



## **MARK R. HARRIS**

Mark R. Harris has devoted his over 50-year career assisting Jewish families with honoring and celebrating the lives of their loved ones. His entire New Jersey Funeral Director career began after graduating from the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service in New York City.

Mark has served thousands of Jewish families over the years. He has arranged and directed countless funerals. During his career, he also became a grief counselor to further help the families he has served.

He has developed strong working relationships with families he has served as well as the rabbis in the communities, which include Orthodox, Conservative, and Reformed.

His career started as a New Jersey licensed funeral director with the Wien and Wien Funeral Home in Jersey City, Englewood, and New York City. Mark became a Liberty Lodge #4 Knights of Pythias member then.

The Wien Family eventually purchased Gutterman-Musicant Jewish Funeral Directors in Jersey City and Hackensack, NJ. This helped Mark to broaden his knowledge of the customs of the families in that area.

After several years, the Wien family sold their family-owned funeral homes to a large funeral service corporation. This included Bernheim, Apter & Goldsticker Funeral Directors in Maplewood and Bernheim-Apter-Kreitzman Funeral Directors in Livingston, NJ. After working for these firms for several years, he was asked to become manager of the Manalapan Chapel and later the Ocean Chapel of The Bloomfield-Cooper Funeral Home. Mark held that position for 19 years, serving thousands of Jewish families in their time of need.

Mark always wanted to return to a family-owned funeral home with the opportunity to own and manage the funeral home.

The Jeffer family, who has owned and operated a successful funeral home in Brooklyn, New York, since 1943, reached out to Mark asking if he would join them on a new venture to operate in Central New Jersey. They did this knowing that many families they have served have moved to that area over the years. Mark was excited about the opportunity to join the Jeffer family, and a new relationship was formed. Together, they will continue their work serving the families of the Jewish faith.