

Reflections

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"a family owned Funeral Home
and Cemetery"

"We cannot appeal to the conscience of
the world when our own conscience is
asleep."

-Carl von Ossietzky

The West Family



*In
Loving
Memory*

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Jacob Bucey

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Carmen Gonzalez

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Susan Zilkowski

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Meet the Staff

Ponte Vedra Valley's

New L.F.D.

(Licensed Funeral Director)



It's official! Brent Headrick has completed his year of internship, passed National and State Certification exams (with flying colors), and finally has his license number to become Ponte Vedra Valley's licensed funeral director.

For those of you who have not met Brent, he is Pat and Tom's nephew from South Dakota. Brent, his wife Jacque, who works in the cemetery office, and their daughter's Paige (8) and Hope (5), moved from South Dakota in 2004 after both Brent and Jacque graduated from Black Hills State University with their Bachelor's degrees.

After moving to Florida Brent spend a summer working as a grounds keeper for the cemetery, and in the fall began working in the office while earning his Associate's degree from Florida Community College at Jacksonville in Funeral Services. When Brent graduated in December of 2006 with his degree in Funeral Services, he became one of only a limited number of funeral directors to hold a bachelors and associates degree.

After graduation, he started his year of interning at Broadus Raines Funeral Home in Green Cove Springs. He was able to study under two great funeral directors who prepared him well for his new profession. Brent is looking forward to helping and serving the many families we meet.

Did You Know?

- *More personal telephone calls are made on Mother's Day in the USA than on any other day in any other country.
- *About 27% of food in developed countries are wasted each year. It's simply thrown away. Along with that almost 1.2 billion people are underfed - the same number of people that are overweight to the point of obesity.
- *According to the US Weather Service, their one day forecasts are accurate more than 75% of the time. They send out 2 million forecasts a year.
- *TIP is the acronym for "To Insure Promptness."
- *The world's oldest existing eatery opened in Kai-Feng, China in 1153.



Joan of Arc

Born c.1412 Domremy, France
Died 30 May 1431, Rouen, France
Venerated in
 Roman Catholic Church
Beatified 18 April 1909, by Pius X
Canonized 16 May 1920, by
 Benedict XV
Feast 30 May

She asserted that she had visions from God which told her to recover her homeland from English domination late in the Hundred Years War. The uncrowned King Charles VII sent her to the siege at Orleans as part of a relief mission. She gained prominence when she overcame the light regard of veteran commanders and lifted the siege in only nine days. Several more swift victories led to Charles VII's coronation at Reims and settled the disputed succession to the throne. "The Hundred Years" War had begun in 1337 as a succession dispute to the French throne with intermittent periods of relative peace. The French population had not recovered from the Black Death of the previous century and its merchants were cut off from foreign markets. She would later testify at her trial that St. Michael, St. Catherine, and St. Margaret told her to drive out the English and bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. She arrived at the siege of Orleans 29 April 1429, but Jean d'Orleans, the acting head of the Orleans ducal family, initially excluded her from war councils and failed to inform her when the army engaged the enemy. This did not prevent her from being present at most councils and battles. She defied the cautious strategy that had characterized French leadership. With the aid of only one captain she rode out and captured the fortress of St. Augustins. She insisted on assaulting the main English stronghold called "les Tourelles" on 7 May.

Contemporaries acknowledged her as the heroine of the engagement after she sustained an arrow wound to her shoulder but returned for the final charge. Clerical notary Nicholas Bailly, commissioned to collect testimony against Joan, could find no evidence. Asked if she knew she was in God's grace, she answered: "If I am not, may God put me there; and if I am, may God so keep me." The question is a scholarly trap. Church doctrine held that no one could be certain of God's grace. Eyewitnesses described the scene of the execution on 30 May 1431. Tied to a tall pillar, she asked 2 of the clergy to hold a crucifix before her. After she expired, the English raked back the coals to expose her charred body so that no one could claim she had escaped alive, then burned the body twice more to reduce it to ashes and prevent any collection of relics. They cast her remains into the Seine.

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Cemetery Hours

Gates Open at 8:00 am & Close at Dusk

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Other Times by Appointment

Funeral Home Hours

Monday-Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Other Times by Appointment

We are available for our families 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please feel free to reach us by phone anytime.

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Animal Trivia

Millions of trees are accidentally planted by squirrels who bury nuts and then forget where they hid them.

Animals, like people, are either right-handed or left-handed. Polar bears are left-handed - and so is Kermit the Frog.

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We are currently revamping our website and plan to have the newsletter available online. Once this comes available we will announce it in our printed monthly version. Please let us know if you are interested in reading the online newsletter, or if you would prefer to continue receiving the monthly mailout.

*We would like to wish all
the mothers a
Happy Mother's Day!*