

Lytle Funeral Services Past, Present and Future

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Only an estimated three percent of family owned businesses in the United States operate at the fourth-generation level and beyond. That's why we, at Lytle Funeral Services, are so thankful to operate in a community that has offered their continued support for almost a century. We've been a family owned business since 1920, when our great-grandfather, Andrew H. Lytle, opened Lytle Gans Funeral Home in downtown Madison, Indiana.

Our grandfather, Markt A. Lytle, acquired the business in 1948 after his father's passing. From our grandfather, we learned the value of providing great care to the families and communities we serve. While presiding over a city council meeting in 1966, as Mayor of Madison, our grandfather suffered a heart attack and subsequently passed away. His widow, Mrs. Ruth Lytle, operated the business while her son graduated from high school and completed mortuary school. After graduation, Markt L. Lytle, or as we call him, dad, took over as funeral director and challenged our family to continue our grandfather's legacy by providing exceptional service to families in our community.

In June 2004, Markt Trevor Lytle, our brother, and fourth-generation owner, purchased the business which is still operating at the original downtown location. While he continues to honor the traditions of past generations, he is also leaving his own unique mark on a family business with the acquisition of two new locations. On October 1, 2015, Lytle Funeral Services acquired a second location on Madison's hilltop. The hilltop chapel is a modern facility located at 117 Holt Drive off of Michigan Road. On January 5, 2016, Lytle Funeral Services acquired Wood Oakley Funeral Home located in Milton, Kentucky. These acquisitions will allow Lytle Funeral Services to better serve our families by providing them with a choice of facilities in Indiana along with a Kentucky location. All three locations will continue to provide a full range of services including traditional funeral services, celebrations of life, cremation services and pet funerals and services. This generation's greatest accomplishment will be to pass on a thriving business to the next generation of the Lytle family. We'll have my brother, father, his father and his father's father to thank for the family values and abundant opportunities they have passed down from generation to generation.