

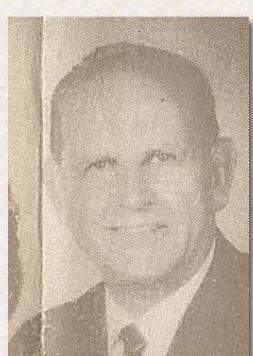
# A continued tradition through the years.

## Guiding and serving families with compassion and trust..



John F. Kostel

1917 – Under the direction of John F. Kostel, the funeral home began offering its services to Tabor, South Dakota.



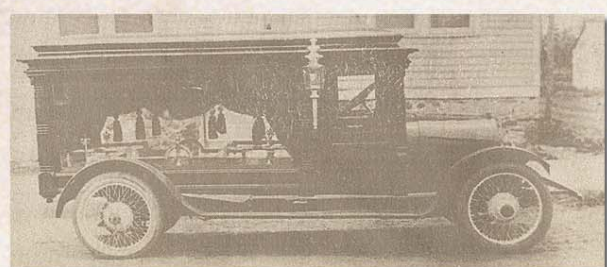
Laddie E. Kostel

1935 – Laddie E. Kostel managed the business. He received license number one when funeral director licenses were first issued in South Dakota



Laddie R. Kostel

1957 – Laddie R. Kostel inherited the family's funeral home.



1920 – John had his horse-drawn hearse converted into a modern funeral coach. Other funeral directors in the area arranged to have Mr. Kostel bring his unique funeral coach to their town for use at funerals of prominent citizens.

The funeral home was originally called Kabeiseman-Nelson Funeral Home. The business took on several different names throughout the years as several partners joined/left the firm. In 1963, the Tabor and Yankton



Kabeiseman-Nelson Funeral Home

businesses combined operations and in 1977 the firm officially became known as the the Kostel Funeral Home. Around this time Kostel Funeral Home also began doing the professional work for the operations of the Aisenbery Funeral Home in Menno, which they later purchased. 1978 – Kostel Funeral Home in Yankton moved into the current structure.

1984 – Prearrangement of funerals was becoming more popular and this led to the advancements of all the Kostel branches to offer prearrangement services. Susan Kostel Showers, daughter of Laddie E. Kostel, joined the firm and became involved in the pre-need program. Cheryl Anderson continues to serve the Yankton, Menno, Tyndall and Tabor areas as its pre-need counselor.

1998 – Kevin and Lisa Opsahl purchased the funeral home from Laddie and Pam Kostel. Kevin had joined the firm in 1991 and worked with Laddie until the time of purchase. Kevin has served on the Board of Directors of the International Order of the Gold Rule (2005-2012) and has served as President in 2010-2011. The International Order of the Golden Rule (OGR) serves the needs of the independent funeral home by providing the resources, tools and information needed to succeed and grow. Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory has been a member of OGR since 1986.



Tabor



Menno



Tyndall

Tami Keller, Funeral Director/General Manager, worked in Aberdeen at a nursing home for 11 years as a certified nurses aide and a physical therapy assistant before becoming licensed in funeral service in May 1999. Tami fulfilled her apprenticeship at the Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory and has been with the firm since October 1999.

In 2000 an On-site crematory was added to the facility. The on-site services allowed Kostel Funeral Home to provide services that may otherwise be handled through a larger facility, farther away. After a remodel in 2000, the funeral home was now able to offer the convenience and comfort of having an arrangement room, chapel, and fellowship hall all under one roof. The chapel offers seating for up to 300 guests. The newly remodeled casket selection room gives families a better understanding of the casket material, the widest array of choices and a respectful environment in which to make their selection. In 2011, the chapel of the funeral home was updated with a new interior.

2008 – The Kostel Funeral Home was officially changed to Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory. And in 2010, the Tyndall Funeral Resource Center and Memorial Chapel was made available to service the Tyndall area.



The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory has several locations: Yankton's Funeral Home and Crematory, Tyndall Memorial Chapel/Resource Center, and Tabor and Menno Memorial Chapels.

As we approach the 100th anniversary of our business, we are reminded that the success of the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory would not be possible without the support of the communities in which we live and work. We are dedicated to providing the best service to our families in and around southeast South Dakota.



Kevin Opsahl  
Funeral Director/Owner



Tami Keller  
Funeral Director/GM



Cheryl Anderson  
Pre-arrangement Counselor



Paul Opsahl  
After-Care Counselor



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