## James A. Morton, II James A. Morton & Sons Funeral Homes, Inc. 1701 Laurens Street Baltimore, Maryland 21217

June 12, 2013

Dr. Hari P. Close, II President Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors 4201 Patterson Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Permanent Surrender of

Morticians License Number: M00435

Board Case Number: 13-D17, James Morton and Sons Funeral Home

Dear Dr. Close:

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Flealth Occ. § 7-318, I have decided to voluntarily surrender my license to practice mortuary science in the State of Maryland. On or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors (the "Board") my most recent Maryland morticians license number M00435.

At all times relevant to Board Case 13-017, I was the supervising mortician of the James A. Morton & Sons Funeral Homes. I was responsible to the Board for compliance with the Maryland Morticians and Funeral Directors Act (the "Act"), including all transactions conducted within the establishments and throughout its entire scope of services. As such, with acceptance of this Letter of Surrender, the Board will close the above referenced matter.

I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not engage in the practice of mortuary science nor operate a funeral establishment as defined in the Act. I acknowledge that this Letter of Surrender is a public document and upon the Board's acceptance becomes a final order of the Board. I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Letter of Surrender as if it were made after a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections to which I am entitled by law. I recognize that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed any such hearing and am also waiving any other legal remedies I may have regarding resolution of this matter.

For over 50 years I have proudly served families in the Baltimore community in their hour of need. Our funeral home's reputation in the communities we serve is a testament to the care, compassion and professionalism I strived to show each and every customer. It has been an honor to serve my neighbors, friends, and the people of Baltimore.

Sincerely.

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Enclosure

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AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.

Notary Public: Patricia Carr

My Commission expires: 10-16-2013

## ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Maryland	State Board of Morticians and Funeral
Directors, on this 17 day of	June 2013, Laccept James A Morton, Il's
	DER of his license to practice mortuary science in the State
of Maryland.	Dr. Hari P. Close, II President Maryland State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors