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Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home continues to serve community

NEW BRITAIN

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In this time of constant uncertainty, the community can rely on consistent, high-quality service they have come to expect from New Britain's Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home.

While the covid-19 pandemic claims lives across the local region and the world, staff are taking all of the necessary precautions to ensure against the spread of the coronavirus.

With a longstanding reputation in the industry going back 30-plus years, owner and founder Paul Shaker Jr. continues to provide funeral, memorial, burial and cremation services.

"We wear masks, gloves and face shields," Shaker Jr. told the Herald this August. "A lot of people are concerned about bringing their families in the funeral home with an open casket in case of the chance of covid. We are following all regulations so as not to expose people to the virus."

The funeral home is still offering its traditional services includ-



Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home

ing cremation, embalming, wakes and funerals with closed or open caskets, honoring the family's wishes.

"We usually have about 30 people here for a wake," Shaker Jr. said. "We still have our traditional calls and visits. Business has been the same."

A New Britain native, he started the business in 1993 with his wife Barbara and father Paul A. Shaker Sr.

"I've been in this business for 36 years," he said. "I started from scratch driving limousines and hearses and cleaning up funeral homes, before starting my own."

The Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home is located at 764 Farmington Ave., New Britain. Several staff members are multilingual and can accommodate clients who speak Italian or Polish.

Burial packages start for as low as \$6,300 and cremations cost \$1,100 and up.

While faced with the loss of a family member and the heartache of mourning, Shaker staff is compassionate and professional in their service.

"We provide plenty of help during funeral services, with one man at the door and two in the parking lot," Shaker said. "Once inside, we have fountains for tranquility to calm people down."

Staff also offers their clients grief support programs for additional assistance.

Visit shakerfuneralhome.com for more detailed information on services. For immediate assistance, call the Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home at 860-229-9006. Licensed personnel are available to talk 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. If your needs are less urgent, email shakerfuneralhome@snet.net.

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