

EDMESTON FUNERAL DIRECTOR GORDON R. TERRY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT  
OF THE NYS FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

**Albany, NY -- August 23 --** Gordon R. Terry, president and treasurer of the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home in Edmeston, was elected vice president of the New York State Funeral Directors Association (NYSFDA) at the organization's annual meeting which concluded today in Saratoga Springs, New York. A licensed funeral director since 1983 and certified funeral service practitioner (CFSP) since 2004, Terry will serve for the 2006-2007 term.

Terry was formerly an assistant professor of mortuary science at SUNY College of Technology at Farmingdale, and has been the Otsego County Coroner since 1997.

Terry is a member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Funeral Directors Association, a board member of the Funeral Directors Support Services, and a member of the New York State Association of County Coroners and Medical Examiners. He is currently secretary of the Leatherstocking Funeral Directors Association, a local association comprised of funeral directors in Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie counties.

Active in community affairs, Terry is trustee of the Edmeston Town School Funds, a member of the Edmeston Fire Department and treasurer of the Cooperstown Lions Club. He is also vice president of the Edmeston Union Cemetery Association.

Terry graduated from the State University College at Buffalo in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree, and received his Mortuary Science Degree from SUNY College of Technology at Farmingdale in 1982.

Founded in 1889, NYSFDA's mission is to promote the highest standards of funeral service to the public and to enhance the environment in which its members operate. More than 800 member firms and 3000 licensed funeral directors who operate across the state belong to the New York State Funeral Directors Association. In addition to maintaining a Website at [www.nysfda.org](http://www.nysfda.org), NYSFDA also publishes a newspaper column "Transitions" and brochures which educate and inform consumers about end-of-life issues.

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