the most trivial gestures become paramount and those moments become frozen in time as we look back at our own lives here on Earth. It's the little things—the details—that make the difference.

When we are faced with such loss, we tend to do what we've always done. We go where our family has always gone. We do this because it's "easier." We do this because of

the sense of familiarity we share with those who make our final memories possible. Is one funeral home really better than any other? Does it make sense to "shop around" when we decide on who we will trust these last memories and arrangements to? The answer is yes. Not all are created equal. The Carleton Funeral Home has been serving Glens Falls, Hudson Falls, and surrounding communities since 1871. For almost a century and a half, they have been here for us. They have provided compassion and caring in our hour of need. Their goal is simple, to make your tribute as effortless and memorable as possible. Many folks in their business tend to make packages and programs that the families must fit into. At face value, this seems easy. But how does a "package deal" really represent our individual lives? This should not be a "one size fits all" moment. What works for the Smith family may not work for the Jones family. At the Carleton Funeral Home, Paul Dietrich and Doneen Nikas invite you to combine your own ideas and thoughts with their planning. The goal is really quite simple in such a difficult time—to make your tribute as memorable and effortless as possible. They will take your ideas and

their expertise and combine them to create the most comfortable, memorable, and personalized service that can be found anywhere in the area. In a time when neighbors helping neighbors seems to take a back seat, the staff at the Carleton Funeral Home are proud to carry on the practices and values they have lived by since their inception. Combining old time tradition with new age technology is what sets them apart. In an age where families and friends are spread out all over the country, the Carleton Funeral Home offers the ability to send condolences through their Web site www.carletonfuneralhome.com. This is just one of the many conveniences they have created to make the process run as smoothly as possible.

There are two locations for your needs and convenience. The first location is at 68 Main Street in Hudson Falls, New York and the second at 136 Warren Street in Glens Falls. They can also be reached via telephone at 518-747-4243. In your hour of need, this will be the best phone call you can make. Let Paul, Doneen, and the exceptionally caring staff at the Carleton Funeral Home be the light in such a dark hour.

