



The Cournoyer Funeral Home today on River Street (Rt. 202).

Randy's son, **Mark R. Cournoyer**, joined the family business and became fully licensed in 1994 after graduating summa cum laude from the New England Institute of Funeral Service Education at Mount Ida College in Newton, Massachusetts. Mark is one of only seven Funeral Directors in New Hampshire to achieve the designation of Certified Funeral Service Practitioner by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice. 'CFSP' is the most prestigious of Funeral Service's national individual recognitions. This achievement is especially notable because Mark has voluntarily participated in quality educational and service opportunities that far surpass what the funeral service licensing board in New Hampshire requires. He has also been awarded the nationally recognized Certified Pre-planning Consultant designation by the National Funeral Directors Association, which is considered the standard of excellence in Funeral Service for individuals who help families plan funerals in advance.

Mark is currently the Immediate Past President of the New Hampshire Funeral Directors Association after serving for over 10 years on the Executive Board and holding several of the offices through the years. He has expanded his commitment to funeral service to the national level and is now serving as the National Funeral Director Association's Policy Board Representative for the State of New Hampshire.

Mark has previously enjoyed an active life in public safety. He has served on the Jaffrey-Rindge VFW Memorial Ambulance Service as an EMT-Intermediate for over eight years and had also worked in law enforcement for over 10 years on the Jaffrey and Fitzwilliam Police Departments. He has been a member of the Jaffrey Juvenile Diversion Committee and was a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing for the local Fire, Rescue, EMS and Police agencies. For over 15 years, Mark actively served in Mass Casualty and Disaster Response as a member of the National Disaster Medical Systems Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT).

Mark attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1986 with Jaffrey's Boy Scout Troop 33. He has served on the Troop Committee for several years and later served as the Cubmaster and on the Pack Committee of Cub Scout Pack 33 in Jaffrey. Mark has most recently rejoined Troop 33 with his son and is enjoying being an active scoutmaster once again and helping out while serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster. 🐾

## Annual Meeting

**Thursday, August 13, 2015, 7 pm. Jaffrey Civic Center.**

*A Friendly Suggestion Evolves into a Century of Care: The Centenary of the Cournoyer Funeral Home. A presentation by Mark Cournoyer.*

**I**N 1915, **Fred L. Cournoyer** opened a funeral home and began serving the Monadnock Region and beyond with the best personal and professional service he was able to provide. Today, the tradition he began—providing friendly, sincere and gentle care—continues into a second century.

The Cournoyer Funeral Home and Cremation Center was founded in 1915 by Fred L. Cournoyer, and has been serving families from the same location since 1917. Mr. Cournoyer was a former selectman of Jaffrey; he was also owner-operator of the F. L. Cournoyer grocery store on Main Street. Mr. Cournoyer was a civic-minded individual and, upon the encouragement of family and friends, decided to enter the funeral profession. After graduating from the Massachusetts College of Embalming, he established the business and pioneered a legacy of excellent service under its original name, F. L. Cournoyer & Sons.

Fred's son, **Randyl P. Cournoyer**, graduated from Boston College in 1936 receiving his Bachelor's degree in Medical Science. Soon after, he joined his father in the operation of the family business. Randyl then passed the State of New Hampshire's Funeral Director and Embalmer exams and became a licensed funeral director in 1938. After his father's death in 1954, Randyl closed the grocery store in 1958 and continued to operate the funeral home as well as an insurance agency, which he had purchased from Louis Cournoyer in 1939. Randyl was very active in the Jaffrey community, having served for many years as a Trustee of the Trust Funds for Jaffrey, as well as having served on the Jaffrey-Gilmore Foundation and with the Jaffrey Grange. In 1997, the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce selected Randyl as the Director's Award recipient for 1997. He continued to be actively involved with the business until his death on January 1, 2001.

Randyl's son, **Randyl P. Cournoyer, Jr.**, joined the family business after his graduation from both St. Anselm College in Manchester and the New England Institute of Anatomy and Science in Boston. He became a licensed funeral director in 1966. The business continued on more or less unchanged in the family home on River Street until 1980, when the legal owner of the business, Mrs. Kathleen Cournoyer (Randyl Sr.'s mother) died. Following her death, Randy, also a licensed insurance agent in his father's agency, decided to make the funeral business his full-time occupation. Randy began reconstructing the family home into the current facility, now known as the Cournoyer Funeral Home & Cremation Center.

Randy has also been very active in the Jaffrey community. He has been involved with St. Patrick Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Jaffrey-Rindge Lions Club, Jaffrey's Boy Scout Troop 33, the Jaffrey-Gilmore Foundation, the Jaffrey Conservation Commission, Monadnock Compassionate Friends, and the Alice Poole Fund. Randy was chosen as the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1994.

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## Looking ahead —Upcoming Programs & Events

**SATURDAY JULY 25:** Riverfest • **FRIDAY JULY 31:** Opening Reception: *The Once and Future Park Theatre*, 5-7pm, Civic Center. • **THURSDAY AUGUST 13:** Annual Meeting, Mark Cournoyer on *Cournoyer Funeral Home Centenary* Civic Center. • **SUNDAY AUGUST 23:** Hearse House *charrette* on the Jaffrey Center Common, 3pm. • **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3:** FRIENDS OF THE JAFFREY LIBRARY program, Robin DeRosa *Withches & Pop Culture*, 6:30pm, Civic Center • **SUNDAY OCTOBER 18:** Annual Autumn Outing, *Francestown* • **THURSDAY DECEMBER 10:** JHS-Civic Center Christmas party • **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2016:** Pot Luck • **THURSDAY APRIL 14, 2016:** Scott Edwards of Scott's Clock • **THURSDAY AUGUST 11, 2016:** Annual Meeting, John Peard, Sr. on *Red's of Jaffrey* (tentative) 🐾