

AMY GUYTON

EMBALMER | FUNERAL DIRECTOR | RESTORATIVE ART SPECIALIST

Prepared and restored over 3000+ cases during the COVID-19 pandemic in Los Angeles County as an independent trade embalmer and thousands more throughout a 21-year career. Specializing in advanced restorative reconstruction of complex cases including trauma, accident victims, autopsy cases, long bone and skin harvests, oversized and advanced decomposition.

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BACKGROUND

I have more than 21 years of experience in the funeral and death care profession and have worked in nearly every aspect of the field—from the first call notifying the funeral home that a death has occurred through embalming, advanced restorative reconstruction, funeral directing, and final disposition, as well as disinterment/exhumations. Throughout my career I have developed a reputation for handling the most challenging cases. Funeral homes frequently call on me specifically for difficult restorative work and complex cases requiring advanced reconstruction techniques. After completing Cypress College's Mortuary Science program in 2004, I immediately began my embalming apprenticeship. I earned my Funeral Director license in 2006, my Embalmer license in 2007, and my Associate of Science degree in Mortuary Science in 2007. In 2019 I founded Baxter Embalming, LLC and began providing high volume specialized trade embalming services to multiple mortuaries in both Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Finally, in 2024 I started providing expert witness services.

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

- Skilled Restorative Art Specialist focused on advanced facial reconstruction, hair reconstruction, decomposed cases, trauma/accident victims, homicides, suicides, harvests and oversized cases (up to 800 lbs.).
- Prep room management and CAL-OSHA compliance.
- USC's Anatomical Gift Program – On special assignment throughout the pandemic I embalmed decedents in the Willed Donor Program at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, CA.
- Expert Witness – Embalming Practices, industry standards, case and document review
- Restorative art presenter for the R.E.S.T.O.R.E. Program (Raising Embalming Standards Through Ongoing Relevant Education) in Charlotte, NC.

LICENSES & EDUCATION

Apprentice Embalmer License AE12825 – August 30, 2005

Funeral Director License FDR 2786 – June 8, 2006

Associate of Science, Mortuary Science – May 24, 2007 | Cypress College, Cypress, CA

Embalmer License EMB 9090 – August 31, 2007

The International Conference of Funeral Examining Boards – Passed 2007

HONORS AND AWARDS

San Diego Funeral Director Association Scholarship – 2004

Forest Lawn Student Work Program Scholarship – 2004

Cypress College Humanitarian Award – 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EMBALMER / OWNER / OPERATOR

Baxter Embalming, LLC | Santa Clarita/Morro Bay, CA | Nov. 2019 – Present

I provide high volume trade embalming services focused heavily on advanced restorative reconstruction for complex cases including trauma, autopsy cases, donor recoveries, decomposition, and oversized decedents. I am frequently contacted by funeral homes specifically to handle difficult restorative cases or to correct work that other embalmers were unable to complete satisfactorily.

EMBALMER

Mount Sinai Memorial Parks & Mortuaries | February 2018 – February 2020

I performed embalming, restorative art, removals, disinterment/exhumations, dressing, casketing, cosmetics, coroner sign outs, inventory control, and coordination with vendors and suppliers.

EMBALMER / FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Harbor Lawn–Mt. Olive Memorial Park & Mortuary | Costa Mesa, CA Aug. 2014 – Oct. 2015

My duties included embalming, funeral directing, removals, and working closely with physicians, law enforcement, and the health department to secure burial permits through California's Electronic Death Registration System.

EMBALMER / FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Heritage Memorial Services | Huntington Beach, CA | Dec. 2009 – July 2014

I handled first calls, embalming, restorative art, funeral arrangements, directing services, removals, international ship outs with consulates, and coordination of military honors.

EMBALMER / FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Starbuck Lind Mortuary | Lompoc, CA | June 2007 – Dec. 2009

I performed embalming and funeral directing duties while also working closely with the county coroner on accident scenes, suicides, and homicide cases.

APPRENTICE EMBALMER / FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Dudley Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Columbarium | Santa Maria, CA

June 2005 – June 2007

I completed my two-year embalming apprenticeship while assisting with funeral arrangements, funeral directing, crematory operations, removals, and service preparation.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

Mission Hills Mortuary & Cemetery – Mission Hills, CA (818) 361-7387

Calvary Mortuary & Cemetery – East LA, CA (323) 261-3106

Queen of Heaven Mortuary & Cemetery – Rowland Heights, CA (626) 964-1291

Holy Cross Mortuary & Cemetery – Culver City, CA (310) 836-5500

SINAI TEMPLE OF LOS ANGELES

Mount Sinai Mortuary & Cemetery – Hollywood Hills, CA (323) 469-6000

Mount Sinai Memorial Park & Mortuaries – Simi Valley, CA (805) 955-0078

DECO FAMILIA FUNERARIAS

Rosecrans Funeral Home – Paramount, CA (562) 204-6773

East Olympic Funeral Home – East LA, CA (323) 402-9915

ANGELENO GROUP

Halley Olsen Funeral & Cremations – Lancaster, CA (661) 942-1139

Halley Olsen Chapel of the Valley – Palmdale, CA (661) 947-7118

Crawford Lorenzen Mortuary – Northridge, CA (818) 349-9701

CARRIAGE SERVICES

Conejo Mountain Mortuary & Cemetery – Camarillo, CA (805) 482-1959

SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL

Harbor Lawn-Mt. Olive Memorial Park & Mortuary – Costa Mesa, CA (714) 540-5554

INDEPENDENTLY OWNED

Dudley Hoffman Mortuary – Santa Maria, CA (805) 922-8463

Starbuck Lind Mortuary – Lompoc, CA (805) 735-3773

Camino del Sol Funeral Home – Oxnard, CA (805) 483-3443

Joseph P. Reardon Funeral Home – Ventura, CA (805) 643-8623

Valley of Peace – Santa Clarita, CA (661) 902-3825

House of Winston – Los Angeles, CA (323) 757-2271

Melrose Abbey Memorial Park & Mortuary – Anaheim, CA (714) 634-1981