



Darren Knight

Owner – Compassionate Transfer Services Ltd.

I was born in England and being raised in a proud Royals Air Force family, I spent most of my early life living on various Royal Air Force bases in England, Cyprus and South Africa. In South Africa I gained my Mechanical Design Engineering degree. I returned to England, working as an engineer where I gained invaluable experience working collaboratively with colleagues on many committees.

In 1995 I married my wonderful wife Jan, who is an American Sign Language Interpreter, and we have 2 grown up daughters, Emma (22) who is a teacher and Samantha (20) who is currently a student nurse.

We moved to Canada in 2009.

In 2014, I started working with Paragon Funeral Services as a funeral assistant and took my cremation technician course.

In 2015 I founded Compassionate Transfer Services Ltd., as I wanted to offer funeral homes and death professionals a first class transfer service in Saskatchewan. Although based in Regina, we work closely with many funeral homes and directors and travel extensively across the province and beyond to transfer the recently deceased into the funeral home's care.

I feel that as first contact with families at a very tough time, I offer the caring professional service that would be expected from any funeral home or director. I pride myself on offering exceptional compassion, dignity and care to the deceased and their families.

In my spare time I volunteer on the discipline committee of FC Regina (FCR). I also manage and coach the WCP Masters Canada Team and my youngest daughter's Division 3 soccer team. I occasionally manage to squeeze in a round of golf.

If you so choose, I would be honoured to serve on council. I would certainly look forward to this new experience and the opportunity to develop some new professional relationships along the way.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Knight



Chelsea Krentz

Embalmer/Funeral Director/Salesperson

I was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan graduating from Holy Cross High School in 2007 and then attending the University of Saskatchewan for 3 years working towards a bachelor's degree in Psychology.

My career path took a turn when I decided to leave university and pursue a career in funeral service. I began at Schuler & Lefebvre Funeral Chapel in Humboldt as a student in 2012. After a year I moved on to work at Acadia-McKague's Funeral Centre and remained there for 5 year where I completed my internship and received my Funeral Directing and Embalming licenses in 2014. I am currently employed at Mourning Glory Funeral Services as an Embalmer/Funeral Director/Salesperson.

Music has always been a big part of my life. I took piano lessons for 9 years and achieved my Grade 6 with the Royal Conservatory of Music. In my spare time I have volunteered at various care homes in and surrounding Saskatoon.

If you would so choose, I would be honoured to serve on Council. I welcome the new experiences and opportunities that would come with such a responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Krentz



Amanda Starosta

Embalmer/Funeral Director/Salesperson

I was born and raised in Saskatoon and began my funeral service adventure at Westwood Funeral Chapel in my ninth-grade year. Shortly after I began volunteering at Saskatoon Funeral Home and became an employee when I turned 16 as a funeral attendant and as the weekend night-shift attendant. After completing high school, I attended SIAST and obtained my Funeral Director/Embalmer certificates. I relocated to Rosetown in January of 2007 where I completed my internship at Clements Rosetown Funeral Home obtaining my Funeral Director and Embalmer licenses in February of 2008.

I took a brief hiatus from funeral service during which I was employed with Prairie Centre Credit Union in Rosetown as a Receptionist and was promoted to a Deposit Service Representative. I happily returned to funeral service joining Shanidar Funeral Services in June of 2016.

As funeral service is all I knew from a professional stand point, I think it is fair to say after leaving the industry for employment in a completely different industry that you are either a funeral director or you are not. It is engrained in us to provide exceptional service to families at a trying time in their lives and although I enjoyed the experience that my outside employment provided, I always told people when they asked what I did for work that I was a “receptionist AND a funeral director/embalmer”. You can take the girl out of the funeral industry but you can’t take the funeral industry out of the girl. Funeral Service is not easy; the long nights, early mornings (usually late in my case - right Pierre?), missed suppers and bedtimes can take a physical and mental toll on a person and we continue to provide this essential service to those in our communities because, it’s what we do. I said to my boss Pierre once, I never wake up in the morning and don’t want to come to work, I get to go to my dream job every day and for that I feel so incredibly fortunate.

I call Rosetown my home where I live with my husband Ryan and our two children, Aselin (9) and Georgia (7). I am very fortunate to work for a couple that offers me flexibility to be both a professional and a mom - a very busy job with two growing girls! Besides work and being a mom, I have served on the local Lion’s Club, am a member of Beta Sigma Phi and sit on the School Community Council and the Music Festival Committee. I feel like being involved in your community is much like being involved with your profession - to have an opinion, you must give of your time, knowledge, ability to listen and voice.

Although I have no previous experience serving on council or other similar industry boards, I bring to my nomination an open mind and drive to learn and make a difference. I welcome the opportunity to serve on council, the opportunity to network and meet professionals like myself, the opportunity to learn and the opportunity to give back.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Starosta