

Reflections

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*"a family owned Funeral Home,
Cremation Center and Cemetery"*

"A man always has two reasons for what
he does--a good one and the real one."

-John Pierpont Morgan

The West Family



*In
Loving
Memory*

Ray Simpson

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Jack Ritchie

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Alexander and Glenna Ritchie

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Norman Day

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William and Catherine Gregg

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Stacy Hutchins

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Bessie Richard

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Ryan Reed

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Dr. James Popp

Ponte Vedra Valley is Committed to Meeting the Personal Needs of Every Family We Serve

Whether we are serving a family through our funeral home or cemetery, we strive to provide caring, personalized service to every family we meet. One way to provide personalized service is to offer families the use of our funeral home for a reception. This provides a time of fellowship for families and friends. We have an on-site caterer available to assist with your selection of food and beverage, set-up of the kitchen area, serving, and helping in the dining area. Please contact us with any question you may have on meeting the personalized needs of your family.



Dining area in our funeral home

Visit Our Improved Website

www.pontevedravalle.com

Our website gives families an overall idea of the services we offer, pictures of our grounds and funeral home, an online version of our newsletter, and we also post the obituaries for families we serve in our funeral home.

Please let us know what you think and if you are interested in receiving the newsletter by mail or online.



Interesting Quotes

"Sit by the homely girl, you'll look better by comparison."

-Debra Maffett, Miss America 1983

"What we have is two important values in conflict: freedom of speech and our desire for healthy campaigns and a healthy democracy. You can't have both."

-Dick Gephardt, Missouri Representative

"Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty."

-Budapest Zoo sign



Dr. Seuss, Theodor Seuss Geisel
(March 2, 1904-September 24, 1991)
Was a famous American writer and cartoonist best known for his classic children's books under the pen name Dr. Seuss. His books have become staples for many children and their parents. Seuss' trademarks were his

rhyming text and his outlandish creatures. He wrote and illustrated 44 children's books. Born in Springfield, Massachusetts his father was a parks superintendent in charge of Forest Park, a huge park that included within its borders a zoo and was located 3 blocks from a library. He entered Lincoln College, Oxford, intending to earn a Ph. D in literature. At Oxford he met Helen Palmer Geisel, married her in 1927, and went to the United States without earning the degree. The "Dr." in his pen name is an acknowledgement of his father's unfulfilled hopes that Seuss would earn a doctorate at Oxford. In 1937, while Seuss was returning from an ocean voyage to Europe, the rhythm of the ship's engines inspired the poem that became his first book, *And To Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street*. Seuss wrote three more children's books before WW II, two of which are, atypically for him, in prose. As WW II began, Dr. Seuss turned to political cartoons, drawing over 400 in two years as editorial cartoonist for the left-wing New York City daily newspaper, PM. Dr. Seuss's Political cartoons, later published in *Dr. Seuss Goes to War*, opposed the viciousness of Hitler and Mussolini and were highly critical of isolationists. His cartoons were strongly supportive of President Roosevelt's conduct of the war. In 1942, Dr. Seuss turned his energies to direct support of the U.S. war effort. First, he worked drawing posters for the Treasury Dept and the War Production Board. Then, in 1943, he joined the Army and was commander of the Animation Dept. of the First Motion Picture Unit of the U.S. Army Air Forces. In May 1954, Life magazine published a report on illiteracy among school children, which concluded that children were not learning to read because their books were boring. Accordingly, Seuss's publisher made up a list of 400 words he felt were important and asked Dr. Seuss to cut the list to 250 words and write a book using only those words. Nine months later, Seuss, using 220 of the words given to him, completed *The Cat in the Hat*. This book was a tour de force-it retained the drawing style, verse rhythms, and all the imaginative power of Seuss's earlier works. Dr. Seuss was bet \$50 that he could not write an entire book using only 50 words, The result was *Green Eggs and Ham*. At various times Seuss also wrote books for adults that used the same style of verse and pictures. Though he devoted most of his life to writing children's books, he never had any children himself. Dr. Seuss wrote most of his books in a verse form that in the terminology of metrics would be characterized as anapestic tetrameter, a meter employed also by Lord Byron and other poets of the English literary canon. Seuss's earlier artwork often employed the shaded texture of pencil drawings or watercolors, but in children's books of the postwar period he generally employed the starker medium of pen and ink, normally using just black, white, and one or two colors. Seuss's figures are often rounded and somewhat droopy. This is true, for instance, of the faces of the Grinch and the Cat in the Hat. It is also true of virtually all buildings and machinery that Seuss drew. Seuss evidently enjoyed drawing architecturally elaborate objects. His endlessly varied palaces, ramps, platforms, and free-standing stairways are among his most evocative creations. Seuss also drew elaborate imaginary machines.

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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

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

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After further investigation into the new found "fact" that Pluto is actually **not** a planet, Ponte Vedra Valley's owners are still committed to Pluto being considered the ninth planet of our solar system.

Did you know...

- *during his or her lifetime, the average human will grow 590 miles of hair?
- *the first telephone book was one page long and had only 50 names in it?
- *an iceberg contains more heat than a lit match?
- *Moscow weathermen can be fined for inaccurate weather forecasting!?
- *the Chinese ideogram for 'trouble' depicts two women living under one roof?
- *to burn off one plain M&M candy, you need to walk the full length of a football field?

Just a Friendly Reminder...

Please no potted plants or glass on the cemetery grounds.

Thank you!