

A.F. CROW & SON FUNERAL HOME

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A. F. Crow & Son Funeral Home is a family owned and operated funeral home founded in 1928 in Glasgow, Kentucky by Aubrey F. Crow Sr. Mr. Crow was a native of Allen County where he was a partner with his brother, Thomas W. Crow, in the funeral business in Scottsville beginning in about 1915. He moved to Glasgow in 1928 and established Crow Mortuary on East Main St. Most of the embalming and visitation were done at the deceased home in those days and the funerals were usually in the home or at their church.

In 1936, Mr. Crow purchased property at the corner of Broadway and East Washington St. for the construction of the first “home for funerals” in the area. Construction was completed in 1938 and the business was renamed Crow Funeral Home.

Throughout the 1930’s and 40’s, Mr. Crow’s two sons, Aubrey F. Crow, Jr. and James W. Crow worked with their father in the operation of the business. Both sons were called to duty and served with the armed services in both WWII and Korea. After returning from the Korean War, Aubrey Crow Jr. returned to work with his father and in the mid 1950’s became a partner. The two did extensive remodeling of the funeral home and added a chapel for services in 1959 and renamed the firm A. F. Crow & Son Funeral Home. During all these years the funeral homes also provided 24 hr. emergency and convalescent ambulance service for the area as did most funeral homes in the state. This service continued until December 31, 1974 when the Barren-Metcalf Ambulance Service was implemented and took over the ambulance needs of the county.

Aubrey Crow, Sr. died suddenly in 1961 at the age of 71. His son and partner, Aubrey Crow Jr. continued the operation of the firm until his untimely death in 1965 at the age of 49. These two sudden losses left the surviving wives, Clara D. Crow and Lois Gene Biggers Crow with a funeral home and no family member of age to take over the business so Aubrey Sr.’s other son James W. Crow agreed to step in and managed the funeral home for the next year after the death of Aubrey, Jr.

In 1966 Dale South, a senior funeral director for A. F. Crow & Son, purchased James Crow’s interest in the funeral home and managed the business until his retirement in 1973. At this time another director with the firm, David Depp, purchased Mr. South’s interest and managed the funeral home. A. F. Crow, Sr.’s grandson Aubrey Follis Crow III started his apprenticeship under Mr. South at the age of 18 and purchased the interest of then manager David Depp in 1979 at the age of 26 and continues as president and manager of A. F. Crow & Son today.

Two more renovations of the funeral home have been done since the addition of the chapel in 1959. One total remodeling of the inside in 1984 including the addition of a more spacious lounge and then in 1996 came the start of the addition of another new chapel and visitation areas as well as complete renovation of the existing building to make it fully accessible for those with special needs and more spacious parking.

The firm is totally owned and operated by the Crow family. A. Follis Crow III continues to be the president and manager, Lucy Crow Starks is the vice-president, Beverly Crow Mattingly is the secretary and Jean Matthews Crow is the Treasurer. Other staff members include Larry W. Self, Jeff Jessie, Terry Wilson, Kevin Beaty, Stanley Greer, James Crow and Jennie Wilson.

“Our funeral home and staff has always strived to meet the needs of the families we serve in Barren and surrounding counties and will continue to do so. We are proud to be able to say; our family serving your family since 1928.”



Left: Aubrey F. Crow, Sr. 1889-1961 Right: Aubrey F. Crow, Jr. 1916-1965



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L. to R. Seated: A. Follis Crow III, James Crow, Jennie Wilson, Stanley Greer.
L. to R. Standing: Larry Self, Jeff Jessie, Terry Wilson, Kevin Beaty.