

TAYLOR FUNERAL HOME

Taylor Opens First Funeral Home in City

In the history of the funeral business in Merrill, the Taylor Funeral Home will be remembered as the first of its kind in the city, pioneering in a better type of funeral service for the people of Merrill and its vicinity.

The innovation of funeral homes in larger cities has come about through the fact that many patrons do not desire to use private homes for funeral use, although they desire the advantages and surroundings of home atmosphere. A funeral causes inconveniences and sometimes a little unpleasantness in the private home; many people who rent rooms do not have adequate home facilities. Under these circumstances the use of a funeral home is the greatest of advantages.

Although the Taylor organization is fully equipped and prepared to conduct funerals in the traditional manner in private homes, it offers the only service in Merrill that can provide without additional charge the use of its funeral home when desired. The home itself is unique not only in Merrill but in this entire region for its splendid accommodations for the smooth and fitting conductance of funerals, for its beauty, and its home-like appointments.

The inside arrangement is ideal.

A special family room opens out to the front end of the large chapel room, where a hundred people may sit, so that the family may participate in the services while remaining apart from the rest if they wish. This family room may be reached by a different doorway than the chapel, and the family may remain alone without contact with anyone else all through the funeral if it likes.

Everything has been arranged for quiet, sympathetic services. A special reproductive system provides the finest of pipe organ music, while a piano is provided for group hymn singing or other music. Indirect lighting provides soft but adequate light without glare.

Arthur Taylor, proprietor of the home, has managed a funeral business for the past fifteen years. He came here after owning a funeral home in Rib Lake until last year. He is a graduate of Hobanah and Carpenter School of Embalming, formerly at Des Moines. During his past twelve years he has also taken several post-graduate courses in his work.

Mr. Taylor also has two brothers who are capable funeral directors prepared to assist him whenever necessary.

Krueger Founds First Exclusive Funeral Firm

The Krueger Funeral establishment is the oldest of its kind in Merrill.

It was established by Emil O. Krueger, who, after being graduated from St. John's Lutheran school at the age of 15, became an apprentice of the late Henry Littlejohn in 1901.

whole period in the present location at 927 E. Main street.

In December 14, 1935, Mr. Krueger passed away. His wife and his son Norbert are continuing the business at present.

J. C. Smith, an experienced licensed embalmer and funeral director with 18 years of experience, is at present with the Krueger establishment. He offers distinguished funeral service and is capable of taking complete and adequate charge of any funeral.

With its funeral service, the Krueger concern is continuing its ambulance service and stands ready to make calls at any time of the day or night.

At present the Krueger establishment is being extensively remodeled throughout its interior, and when the work is completed the waiting room, stock room, and office will be modern and well-dressed in their decorations and style. The firm's ultimate plans include the establishment of a chapel for funeral services and a new exterior remodeling that will make the place one of the finest establishments in the city.

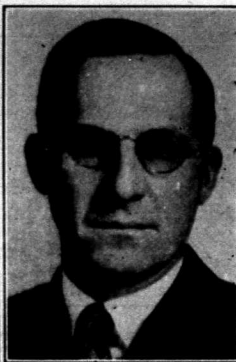


E. O. Krueger
Founder

With this background of practical training in his chosen profession, Mr. Krueger entered the Philadelphia Training School for Embalmers in 1906, and on March 25, 1907, he was graduated from this school with high honors, being one of three of his large class who received the degree of post graduate.

After Mr. Littlejohn's death, Mr. Krueger became associated with J. A. Nusbaum as funeral director in connection with Nusbaum's furniture store. In 1914 he left Nusbaum's to establish his own business, which he operated for nineteen years as the only exclusive funeral establishment in Merrill. He remained during that

J. C. Smith



Embalmer and funeral director at present employed by the Krueger Undertaking establishment.

Corwith Aided Early Loggers With Capital

Henry Corwith, a Galena, Illinois capitalist, became early interested in the lumber business in this section, by extending financial aid, when needed, to the logging operators and manufacturers of lumber.

There were a few portable mills in the county, beside the Scott mill in Merrill, and Miles Swope's mill out on Pine River. John Calton operated a saw mill at Trappe river, on the east Merrill-Wausau road. That was the first road built into Jenny.

The Corwiths resided here many years; the two daughters remained here for some time after their parents' death.

Chippewa Indians Used Jenny Site

During the 1800's and before, Indians were still plentiful in the woods about Jenny, and their migrations from place to place on the Wisconsin and Prairie rivers added a unique color to the scene. A large part of the time their camping site seemed farther back in the woods, and from it they came to Jenny laden with articles which they offered in trade to the whites for flour, cornmeal, and bread, and less often for money.

There were plenty of deer in those days and venison was one of the treats brought in by the Indians. They also brought in berries of various kinds, wild rice, fish, and game. Pickerel and pike were the most common fish, often got by spearing. They made maple syrup and sugar, birch bark canoes, moccasins and mittens of buckskin, belts and chains of beads, furs, and rugs made of rushes. The Chippewas were less industrious than some other tribes and their work was negligible compared with the white man's.

A. C. Norway Early Leader

Mr. A. C. Norway was for many years one of the foremost citizens of Jenny. He came here in 1851. He engaged in lumbering, but quit on account of his health. He built what was known as the "Merrill House." He died June 22, 1900.



"Haply May You Remember"

CHRISTINA ROSETTI, the poetess, phrased the Final Parting

"HAPLY MAY YOU REMEMBER"

And in this phrase she told our story too.

Though our services are capable of providing the most elaborate ceremonies, yet even in the simplest least expensive cases we make the Final Services so beautiful that you will always recall it as a beautiful and fitting gesture, one to be remembered "HAPLY".

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