

# FEATURED FIRM

## Reeves and Baskerville Funeral Homes



Reeves Funeral Home, Coal City



Reeves Funeral Home, Gardner



Reeves Funeral Home, Morris



Baskerville Funeral Home, Wilmington



Reeves And Baskerville Funeral Homes Staff

Reeves Funeral Home began in 1924 when Wilfred and Anna Reeves relocated from Massachusetts to Coal City, Illinois to open a storefront funeral service business. Their two sons James and Charles followed into the family business but headed in separate directions. In the 1930's Charles opened Reeves Funeral Home in Wilmington. James opened the Reeves Funeral Home in Morris in the 1950's. As time marched on Charles and James eventually ran the original family business in Coal City together into the third generation. It was at this time in the 1980's that James' son Leo took over the Coal City and Morris locations and Charles along with his sons C. James and Gregory, maintained their Wilmington funeral home.

In the early 1990's, Matt Baskerville began working part time for the Reeves family. After serving his apprenticeship and funeral directing on the Northshore for several years, he returned to work full time for the Reeves family.

The Reeves name was expanded to serve the small community of Gardner, Illinois upon acquiring the Gardner Funeral Home in 2007.

In 2010 Matt purchased the Freitag Funeral Home in Wilmington. The Wilmington location transitioned from the name Freitag-Reeves & Baskerville Funeral Home to Baskerville Funeral Home. Matt continues to be assisted by the Reeves family, however he solely operates the four locations with the assistance of a great team.

Reeves and Baskerville Funeral Homes have participated in the National Funeral Directors Association Pursuit of Excellence Program since 2007, and Matt is proud to be part of the NFDA Pursuit of Excellence Committee. He has also recently been added to the NFDA Spokesperson Team.

Education and continued learning are important to all members of the Reeves and Baskerville Team. The funeral home incorporates staff members who have gone above and beyond to become certified as Prearrangement Consultants, Crematory Operators and Funeral Celebrants. Matt also maintains his Certified Funeral Service Practitioner designation through the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

Since 2010 Reeves and Baskerville has extended over \$25,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors in their communities seeking a science related college education. They have also been named one of the Reader's Choice Best Funeral Service Providers in both Grundy and Will Counties.

Reeves and Baskerville Funeral Homes have locations in Coal City, Gardner, Morris and Wilmington. ([www.Reeves-Baskerville.com](http://www.Reeves-Baskerville.com))