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7th ANNUAL FUNERAL SERVICE FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC
A HUGE SUCCESS!

Brookfield, Wis. – More than 130 golfers enjoyed a great day at the 7th Annual Funeral Service Foundation Golf Classic, held Oct. 7 at Red Rock Country Club in Las Vegas.

The event, held each year in conjunction with NFDA's convention, raises money for the Funeral Service Foundation's mission of supporting career and professional development in funeral service, the advancement of funeral service and allied professions, public awareness and education, and the improvement of children's lives.

A threesome from Oklahoma came in first place. The winners were Paul Thomas and Kari Brown of Paul Thomas Funeral Home in Miami, Okla.; and Richard Dugger of Brown-Dugger Funeral Home in Perry, Okla.

In second place was an Iowa foursome consisting of Mike Fleming and Kyle Grimes from Keith M. Merrick Company in Sibley, Iowa; and Terry Smith and Dan Eckhoff of Christy-Smith Funeral Home in Sioux City, Iowa.

Kari Brown had the Longest Drive and Kyle Grimes had the Straightest Drive. Closest to the Pin winners were Kari Brown, Bart Burton, Richard Dugger and Mark Musgrove.

Over \$50,000 was committed in sponsorships from funeral directors and supply companies. Sponsors included Aurora Casket Company; Batesville Casket Company; Wilbert Funeral Services; Johnson Consulting Group; Homesteaders Life Company; Forethought Financial Services; Matthews International; The Whitmore Group; Keystone Group Holdings; Brooke Credit; Keith M. Merrick Co.; Cypress Lawn; Guerra-Gutierrez Mortuaries; The Help Card; Anthony Funeral Chapels; New York State Funeral Directors Association; Carmon Community Funeral Homes; Trigard; NFDA; Ace Caskets; Monumental Life Insurance Co.; Nomis Publications; Nixon Consulting; Frigid Fluid Co.; Gilligan Law Offices; Indiana Funeral Directors Association; Hilton Funeral Supply; Digger Mortuary Services; Creedy & Co.; Dan Stevens; Geib Funeral Homes; Great Western Insurance Co.; National Guardian Life Insurance Co.; Jerrit Clayton; Columbian Financial Group; Eagle Coach Co.; Rhode Island Funeral Directors Association; Messenger; National Mortuary Shipping; Ohio Funeral Directors Association; TCF Equipment Finance; Kathleen Berry; Bob Shank Jr.; Source One Marketing; National Fiduciary Services; and The Foresight Companies.

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The 2008 Funeral Service Foundation Golf Classic will be held Sunday, October 12 in Orlando, Fla.

About the Funeral Service Foundation

The Funeral Service Foundation, through grants, scholarships and research initiatives, supports career and professional development in funeral service, the advancement of funeral service and allied professions, public awareness and education, and the improvement of children's lives. For information, visit

www.funeralservicefoundation.org.

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Attached: First and Second place team photos

First place team, left to right: Richard Dugger, Kari Brown, Paul Thomas

Second place team, left to right: Mike Fleming, Terry Smith, Dan Eckhoff, Kyle Grimes