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Hahn-Bokas Funeral Home passes away

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Hahn-Bokas Funeral Home, 61, died, July 14.

Born to Carl Hahn, 1945, it was always a cherished member of Barberton, no matter how many times it changed hands.

Dwane Hostetler and Frank Yurchiak purchased it in 1981. The home remained with them until 1997 when a firm know as Equity Corporation International took the funeral home under its wing. Two years later the biggest funeral service conglomerate in the world, Service Corporation International, purchased it. It was this owner that finally decided to put the company down after a long, respectable life.

The reason for closing is that they decided on a merger with the Bokas Funeral Home in Fairlawn. This facility comes equipped with wheelchair accessibility and a chapel with seating for 250 persons. The old building will be vacated and used for something other than funeral services.

A major question is what will happen to the families that had standing appointments with the home before it closed. There are state regulations that have to be followed when something like this happens. Pre-arrangements can be moved at any time to a neighboring funeral home or to the Bokas Funeral Home in Fairlawn. Anyone with questions or concerns are directed to call John Bokas at 330-666-3089.

So now, as we say goodbye to Hahn-Bokas Funeral Home in Barberton, odds are we can rest assured that it's doing quite well up there in the big funeral home retreat in the sky.