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MEMORIAL PARK, LLC

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Dear Forrest Memorial Park Stakeholder:

**We are excited to announce new ownership and management for Forrest Memorial Park cemetery located at 741 Highway 45, Corinth, MS 38834.**

The cemetery was purchased from the Mississippi Secretary of State by Dr. Tom Fowlkes and his business partner, Glenn Coleman of Oxford. They own CFH Holdings, LLC which owns and operates two funeral homes in Oxford and one in Olive Branch. Dr. Fowlkes is heading up an initiative for the company to acquire cemeteries in North Mississippi.

Forrest Memorial Park, LLC will continue to operate as a perpetual care cemetery and intends to build upon the work of the receivership to return the cemetery to:

1. Sound financial and operational management, to be able to serve its interment rights owners and families for the long-term.
2. Beautiful grounds, by cleaning up the cemetery and investing in some needed infrastructure.
3. A reputation of fair, trustworthy and compassionate service to the families it serves.

To that end, we have partnered with Josh Hodum to serve as the Cemetery Manager of Forrest Memorial Park. Josh is well known in Alcorn County, serving as the Pastor of Gospel Tabernacle in Corinth and the deputy coroner for Alcorn County. Josh will be available to work with the funeral homes and families of the area to make both at-need and advance arrangements.

Interment rights for individual ground burials will be available for \$800 (the same price as has been in place for a number of years) to \$1,400, depending on the garden and location of the plot. We are working to develop a number of options for above-ground mausoleum crypts, cremation interment spaces and columbarium niches.

We have a computerized database reflecting the four years' work of the Secretary of State to create an accurate database of interment right owners. **We encourage any of you who are interment right owners contact Josh to verify the information we have on file.** Also, although the court acknowledged that contracts for pre-paid merchandise and services with the former owners have been lost and were unable to be recovered, we recognize the burden this created for some of those who own plots at Forrest Memorial. **We are prepared to work with those families to offer substantial discounts for advance arrangements.** We encourage them to contact Josh as soon as possible to take advantage of this.

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We have a brochure available which outlines the new decoration guidelines. A complete list of Cemetery Rules & Regulations and price list/brochures are available on our website and at the cemetery office. We hope that you understand that these policies are designed to ensure the long-term viability and beauty of the cemetery.

A few important items that should be highlighted:

1. Josh Hodum will have the most accurate database of plot ownership, availability and pricing, and he should be the primary point of contact for funeral homes and families. His cell phone number is (662) 872-9999 and his e-mail address is [jhodum@forrestmemorialpark.org](mailto:jhodum@forrestmemorialpark.org).
2. Jeff Rencher will continue to provide grave opening/closing. He has extensive knowledge of the cemetery and will continue to be a valuable resource.
3. We have retained John Pence as a groundskeeper and will supplement with contract landscaping services. It is important to remember that these groundskeepers do not have information or authority necessary to make operational decisions on behalf of the cemetery.
4. The fee for opening/closing a grave will be \$750. This fee will include excess dirt removal. There is no extra charge for weekends.
5. In order to preserve the uniformity and integrity of the cemetery, we are requiring that each burial utilize an outer burial container (OBC) made of concrete or steel. If a person has an existing pre-arrangement with a funeral home for a concrete or steel OBC and set-up, we will honor that pre-arrangement. Otherwise, in order to meet safety, quality and timeliness standards, we will require that families obtain the OBC and set-up through the cemetery and its approved vendor (John Harris/Doric Vault out of Tupelo).
6. We also acquired the former Hight Funeral Home building. At this time, we have no definite plans to open a funeral home in this market. We do plan to make needed repairs to the building, to be able to open the front portion as a cemetery office and possibly make more of the building available as a chapel and event space. For now, Josh will meet families there on an appointment basis, and we will update you when we begin regular, staffed office hours.

Our website is [www.forrestmemorialpark.org](http://www.forrestmemorialpark.org). On the website, we have posted complete Rules & Regulations as well as pricing and family information. The mailing address for the cemetery is: PO Box 1044, Corinth, MS 38835-1044. The physical address of the property is: 741 Hwy 45 South, Corinth, MS 38834 — but please do not send any mail to that address. The phone number is (662) 286-9333 and is answered 24 hours a day.

Thank you for the warm welcome we have received and for your continuing community support.

Sincerely,

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