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## Matt Smith-Difficult Case Embalming -Keeping the Casket Open



**Matt Smith's** creativity in developing new techniques and his 15 years of experience has made him a highly sought embalmer guest speaker. His step-by-step presentations generally begin with stunned audience faces as he shows his first slide, usually a highly advanced decomposition case or severe trauma.

Matt, a 1994 graduate of the John A. Gupton College of Mortuary Science, has embalmed over 9,000 cases and embalms for 15 funeral homes in his local area. He guest speaks at the Wayne State University School of Mortuary Science and trains student embalmers. His scope, however, is far broader than local. He is seeking to share his experience with embalmers and students everywhere.

Date: April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Time: 4:00pm-6:30pm  
Place: 410 E. Columbus  
Dr. East Chicago, IN  
Rm# 206  
Cost: \$20.00 donation  
towards book  
scholarship;  
STUDENTS ARE FREE  
Benefits: Funeral  
Directors will receive 3  
Continuing Ed hours  
RSVP by April 2nd.

**Thomas Lynch**, noted author and funeral director of Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors says "Matt Smith is a true professional, an embalmer of great talent who combines technical proficiency and true compassion," "He serves the living by caring for the dead." Says Lynch of Matt.

*Matt is also a restorative expert. He has developed methods of tissue filling and mouth closure tactics effective in recreating the subtle contours and features unique to each person. He has eliminated the grimace and pucker, which occasionally accompany standard methods of feature setting and consistently creates pleasant, symmetrical expressions that become the foundation for a family's healthy grief.*