

# Caring Thoughts

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## Walking with Spring.

"Walking with Spring" is the title of of Earl V. Shaffer's book about his Appalachian Trail thru- hike which is the first on record.

Nine years ago this month I set off on a life changing journey to hike the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. A 2174 mile foot path that runs the length of the Appalachian mountain range.



On the Morning of March 15, 2007 I was dropped of at the foot of Springer Mountain which is the southern terminus of the trail. One hundred and four days later, on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007, I touched the sign atop Mt. Kathadian in Maine

at the northern end of the trail. However, the distance traveled wasn't the most important part of my journey.

What made my journey so powerful were the people I met and hiked with along the way, the drastically different types of weather I encountered, the endless vista I set my eyes on and the wild situations I found my self in. This can be compared to how we can look back on the lives of our loved ones lost. We can recall the many events and experiences in which we had with them. Our memories are not of the beginning and end dates, but of the special time we shared with them in between.



If you'd like to learn more about my hike to read my journal and see lots more photos here:

<http://www.trailjournals.com/trocar>

Regards,

Corey Strauch

Helping families one "Step" at a time

## March Lunch and Learn



Gain the knowledge to better make decisions for yourself or family members.

When: **Tuesday March 22, 2016 12 noon**

Where: **Olive Garden, Dickson City**

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## Family

Happy "Half" Birthday Stevie. Our little Bulldozer is 6 months old today. Congrats to Izzy on her first successful Snowboarding season! Emma is honing her artistic skills with her Emo sketches, *none of which were done during class time.....* Mia is looking forward to her days behind the wheel with her new learners permit. *Watch out!!*.

**Happy St. Patty's Day!!**



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# A last Send Off Eternal Ascent Society

In 1994 Joanie and Clyde West owned a business called "Gift in a Balloon". It was essentially a Party Store that sold wedding and party related items with the main focus being balloons with various items inside (i.e., hats, flowers, chocolates, etc.).



One night they were having dinner with friends and they were discussing a mutual acquaintance who was very ill. The conversation turned to "what do you want to have done with you after you are gone?" When it was Clyde's turn he said, "I don't care. Just have me cremated, put me in a balloon and send me off". The idea for the Eternal Ascent Society was born.

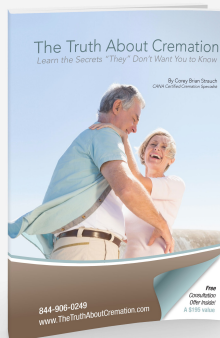
The service is elegantly simple. After processing the cremated remains they place them in a 5-foot, biodegradable balloon. They inflate the balloon with Helium inside a patented inflation chamber, transport the balloon in the inflation chamber to a site chosen by the family and release it to the heavens. When released, the balloon slowly ascends to a height of approximately 30,000 feet. During the balloon's ascent it expands and at a height of approximately 6 miles (where it is 40 degrees below zero) it freezes and fractures, scattering the ashes to the four winds.

After extensive research and testing Joanie and Clyde contacted a patent attorney and on October 15, 1996 the Eternal Ascent Society received a

U.S. Patent (#5,564,260) for the idea and process of placing cremated remains of a human or pet in a balloon filled with a lighter than air gas and releasing it to the heavens. The Inflation Chamber is also part of the patent. They have since obtained Trademark protection for the name and logo.

Learn more at: [www.eternalascent.com/](http://www.eternalascent.com/)

## Questions about Cremation?



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## About Corey



As a fifth generation funeral services provider, Corey Strauch has developed a passion for helping people experience the calm and dignity of knowing that their future is decided and that it will happen exactly as they desire. Over the years of working with generations of clients, Corey has made it his life's work to help people to be informed, to be prepared, and to feel secure with end of life cremation decisions. He is a licensed funeral director in Pennsylvania and has garnered 21 years of experience in the funeral and cremation industry.

Allow him to assist you in reviewing your options and to set a sturdy and secure plan for your cremation decisions. To learn more about Corey and his business, call **844-906-0263** or visit his website at [www.PennsylvaniaCremationServices.com](http://www.PennsylvaniaCremationServices.com) to find out what your options are and to request a free consultation (valued at \$195) in order to learn how you can gain the confidence of knowing that your affordable plans for cremation are securely set.

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