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October 29, 2003

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

Re: BUXTON'S WEST LAKE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC. Our File No: 03-1262

Dear Sir/Madam:

You will find enclosed herewith an *original* executed Articles of Incorporation for the above referenced corporation along with a copy of same. Also enclosed is our firms's check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover the following:

Filing Fee of Articles \$35.00
Certified Copy of Articles \$8.75
Certificate Designating \$35.00
Registered Agent

Please return the certified copy of the Articles, together with your Certification of Incorporation at your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

John D. Cassels, Jr.

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Enclosures: As stated.

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

# BUXTON'S WEST LAKE FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

The undersigned, acting as the Incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation and Chapter Chapter 607, Florida Statutes, known as the Florida Business Corporation Act, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be BUXTON'S WEST LAKE FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC.

#### ARTICLE II - COMMENCEMENT & DURATION

The commencement of this Corporation's existence shall be at the time of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Florida Department of State. The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

- 1. The purpose or purposes for which the Corporation is organized are to engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida.
- 2. To such extent as a corporation organized under the Florida Business Corporation Act may now or hereafter lawfully do, to do, either as principal or agent and either alone or in connection with other corporations, firms, or individuals, all and everything necessary, suitable, convenient, or proper for, or in connection with, or incident to, the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the objects herein enumerated, or designed directly or indirectly to promote the interests of this Corporation or to enhance the value of its properties; and in general to do any and all things and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges which a corporation may now or hereafter be organized to do or to exercise under the Florida Business Corporation Act, as may from time to time be amended, or under any act supplemental thereto or substituted therefor.
- 3. To do such other things that are incidental to the foregoing or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the foregoing.

#### ARTICLE IV - AUTHORIZED SHARES

1. Number: The aggregate number of shares which the Corporation is authorized to issue is ONE THOUSAND (1,000). Said shares shall be of a single class.

- 2. Class: The Corporation is authorized to issue only one class of stock, and all issued stock shall be held of record by not more than seventy-five (75) natural persons, who are not non-resident aliens.
- 3. Dividends: The Board of Directors is authorized to declare, in the Board's discretion, dividends payable either in cash, in property, or in shares of the capital stock of the Corporation, to the holders of the outstanding common stock.
- 4. Preemptive rights. The Corporation elects to have preemptive rights, as provided for in the Florida Business Corporation Act, as may from time to time be amended. The Shareholders shall have a preemptive right, granted on uniform terms and conditions prescribed by the Board of Directors to provide a fair and reasonable opportunity to exercise the right, to acquire proportional amounts of the corporation's unissued shares upon the decision of the Board of Directors to issue them. Further, such rights shall not extend to the following purposes:
  - A. Shares issued as compensation to directors, officers, a gents, or employees of the Corporation or its subsidiaries or affiliates;
  - B. Shares issued to satisfy conversion or option rights created to provide compensation to directors, officers, agents, or employees of the Corporation or its subsidiaries or affiliates;
  - C. Shares authorized in articles of incorporation that are issued within 6 months from the effective date of incorporation;
  - D. Shares sold otherwise than for money.

#### ARTICLE V - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of the Corporation shall be: 805 US 27 NW, Moore Haven, Florida 33471. The mailing address of the Corporation shall be 110 NE 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal place of business to any other address in the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED AGENT AND INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office is 110 NE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida. 34972. The name and street address of the initial Registered Agent is Paul Buxton, 110 NE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in Okeechobee County, Florida.

The Board of Directors may from time to time move the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida.

# ARTICLE VII - ACTION BY STOCKHOLDERS AND STOCKHOLDERS MEETINGS

The stockholders shall have the right at any regular meeting, or at any special meeting called for such purpose, to remove any director of the Corporation with or without cause.

The consent of a majority of the shares of the Corporation shall be required for any shareholder action.

The presence, at any stockholders' meeting, in person or by proxy, of persons entitled to vote the majority of the shares of the Corporation then issued and outstanding shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of business.

#### ARTICLE VIII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is three (3), which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the bylaws of the Corporation but in no event shall the number ever be less than one (1). The name and street address of each person appointed to act as Directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified are as follows:

PAUL BUXTON

110 NE 5th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

MARILYN BUXTON

110 NE 5th Avenue

Okeechobee, FL 34972

PHILIP A. LEWIS

415 Oak Avenue, NW

LaBelle, FL 33935

#### ARTICLE IX - DIRECTORS MEETINGS

A majority of the authorized number of directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors for the transaction of business.

The consent of a majority of the directors shall be required to constitute any act or decision of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE X - INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee, or agent, and any former officer, director, employee, or agent, to the full extent permitted by law.

### ARTICLE XI - INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator is: Paul Buxton of 110 NE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

PAUL BUXTON, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20 day of October, 2003, by PAUL BUXTON, designated above as the individual who shall serve as the Corporation's incorporator, who is personally known to me, or \_\_\_\_\_\_ who has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Signature of NOTARY PUBLIC

VIRGINIA S WOOD
MY COMMISSION # DD 131254
EXPIRES: July 4, 2006
Sonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

Printed Name of NOTA My commission expires:

## CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE

I, PAUL BUXTON, hereby agree to be the registered agent for BUXTON'S WEST LAKE FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC. and further hereby agree to accept any and all service of process for the said corporation addressed to the registered agent at 110 NE 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the duties, responsibilities and obligations of my position as registered agent for BUXTON'S WEST LAKE FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC.

PÁUL BUXTON, Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 28 day of October, 2003, by PAUL BUXTON, designated above as the individual who shall serve as the Corporation's Registered Agent, who is personally known to me, or (\_\_\_) who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Signature of NOTARY PUBLIC

VIRGINIA S WOOD

MY COMMISSION # DD 131254

EXPIRES: July 4, 2006

Bonded This Notary Public Uncommittee

Printed name of NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:

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