



Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Finger Lakes

Spring 2021 Newsletter

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Virtual Public Presentation and Annual Meeting of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of the Finger Lakes

“Dying is Different Now”

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2 PM, Sunday, April 25, 2021

Via Zoom
Free and open to all

Speaker: Gregory L. Eastwood, MD



Gregory L. Eastwood, MD will talk about how COVID has affected the end-of-life experience and the allocation of scarce resources. Using his book *Finishing Our Story: Preparing for the End of Life* (2019) as a reference, he will focus on how we create the narrative of our life.

To join us for Dr. Eastwood's talk and our
Annual Business Meeting
register at the Zoom link on our home page
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Gregory L. Eastwood, MD is University Professor of the State University of New York (SUNY) and Professor of Bioethics and Humanities and Professor of Medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, New York. Dr. Eastwood received his MD from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). He held faculty appointments at Harvard Medical School and the University of Massachusetts Medical School, where he was Director of Gastroenterology and Associate Dean for Admissions. In 1989, he was appointed Dean of the Medical College of Georgia. He was President of Upstate Medical University 1993-2006; Interim President of Case Western Reserve University 2006-07; director of the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence at CWRU 2007-08; and Interim President of Upstate Medical University November 2013-January 2016. Subsequently, he resumed teaching and ethics consulting.

Dr. Eastwood has authored over 140 articles and book chapters and has written or edited several books in addition to *Finishing Our Story* published in 2019 by the Oxford University Press (*avail at Amazon.com*). He has also been seen on our local WCNY station talking about end-of-life issues.

Annual Business Meeting: Please stay for this meeting!

Our annual business meeting will follow Dr. Eastwood's presentation. Your attendance is important to achieve the quorum required to conduct business. The main item of business will be the election of a new board member, Timothy Mount. He has been nominated for a 3-year term serving on our Board of Directors. Born in Canterbury, England, Dr. Mount earned his doctorate at Berkeley. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have lived in Ithaca since 1969. He retired from his faculty position in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Cornell and continues to work on energy issues.

Take a Little Trip

Since travel has been so limited for the last year, we thought we'd put together some photos of cemeteries around the world that a few of us on the Board have visited over the years.

Italy

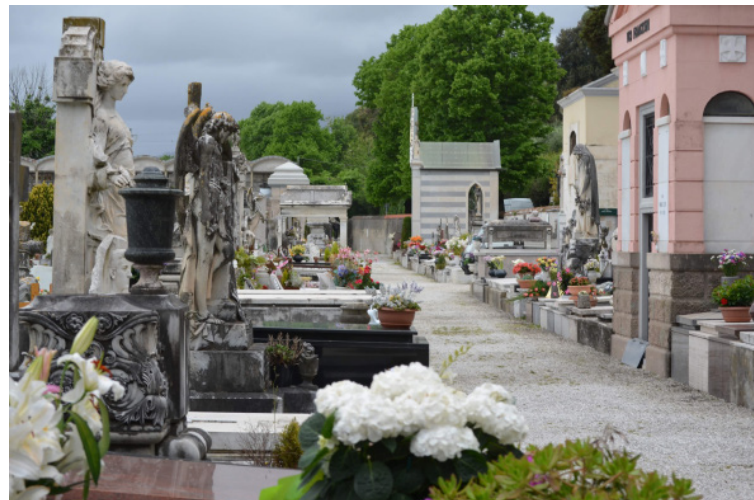
Cimitero monumentale di Staglieno (1851) is located on a hillside in the district of Staglieno of Genoa, Italy. One of the largest cemeteries in Europe, it is famous for its monumental sculpture.



Take a Little Trip

Italy

Located just outside of a small town, Pietrasanta, in the Province of Lucca, is the cemetery *Cimitero di Pietrasanta*. Any time you pass by you will likely see at least one woman cleaning the gravestone of a family member and placing flowers.



There are wide paths throughout the cemetery.



Scotland



A grave slab of a knight in the churchyard of church ruins on the Isle of Skye.

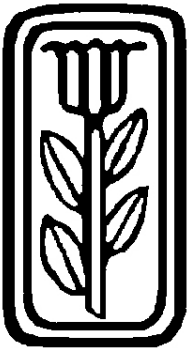
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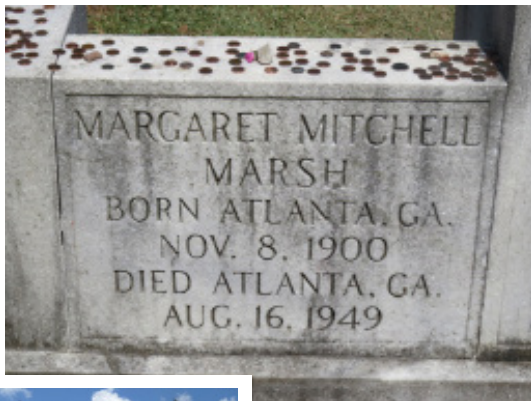
FCAFL presentations

Volunteers can give Zoom presentations to groups of 10 or more people. Presentations include information on funeral planning and price comparisons.

Take a Little Trip (continued)

Atlanta, Georgia

Oakland
Victorian Garden
Cemetery

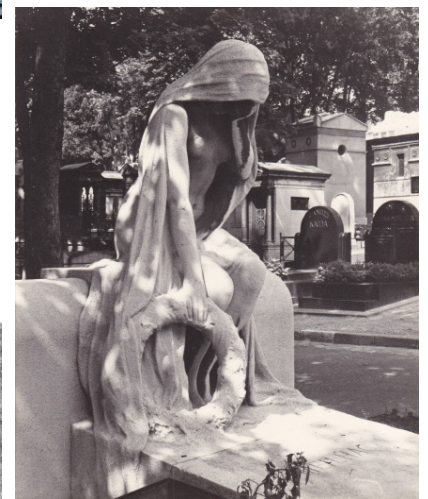


France

Pere Lachaise Cemetery (1804), the largest cemetery in Paris, was both the first garden cemetery and the first municipal cemetery in Paris. Chopin's grave and monument is below.



Montmartre Cemetery (1825) is the third largest cemetery in Paris.



Montparnasse Cemetery (1824) is the second largest cemetery in Paris.

Take a Little Trip (continued)

Peru

Public Cemetery in Cuzco. Walls of coffin or mausoleum spaces. People rent the spaces in which coffins are placed. If they no longer pay the rent for the space, the coffin and remains are eventually removed! No information was given about where the remains went after removal.



Costa Rica

Rural Public Cemetery in Cartago. This cemetery includes both in-ground burials and walls of coffin/mausoleum spaces. The Costa Rican guide was somewhat afraid to go close to this cemetery and crossed himself as we approached.

