



NEWS from *Memorial Park Funeral Home*

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Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery is proud to host the *Fifth Annual Fallen Heroes Memorial Service* on **Monday, May 4, 2009** at **9:30 a.m.** The ceremony will be held at the Fallen Heroes Monument, just west of the Poplar Avenue entrance to the cemetery.

Various mayors, chiefs of police, fire chiefs, other officials and dignitaries are scheduled to attend. This year, Memorial Park will pay special tribute to more than 80 family members representing law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency workers who have given their lives for others since the late 1800s.

“We are fortunate to have Tipton County Sheriff J. T. “Pancho” Chumley as our keynote speaker. Sheriff Chumley will share comments about the loss of his brother, C. Lanny Bridges, who was killed in the line of duty while serving the Covington Police Department,” said *Dennis Hamilton, General Manager of Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery.*

The primary agencies being recognized will be the Memphis Police Department, Shelby County Sheriff’s Office, Memphis Fire Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Fayette County Sheriff’s Office and Covington Police Department.

Members of the Memphis Youth Symphony will provide music and 600 school students from Klondike and Grahamwood Elementary schools will also attend the ceremony.

“This will be a significant event for the children. We at Memorial Park hope this service will help the children gain a new sense of respect and appreciation for those who put themselves in harms way every day to serve others,” added *Mr. Hamilton.*

The ceremony is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the event. For more information, contact **Donna Ammons**, Funeral Director and Event Coordinator at **(901) 767-8930.**

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