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CHICAGO, IL -- Jeff & John Wolowiec of PARKSIDE CHAPELS & CREMATION SERVICES join the Cremation Association of North America (CANA) in expressing their shock and dismay regarding the recent discoveries in Noble, Georgia. The Wolowiecs are local members of CANA, whose 1,200-plus members represent funeral homes, cemeteries, and crematories from around the world. CANA and its members wish to remind the public that Tri-State Crematory in Noble, Georgia, is NOT a member of CANA and that CANA members take pride in their ethical and compassionate care for the deceased and their families.

PARKSIDE CHAPELS & CREMATION SERVICES & all CANA members have signed a Code of Cremation Practice that reads as follows:

In the practice of cremation, we believe:

- In dignity and respect in the care of Human Remains, in compassion for the living who survive them, and in the memorialization of the dead;
- That a Cremation Authority should be responsible for creating and maintaining an atmosphere of respect at all times;
- That the greatest care should be taken in the appointment of crematory staff members, any of whom must not, by conduct or demeanor, bring the crematory or cremation into disrepute;
- That cremation should be considered as preparation for memorialization;
- That the dead of our human society should be memorialized through a commemorative means suitable to the survivors.

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In addition to this Code of Cremation Practice, CANA has established specific procedures for the “Handling of Dead Human Bodies by an Authorized Crematory Authority” and conducts annual Crematory Operator Certification Programs to ensure these proper procedures are being carried out.

CANA has always advised any funeral home, cremation society, and cremation service provider who does not own and operate their own cremation facilities to regularly visit the facilities of the firms that do the actual cremation. Only by such visits can these cremation service providers be confident that the cremations are being performed in a proper and timely manner and that the human remains are treated with respect and dignity and that the cremated remains are returned in their entirety to the family or authorizing agent.

The current national cremation rate is over 25% and predicted to be close to 50% by 2025. CANA has authored a model state cremation law as a guideline for states that are considering regulations for crematory facilities.

CANA has never been an organization that promotes cremation over burial, but realizes that if cremation has been chosen, the family should know all of their options. CANA encourages any one that is considering cremation for themselves or a loved one to ask their provider if they subscribe to a CANA Code of Cremation.

In addition to cremation services, Jeff & John Wolowiec of PARKSIDE CHAPELS & CREMATION SERVICES offer a variety of funeral services, including traditional burials, memorial services, pre-need planning, and grief counseling and support.

Additional reading materials available from PARKSIDE CHAPELS & CREMATION SERVICES:

[Cremation Options – For those preferring cremation](#)

[Being Prepared – A practical guide to government benefits and funeral planning](#)

[Why choose a family-owned firm?](#)

[Cremation for Catholics – Where the church stands](#)

[How much does a funeral cost? Answers to your important planning questions](#)

[What about cremation? As many choices as there are wishes](#)

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