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July 10, 2003

JASON E. MERRITT

Via Priority Mail

Department of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Lighthouse Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the original and copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced corporation. Also, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.75 which represents your filing fee for the Articles of Incorporation, Designation of the Acceptance by Registered Agent and certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Scott A. Gerken

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xc: W. Jerry Bass

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

LIGHTHOUSE FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES, INC.

The Undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is Lighthouse Funeral and Cremation Services. Inc.

ARTICLE II - NATURE OF BUSINESS

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to transact any or all lawful business and to do all other things incidental to or connected with such business that is not forbidden by the Florida corporation laws or by other law, or by these articles of incorporation, and to carry out the said purpose in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States, or in any foreign country, to the extent that these purposes are not forbidden by the law of the state, territory, district, or possession of the United States, or by the foreign country.

ARTICLE III - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The physical street address in Florida for the principal office of the corporation is 310 East Sixth Avenue, Mount Dora, Florida 32757. The mailing address of the corporation is 310 East Sixth Avenue, Mount Dora, Florida 32757.

ARTICLE IV - SHARES

Number. The aggregate number of shares that the corporation shall have the authority to issue is 1000 shares of Capital Stock, all of which shall be common shares without par value.

<u>Initial issue</u>. One hundred (100) shares of the Capital Stock of the corporation shall be the initial issue.

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Stated capital. The sum of the issue value of all shares of Capital of the corporation that have been issued shall be the stated capital of the corporation at any particular time.

<u>Dividends</u>. The holders of the outstanding capital stock shall be entitled to receive, when and as declared by the Board of Directors, dividends payable either in cash, property, or in shares of the capital stock of the corporation.

No classes of stock. The shares of the corporation are not divided into classes.

No shares in series. The corporation is not authorized to issue shares in series.

ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS

The initial board of directors shall consist of one (1) member, who need not be a resident of the State of Florida or a shareholder of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS ADDRESS

The name and address of the persons who shall serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders, or until their successor(s) shall have been elected and qualified is as follows:

NAME ADDRESS

W. Jerry Bass 310 East Sixth Avenue Mount Dora, Florida 32757

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent is:

NAME ADDRESS

W. Jerry Bass 310 East Sixth Avenue Mount Dora, Florida 32757

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any

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amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

ARTICLE IX - INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE X - INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the person who is the incorporator of this corporation is:

NAME

ADDRESS

W. Jerry Bass

310 East Sixth Avenue Mount Dora, Florida 32757

W. Jerry Mass, incorporator

ARTICLE XI - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE XII - CUMULATIVE VOTING

The shareholders of this corporation shall be allowed to vote their shares cumulatively so as to give one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected, multiplied by the number of shares, to distribute them among as many candidates as he may wish. Notice must be given by any shareholder to the President or Vice President of said corporation not less than 24 hours prior to the time set for the holding of a shareholders meeting for the election of directors, that said shareholder intends to cumulate his votes at said election.

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the

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provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

W. Jerry Bass, Registered Agent

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