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*Commencement Program*  
*Class of 1977*  
*and the Dedication of the*  
*Funeral Service Teaching Center*

Department of Mortuary Science  
Health Sciences  
University of Minnesota



7:30 P.M.  
Friday, June 10, 1977  
Great Hall  
Coffman Memorial Union  
Minneapolis Campus

# CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

## Major: Mortuary Science

Gregory Anderson Preston	Paul Huber Excelsior	Phillip Olson Montevideo
*David Barbola Berlin, Wisconsin	Margaret James Lake Crystal	John Ours Chetek, Wisconsin
Roger Bengtson Duluth	James Juhl New London	Alan Rausch Gettysburg, S.D.
Warren Bjorklund Fergus Falls	Helmut Klumpjan West Germany	*James Rogers South Pittsburg, Tennessee
Bruce Blair Superior, Wisconsin	Mark Koepsell Mayville, Wisconsin	Bruce Savoy New Ulm
**Gordon Blem Robbinsdale	Terry Kurtzhals Coleridge, Nebraska	William Schneider Janesville, Wisconsin
**LeAnn Bradley Oshkosh, Wisconsin	Ronald Levander Albion, Nebraska	Charles Sisk Rapid City, S.D.
Ronald Brown Spooner, Wisconsin	John Lodholz Ankeny, Iowa	Donald Skrivseth Minneapolis
**Jeffrey Cotter Trinidad, Colorado	**Lois Lutz White Bear Lake	James Vaala Madison
George Eastman New London, Ohio	Daniel Macken Rochester	Joseph Wagner Jordan
**David Erickson St. Louis Park	Timothy Macken Rochester	Dean Weishaar Rolfe, Iowa
James Fullerton Rockford, Iowa	**Donald McReavy Minneapolis	**Lou Williamson Amery, Wisconsin
Charles Goodwin Manchester, N.H.	Gregory Myers Ogden, Utah	Donald Winge St. Paul
*Stephen Grossell Deer River	*Jeffrey Nelson Blair, Nebraska	Michael Zabel Rochester
Jerome Hanson Osseo, Wisconsin	Randall Nicola Bismarck, N.D.	Jeffrey Zwickey Madison, Wisconsin
Charles Holmquist Benson	Paul Olasande St. Paul	

\* With Distinction

\*\* With High Distinction

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

## Order of Events

Organ Selections - - - - - Earl L. Burger  
*Assistant Professor, Mortuary Science*

Processional (audience please remain seated)

Marshals: For the Faculty - - - Instructor David Lee  
- - - - - Instructor Michael Mathews  
For the Class of 1978 - - - Steve Branstad  
- - - - - Scott Dahlstrom

Invocation - - - - The Reverend Doctor Douglas Wallace  
*Executive Director, University YMCA*

Dedication of the Funeral Service Teaching Center Dr. Lyle A. French  
*Vice President, Health Sciences*  
Charles F. McGuiggan  
*Member, Board of Regents*

Speaking for the Faculty - - - - - Dale E. Stroud

Charge to the Class of 1977 - - - - - Richard Myers

Speaking for the Class of 1977 - - - - Lou A. Williamson

Speaking for the University

Conferring of the Degrees - - - - Dr. Lyle A. French  
*Vice President, Health Sciences*  
Dr. Robert C. Slater  
*Professor and Director*  
*Department of Mortuary Science*

Presentation of Awards

Award of Merit  
Directors Service Award  
Nolte Award

Recessional (audience please remain seated)

Class of 1977  
Faculty and Participants

## Richard Myers

Mr. Myers, President of the Myers Mortuaries, Inc., Ogden, Utah, is a graduate of Weber College and the California College of Mortuary Science.

He has served two terms as President of the Utah Funeral Directors Association also Vice President; Secretary-Treasurer; served in numerous committee chairmanships and other assignments in UFDA; presently serving as the chairman of the Utah State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Examining Board.

In addition he has served two years on the Board of Governors for the National Funeral Directors Association and on the board of trustees of the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. He is currently treasurer of NFDA.

He received the "Achievement Award" for graduating with highest honors from the California College of Mortuary Science. "Man of the Year Award" from UFDA for outstanding humanitarian and professional service.

He is the author of the novel, "An Escort for Death" and published works related to funeral service.

Mr. Myers will use as his Charge to the Class the subject "THE TORCH."

## Notes of Special Information

We express appreciation to the eight members of the Class of 1978 who have assisted this evening. Steve Branstad and Scott Dahlstrom as class marshals and Francine Hanson, Ross Keehr, Gary Mortensen, Archie Willis, Elaine Schroeder and Rex Beyer as ushers. These young men and women will also serve as guides for those who visit the Teaching Center following the ceremony.

A reception for all in attendance follows immediately in the Great Hall Annex.

The A. A. Hodroff Memorial Teaching Center and the Robert C. Slater Funeral Service Teaching Center for the Department of Mortuary Science in Jackson Hall, immediately adjacent to Coffman Memorial Union, will be open until 10:00 p.m. for those families, guests and friends who care to visit these facilities.

## Faculty

Robert C. Slater, L.H.D., B.S.  
Earl L. Burger, B.S., A.M.S.  
Richard A. Grayson, J.D., B.A.  
F. Phil Iacovino, B.S.  
Eugene M. Larson, B.S.  
David A. Lee, B.S., A.M.S.

Michael C. Mathews, B.S., A.M.S.  
Richard J. Obershaw, M.S.W., B.S.  
James T. Prince, M.S.  
Dale E. Stroud, B.S., A.M.S.  
Gordon L. Wahlberg, B.S., B.A.

## Department Secretaries

Mrs. Karen Healy

Mrs. Kathy Nolan