

Joseph Greenfield

Geographically speaking, Joe comes to Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science from Chattanooga, Tennessee. Many folks ask him, “Why PIMS?” His usual response is, “Because I know other Funeral Directors who have graduated from PIMS, we have a son and daughter-in-law who live just an hour south in Farmington, and growing up in Northeast Ohio, I feel very at home here. To be honest, I feel more at home here in Pittsburgh than I do in Chattanooga. I love it here! I figure if I’m going to spend a year going to school away from my beautiful wife and family, Pittsburgh is my kind of town...blue collar, hard-working, down-to-earth, and common every day folk. Personally, I like those real life attributes in people and in an academic institution.”

Philosophically, Joe comes to PIMS because, like many others who attend, he truly cares for people. Joe says, “I have known for many years I was born to be a helper. I love caring for others. I love serving others. I love ministering to others. After working many years in both health care and ministry, funeral service is for me the perfect combination of science and relationships, ministry and service.”

As Joe closes out his final semester at PIMS, he would like to express his gratitude to all those professors, friends, and administrators who have encouraged him along the way. “I could not have made it a day without any one of you and I will miss each of you so very much!” Finally, Joe extends his deepest appreciation to the members of the ABFSE for their recent scholarship award recognizing his academic efforts. “This scholarship was truly both a wonderful surprise and a very timely gift. Thank you!”

Blessings to all and heartiest congratulations to graduating class #156!

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