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### Niagara Falls Memorial Society Papers; Membership List; 1960-09-30

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Five years ago a group of Unitarians explored the arrangements for funerals, and the practices being followed in this community. They came to the conclusion that something should be done about funerals for those people whose sense of values or economy were violated by the prevalent practices. Accordingly, they, with non-Unitarian friends, banded together to form the Niagara Falls Memorial Society.

This society is a non-profit membership organization, controlled democratically by its members. Its activities are conducted by a Board of Trustees elected annually, who serve without salaries. It seeks to serve, and invites into its membership, those who believe in simpler and rational funeral arrangements.

The Purposes of the Society are two-fold:

1. "To promote, through education and other means, dignity and simplicity in funeral arrangements, and
2. "To offer guidance for its members and their families in making preliminary arrangements (through licensed funeral directors) for the type of funeral which they desire within the limitations of the law."

The current officers, elected last May, are:

PRESIDENT: Dr. Glenn C. Forrester  
 VICE PRESIDENT: Adolf M. Hamann  
 SECRETARY: Mrs. Hannah Powell (Mrs. F. D.)  
 TREASURER: K. Axel Heilborn  
 TRUSTEES: Miss Shirley Traver  
 Rev. George N. Marshall (resigned)

The Society has advanced the following statement of principles:

"Believing that the prevailing customs and practices relating to funerals and burials emphasize the mortal and material rather than the triumph of the human spirit and that they impose an unjustifiable emotional strain and a vain and wasteful expense; the Niagara Falls Memorial Society and its members maintain that:

1. "Simpler funeral procedures are desirable and adequate.
2. "Memorial services be held at a convenient time and place following the disposition of the body, but that if the family desires a small, intimate, family gathering before burial or cremation, it be private, brief, without formalities or arrangements.
3. "The showing of the corpse be omitted, and that the body be disposed of, wherever possible, without embalming and that the use of costly caskets be avoided.
4. "Both cremation and burial without embalming are acceptable means for the disposition of the body, the method chosen being a personal decision.
5. "Sympathy be expressed by some gift to a fund or cause in which the deceased had an active interest."

Life membership per family is \$10.00. Information from any of the officers listed above.

Information on members of N.F. Memorial Society, Predecessor Organization  
Members of MSofN, considered 'transfers', without further dues or fees.

Information on members of NF Memorial Society, from Archives

DATE JOINED	FAMILY MBRSHIP NO.	LAST NAME, FIRST, INITIAL	DONOR		FUNERAL DIRECTOR	DATE REMOVED	REASON REMOVED
			EYES	BODY			
57 ?	0001	Cartwright, Marion R.					
		Cartwright, Lena R.					
?	0002	Chinkers, May					
57?	0003	Davis, Ruth B.	X		Gridley		
?	0004	Eastman, Nathan					
		Eastman, Mrs.					
64 ?	0005	Field, Floyd S.			Cornell-Daggett		
		Field, Mrs. Verna S.	X		Bell or C-D		
57 ?	0006	Heilborn, Mrs. Eliz. Tryon					
57 ?	0007	Jack, Mrs. Minnie L.	X	X	C-D		
63 ?	0008	Kauber, George A.			C-D		
65 ?	0009	Keating, Harry L.	X	X	C-D		
		Keating, Geraldine J.	X	X	C-D		
69 ?	0010	Kimball, Richard H.	X		Zajac		
		Kimball, Helen B.	XX		Zajac		
64?	0011	Klabunde, Dr. Walter	X	X	C-D		
		Klabunde, Harriette King	X	X	C-D		
?	0012	Lipson, Dr. Julius					
?	0013	Phippen, Arthur (Jr.)					
		Phippen, Betty Field					
65 ?	0014	Pethybridge, Mrs. Kleah L	X	X			
?	0015	Richelsen, John (Jr.)					
64 ?	0016	Rosenberg, David S.	X	X	Gridley		
		Rosenberg, Amy L.	X	X	Gridley		
?	0017	Rupert, Donald M.					
?	0018	Stebbins, Dr. Ed					
		Stebbins, Mrs.					
?	0019	Stewart, Marshall					
64 ?	0020	Swensson, Carl Ingvar	X				
		Swensson, Gerda Williams	X				
?	0021	VanNimwegen, Garrett					
		VanNimwegen, Mrs.					
67	0022	Yates, James O.	X	X			
		Yates, Rebecca G.	X				

NOTE: Information is sketchy in some cases. All Guidance forms and Donor information should be updated as soon as is reasonably possible.

DATE JOINED	FAMILY MBRSHIP NO.	LAST NAME, FIRST, INITIAL	DONOR		FUNERAL DIRECTOR	DATE REMOVED	REASON REMOVED
			EYES	BODY			
		WHEREABOUTS AND STATUS OF THE FOLLOWING ARE UNKNOWN AS OF 3/31/83					
		Olga L. Cannon					
		Elizabeth V. Clarke					
		Elizabeth M. Guillemont					
		Cleighton W. MacRitchie					
		Mary L. MacRitchie					
		Margaret B. Kremers					
		Edward W. Heiderich					
		Helen Heiderich					
		Clyde T. Gallinger					
		Ruth M. Gallinger					
		Two more that are totally illegible.					

NOTES:

Charter members enrolled at Organizational Meeting 3/31/83

DATE JOINED	FAMILY MBRSHIP NO.	\$pd or transfer	LAST NAME, FIRST, INITIAL	DONOR		FUNERAL DIRECTOR	DATE REMOVED	REASON REMOVED
				EYES	BODY			
3/31/83	0023	15	Coykendall, Robert					
3/31/83	0024	15	Gottschalk, Eva					
3/31/83	0025	15	Hooker, Thomas Hooker, Elizabeth					
3/31/83	0026	15	Jackson, Ethel M.					
3/31/83	0027	15	Pethybridge, F. Elaine					
3/31/83	0028	15	Safran, Jill Donna					
3/31/83	0029	15	Shuster, Edward R. Shuster, Judith C.					
3/31/83	0030	15	Toner, George F.					
<p>The only information on the above is address and dues are paid. Membership packets need to be sent ASAP, and guidance forms completed. Spouses and families are not listed, but eligible as per By-Laws.</p>								