



**WILLIAM N RUPERT MORTUARY INC**  
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This month the business spotlight swings up to the WILLIAM N. RUPERT MORTUARY Inc. @ 430 Mendenhall Avenue, Knox Pa.

For over 52 years now the Rupert Funeral Home has been a staple up on Mendenhall Avenue here providing traditional services, monuments & memorialization items for the families they serve.

History of the William N. Rupert Mortuary, Inc. begins with William N. Rupert, an Emlenton native who graduated from the Cleveland College of Embalming in 1943. Mr Rupert was then employed at funeral homes in New Castle, Cleveland, Warren & Youngstown before going into business for himself with a funeral home in Emlenton. After 12 years of operation in Emlenton he relocated the business to Knox in 1962, purchasing the former home of Knox Glass CEO Roy Underwood. After extensive renovations to the former Underwood home, William & Cecelia Rupert opened the Rupert Funeral Home there on Mendenhall and West Penn Avenue. Officially the business is called the William N. Rupert Mortuary, Inc.

William and Cecelia lived upstairs in the home there over the years. Youngest son Joe then joined his father in the business after he graduated from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 1984. William N. Rupert sadly passed away in 1994, Cecelia survives. Today the mortuary is owned & operated by Joe & his wife Susan and son Will, who will be attending attending Point Park University & The

Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in the fall of 2015. It is likely that WILL is going to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather and father in the business.

The Ruperts are assisted in present day operations by Fred McIlhattan, Dave Rivers, Daryl Wetzel, & Chris Lewis. The business also has an extensive monument service serving Clarion, Armstrong and Jefferson counties. Joe & Susan have expanded their business to include monuments and memorialization items for people and pets alike, as so many people these days consider pets as important members of the family.

Every year during the Knox Horsethief Festival week, Susan Rupert has a "train ride / hay ride" setup for the kids around town attending the festivities. You may have seen Joe or Fred pulling the little train cars around Knox, very nice...And the Rupert Funeral home always sponsors a "Horse Thief" event during the week of festivities.

We say THANKS to the William N. Rupert Mortuary for being another one of the great Knox businesses that folks have counted on for years. We are blessed to have them in our community and hope they continue to provide their services for many years to come. We say thanks to the entire Rupert family!