



Please be our guest.

Please join us at our Manchester funeral home on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 9 a.m. for a free informative presentation on funeral pre-planning. After the presentation we will board a motor coach and travel to the New Melleray Abbey in Peosta to experience a rare glimpse into the life of the Trappist monks and their work of Trappist Caskets. During our visit, a monk will provide a brief introduction to the cloistered life at New Melleray Abbey. An opportunity to observe the monks as they gather in their limestone church and chant mid-day prayers, will be followed by a hearty lunch in the monastery guesthouse. During lunch, our hosts will discuss Trappist traditions and describe the monks' ministry of Trappist Caskets, considered a corporal work of mercy. A casual discussion on end of life issues and mindful planning will bring the lunch to an end. After lunch, you will be invited to tour the monastery woodworking facility, where artisan caskets and urns are handcrafted. People of all faiths and traditions are welcome. There is **no fee** for this unique experience or lunch.

Space is limited at New Melleray Abbey.

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Bohnenkamp-Murdoch Funeral Home & Cremation Service at 563-927-2315.

Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service is proud to partner with New Melleray Abbey and Trappist Caskets to offer Trappists caskets and urns at all of our funeral homes.

Schedule Monday, June 18, 2018

- 9 a.m.** Gather at Bohnenkamp-Murdoch Funeral Home, Manchester, for coffee & rolls
- 9:15 a.m.** Presentation about Funeral Pre-Planning Benefits & Options
- 10:30 a.m.** Board coach for trip to New Melleray Abbey
- 11:15 a.m.** Arrival to New Melleray Abbey and gift shop visit
- 11:30 a.m.** Introductory remarks by a monk
- 11:45 a.m.** Observe monks at mid-day prayer
- 12 noon** Lunch in the monastery guesthouse compliments of New Melleray Abbey
- 12:35 p.m.** Tour of Trappist Caskets at New Melleray Abbey
- 1:00 p.m.** Conclusion of tour
- 1:20 p.m.** Board coach for return trip to Manchester
- 2:05 p.m.** Arrival back in Manchester

From the monks of New Melleray Abbey

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