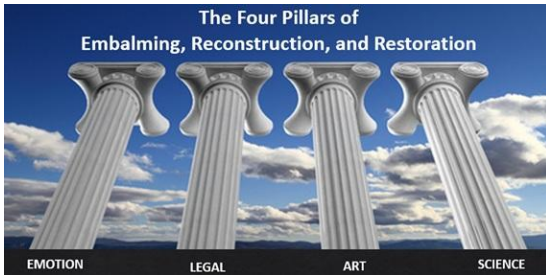


SHANE A.S. RITCHIE, CFSP

Embalmer | Educator | Postmortem Reconstruction Specialist | Author | Speaker

Dedicated to the Value of Open-Casket Viewing



SIGNATURE PROGRAM

The Four Pillars of Embalming, Reconstruction and Restoration

EMOTION LEGAL ART SCIENCE

ABOUT SHANE

Shane A.S. Ritchie, CFSP, is an Ohio-licensed funeral director and embalmer, educator, author, and speaker who specializes in difficult-case embalming, restorative art, and postmortem reconstruction. During more than 25 years in the preparation room, he has handled cases involving massive trauma, severe tissue loss, decomposition, and complex discoloration. He has presented to funeral service professionals throughout the United States, received the 2016 FNA Distinguished Service Award, and teaches embalming theory at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. After the death of his 24-year-old daughter, Felicity, the value of viewing became deeply personal. Her loss continues to inform his teaching and his commitment to helping families receive a recognizable final memory and a meaningful opportunity to say goodbye.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Why does skilled embalming and restoration matter? In this case-based program, Shane connects the emotional importance of viewing with authorization and documentation, case analysis, embalming science, structural reconstruction, soft-tissue repair, color theory, and mortuary cosmetics. Participants learn a systematic approach to moving the unacceptable toward a more acceptable and more identifiable appearance in difficult and massive-trauma cases.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Explain the emotional and professional value of viewing and restorative preparation.
- Identify key authorization, documentation, photography, and risk-management considerations.
- Apply case-analysis and embalming principles to trauma and other difficult cases.
- Integrate reconstruction, tissue repair, color theory, and cosmetics to improve identifiability.

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- Ohio-licensed funeral director and embalmer
- More than 25 years in embalming and restorative art
- Embalming Theory instructor at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science
- 2016 FNA Distinguished Service Award recipient
- Published in The Director, Southern Calls, Funeral Business Advisor, The Dodge Magazine, and American Funeral Director

AVAILABLE FORMATS

Full three-hour flagship program

Condensed two-hour conference session
Half-day, full-day, or customized training

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Postmortem Reconstructive Surgery of the Massive Trauma Case
- Advanced Embalming of the Difficult Case
- Hair and Beard Restoration
- Mortuary Cosmetics Beyond Flesh Tone

BOOKING

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