



Alumni Hall of Fame

WILLIAM C. WAPPNER, CFSP

A fourth-generation funeral director, William Wappner is the owner of Wappner Funeral Directors in Mansfield, Ohio. Wappner attended Ohio State University from 1972 to 1974 and graduated summa cum laude from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1975 and received his funeral directors license in 1976. William, along with his brother, Thomas, took over the ownership of the original Wappner Funeral Directors in 1987. With over a century and a quarter, embracing four generations, Wappner Funeral Directors possesses a respected heritage.

Wappner has committed himself to the funeral service profession on a state and national level. He is a past president of the Ohio Funeral Directors Association (Ohio FDA) and has served as a chair and member of several Ohio FDA committees. Wappner authored the first edition of Ohio FDA's OSHA manual and was instrumental in forming Ohio Crematory Operators Association. He is board member of Mansfield Memorial Homes.

On the national level, Bill served as 2009-2010 NFDA President. Prior to his distinguished position, he served on the NFDA Executive Board as an at-large representative from 2003 to 2005. He has served as a member and chair of several NFDA committees including the Operations, Budget, Advocacy, Membership Recruitment, Communication, Regulatory Issues, and Constitution & Bylaws. He served on the Policy Board from 1995 to 1996 and is a member of the Heritage Club. Bill is also a member of the Preferred Funeral Directors International.

William is a respected member of the business community as a member of the Board of Directors of the North and Central Ohio Volunteers of American, Inc., Past Master of the Mansfield Lodge #35 F. & A.M.

Bill and his wife, Esther live in Mansfield and have three grown children. He enjoys golf and sporting clays.

For his excellence in service to both his colleague funeral directors and to his home communities, Bill Wappner was hereby inducted into the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science inaugural Hall of Fame this 17th day of November 2017.

