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LFDA Recognizes Individuals for 50 Years of Service to the Funeral Profession

Baton Rouge, La. – The Louisiana Funeral Directors Association (LFDA) is pleased to announce its seven inaugural funeral directors that will be honored with the 50 Years of Service award. The Award will be presented annually to individuals who have been in the funeral service profession for 50 years.

Award recipients will be formally honored by LFDA on June 14, 2016 at the Installation Banquet during the 2016 LFDA & Mississippi Funeral Directors Association (MFDA) Joint Convention. The convention will take place June 12-14, 2016 at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Ms.

Information about the LFDA 50 Years of Service award can be found by visiting www.lfdaweb.org/50yearsofservice. Registration and application materials for 2017 will be available in April 2017.

2016 LFDA 50 Years of Service Award Recipients include:

Charles S. G. Boone, Boone Funeral Home of Bossier City, La., celebrates 54 years in the funeral profession this year. Boone graduated from Commonwealth College of Science in 1961 and earned his license in 1962. In 1972, he organized and opened Boone Funeral Home with his wife.

Ethan Gaon Escude, Escude Funeral Home, Mansura, La, has been practicing in the funeral profession for 57 years. Escude started his career helping his father run the family business. When the funeral home expanded to Cottonport, he managed the location and has since expanded to two other locations.

Graham Kramer, John Kramer & Son Funeral Home, Alexandria, La., celebrates 51 years in the funeral profession this year. Kramer graduated from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in 1966 after serving his country in the US Navy for 4 years and 9 years in the Navy Reserve where he obtained the rank of LCDR. He is a licensed funeral director and mortician.

Boyd Mothe, Sr., Mothe Funeral Homes, New Orleans, La., is a fourth generation funeral director who has been practicing in the funeral profession for 57 years. Throughout the 1980s and 1990s Mothe expanded his family business to 5 life insurance companies, 5 cemeteries, and 11 funeral homes operating in 8 parishes.

Louis A. Muhleisen, Jr., L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, Kenner, La., has been serving the funeral profession for 52 years and continues to serve families today.

Lowell A. Sibille, Jr., Sibille Funeral Home, Opelousas, La., has been a licensed funeral director since 1960 and has proudly served families for the last 54 years. After beginning his career in New Orleans at P.J. McMahon & Sons Funeral Home, Sibille opened Sibille Funeral Home in Opelousas in 1972.

Harold J. Weis Jr., Jacob Schoen & Son Funeral Home, New Orleans, La., has been a licensed funeral director since 1961, serving families for the last 55 years. Weis began his career in funeral service in 1957 as a student working part time. In 1961, he began working full time at Jacob & Schoen Funeral Home.

About LFDA

The LFDA is a statewide professional trade association made up of members throughout the State of Louisiana. The LFDA promotes integrity in the funeral service industry through education, legislation, networking and communications. For more information, visit www.lfdaweb.org.

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