

## **David Warren MacDonald, C.F.S.P., C.P.C., C.C.O.**

David Warren MacDonald, president of the Wallingford and Yalesville Funeral Homes, is a lifetime resident of Wallingford. He began his career in funeral service working after school and summers at the family-owned funeral home. While working, David simultaneously excelled as a student athlete who played football and who captained the lacrosse team, an early indicator of one of the ways he would later serve the Wallingford community.

After high school, David attended Mount Ida College leading as captain of the men's lacrosse team where he was voted onto the All New England and the NJCAA All-American teams, where he was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, and where in 2004 he was inducted to the Mount Ida College Hall of Fame. Dave graduated from Mount Ida with a degree in funeral service and passed the National Board Exam of Funeral Service. He began his apprenticeship to become a licensed funeral director and embalmer while concurrently furthering his studies at Quinnipiac University graduating in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.

In 2000, David Warren MacDonald was recognized as a Licensed Funeral Director/Embalmer. While many people know from personal experience that David shepherds bereaved families through a most difficult time with grace and kindness, they may not realize the depth of his expertise in his field. His list of accolades and accomplishments include serving on the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Funeral Directors Association and being elected to president of this organization in 2021 and 2022, being a member of the National Funeral Directors Association allowing him to continue his education to become a Certified Crematory Operator and a Certified Preplanning Consultant, becoming a Certified Funeral Service Practitioner as granted by the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice, a designation bestowed upon funeral directors who pursue minimally 180 hours of continuing education in their field and annually report at least twenty additional hours, and serving on the Board of Directors of the Meriden Cemetery Association.

This husband to Jennifer and father of two sons is a Third Degree Knight of Columbus, a member of the Wallingford Order of Elks, and a Board member and coach of Wallingford Youth Lacrosse, an organization that David helped found and nurtured into a program that now serves children from kindergarten through high school.

David MacDonald's contributions to Wallingford certainly lead him to the honor of Distinguished Alumnus.