



## 2024 CONVENTION SPEAKERS

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### Glenda Stansbury

Glenda has worked as VP of Marketing and Development for In-Sight Books since 1995, publishing over 35 resources in the areas of grief and elder care written by Doug Manning. She has been Dean of the In-Sight Institute since 1999, co-training over 5200 Funeral Celebrants across North America with Doug Manning and receiving the 2023 ICCFA Lasting Impact Award for the work of Celebrants.

She is a full-time instructor in the mortuary program at University of Central Oklahoma, part time instructor at Worsham Mortuary College, Chicago, a licensed funeral director/embalmer, and practicing Funeral Celebrant. She brings a unique perspective to conversations with her wide variety of experiences and expertise discussing dealing with grieving families at the point of contact, planning a meaningful funeral service, and how to navigate those challenging services.



### Brad Walker

Brad Rawlins Walker is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation funeral director and has lived in the mortuary most of his life. He loves funeral service and is passionate about helping others raise the bar in funeral service.

Brad earned a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree (MBA) from Brigham Young University. He also attended mortuary college in Cypress, California, and received the Mu Sigma Alpha award for scholastic excellence and the Melvin. D. Hilgenfeld award for outstanding student in funeral directing. He is a Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), Certified Crematory Operator (CCO), and a Certified Preplanning Consultant (CPC).

Brad is one of the owners of Walker Funeral Home and has worked there full time for over the past 20 years. He has served as President of the Utah Funeral Directors Association. He currently serves as an At-Large Representative on the board of directors for the National Funeral Directors Association.



### Mike Nicodemus

Mike Nicodemus is Vice President, Cremation Services, NFDA,. He is a licensed funeral director and former vice president of cremation operations at Hollomon-Brown Funeral Homes & Crematory (with 8 locations in Tidewater, Virginia), where he worked for 34 years. Mike is licensed to practice in the states of Virginia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania.

He is a graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science and a member of the PIMS Board of Directors. He served as President of the Cremation Association of North America (CANA) from October 2011-August 2012, and was Chair of the CANA Operators Certification Program for 7 years.

Mike has written articles for funeral industry trade publications and frequently presents educational sessions at national conferences, via distance learning, and as an instructor for the NFDA Cremation Certification Program.



### John T. Hill

John T. Hill is an Undertaker, licensed in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Washington D.C., and Virginia. He has earned many other titles in the funeral profession: Restorative Arts Specialist, Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP), Member of the British Institute of Embalming (MBIE), Funeral Service Education Instructor, Chaplain, Celebrant, and Certified Crematory Operator (CCO).

He works at James Funeral Home and Northlake Memorial Gardens in Huntersville, North Carolina. He owns Hill Mortuary Service & Seminars, an embalming, restorative arts, and continuing education service. He is also a Mortuary Science Instructor at Fayetteville Technical Community College in Fayetteville, NC and Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service in Atlanta, GA.

He became a Restorative Arts Specialist by furthering his Mortuary Science education under Vernie R. Fountain. He has also received continued education in Anatomical Preservation and Dissection Theory.