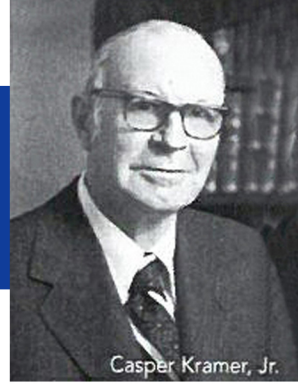


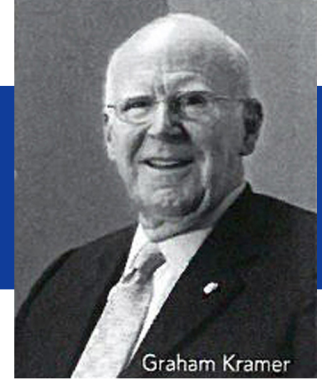
John Kramer



Casper Kramer, Sr.



Casper Kramer, Jr.



Graham Kramer

## HISTORY OF JOHN KRAMER & SON, INC.



1875



Sarah Kramer Graham Kramer

In 1875 John deBaptiste Kramer established Alexandria's first funeral service. Only one of his thirteen children, Casper P. Kramer, joined him in his business. This occurred in 1890 and the organization became known as John Kramer & Son. Casper believed the funeral home should own its own horse drawn hearse like funeral homes in New Orleans. His father disagreed. As a result, Casper went to New Orleans, bought Alexandria's first hearse and then leased it to his father as families requested its use.

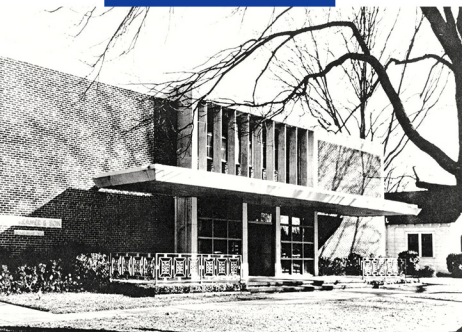
John Kramer died in 1908 and Casper, Sr., carried on the family tradition. In 1930, he moved the funeral home from its original location on Fourth Street next door to the corner of Fourth and Scott Streets in downtown Alexandria. He eventually invited his two sons, Casper, Jr. and Victor M. Kramer to join him in the firm. In 1950 a new funeral home was built at 2905 Masonic Drive.



1939

After duty in the U.S. Navy, the fourth generation of Kramers joined the firm, Jimmy Kramer and Graham Kramer. These Kramers purchased Alexandria Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum.

Victor M. Kramer retired and sold his interest in the business in the 1980's. His brother, Casper, Jr., continued as the third President of the company until his death in 1985.



1950

Graham Kramer assumed the duties of President of Kramer Funeral Home upon the death of his father in 1985. In 1997 he purchased the family interest in John Kramer & Son, Inc. Two branches were added to the firm in 1998, in Colfax and Fifth Ward, Louisiana.

In November, 2014, Sarah D. Kramer joined the staff of Kramer Funeral Home representing the fifth generation and the first female member of the family to become active in the business.

For five generations and 140 years, the Kramer family's commitment to dignity and fairness in funeral service has not changed. Kramer's has been locally-owned and operated since its beginning in 1875 and its staff continues to practice the long established caring tradition – which is an assurance to those we serve that we will be here tomorrow to fulfill the commitments we make today.



2015

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Like each SIFH member, Kramer Funeral Home is pledged to strict adherence to their rigid Code of Good Funeral Practice. This Code sets forth a clear statement as to the obligation, responsibilities and high standards of professional conduct to be observed by each member firm in serving their communities.