

JOAN KUHN TERRY RE-ELECTED REGIONAL GOVERNOR FOR NYS FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Albany, NY -- May 30 -- Joan Kuhn Terry has been re-elected regional governor for the New York State Funeral Directors Association's (NYSFDA) Region 3 which includes the Broome County Funeral Directors Association; Leatherstocking Funeral Directors Association (Chenango, Delaware, Otsego and Schoharie Counties), and the Finger Lakes Funeral Directors Association.

A licensed funeral director since 1990, Mrs. Terry is a Certified Funeral Service Practitioner. With her husband Gordon, she is co-owner of the Houk-Johnston-Terry Funeral Home in Edmeston.

As regional governor, Mrs. Terry will serve as a member of NYSFDA's board of directors and executive committee, will help shape and determine NYSFDA's role in New York State funeral service and will act as a voice in Albany before the State's legislature and regulatory agencies for local Region 3 member funeral homes.

Mrs. Terry is president, continuing education director and PrePlan spokesperson of the Leatherstocking Funeral Directors Association. (PrePlan, administered by NYSFDA, is a preneed trust fund for persons who wish to prefund their own funeral costs.) She is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association; Council of Churches and Church Youth Leader; Fire Department and American Legion Auxiliaries and the Edmeston Tea Circle.

Mrs. Terry received an Associates of Art degree from Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont and her Associates of Applied Science degree in Mortuary Science from SUNY Farmingdale, New York.

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, NYSFDA also conducts ongoing educational sessions for members and consumers. The organization also publishes a member newsletter, a quarterly newspaper column "Transitions" and brochures which educate and inform consumers about end-of-life issues.

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