

July 12, 2005

Dear Families:

In order to bring closure to the Tri-State Crematory investigation, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and the Walker County Coroner's Office have made arrangements to return all cremains in our possession to family members. These cremains were originally obtained by the GBI from family members during the course of the investigation. The GBI has scheduled the return of the cremains as follows:

Date: August 17, 2005  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Walker County Civic Center  
Agriculture Building  
10052 N. Highway 27  
Rock Spring, Georgia 30739

The cremains will be turned over to the family member or family representative who originally submitted the cremains to the GBI. In the event that person is unable to retrieve them, a family representative may retrieve the cremains with proper authorization from the family. The authorization must include the name of the decedent, name of family representative, and the signature of the family member requesting the cremains. (An authorization form is attached for your convenience.) The person retrieving the cremains will be required to provide an identification with photograph such as a driver's license and to sign a release. In order to further facilitate the process, it will also be beneficial for family members to bring with them the evidence receipt that was originally provided at the time the cremains were turned over to the GBI.

Family members who are unable to retrieve the cremains on the above date should contact either GBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Greg Ramey or Coroner DeWayne Wilson to make arrangements to have the cremains picked up in Walker County. ASAC Ramey can be reached by phone at 770-646-9175 or by email at [greg.ramey@gbi.state.ga.us](mailto:greg.ramey@gbi.state.ga.us). Coroner Wilson can be reached at 706-375-5621 or by email at [wccoroner@aol.com](mailto:wccoroner@aol.com).

Cremains that are not retrieved by a family member or family representative by September 16, 2005, will be released to the Walker County Coroner for interment in Walker County.

The GBI hopes that the return of the cremains will provide some form of closure to you and your family.

Sincerely,



Vernon M. Keenan  
Director

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Attachment