

Bennett Funeral Coaches



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What is the history behind Bennett Funeral Coaches?

For more than 16 years, Rance Bennett has been best known as a dealer and restorer of vintage funeral coaches. His skill at returning the great carved panel hearses of the 1920's and 1930's to their original glory, earned him numerous awards at Professional Car Society international meets. In 1997, Bennett first started offering new funeral coaches with a carved panel hearse, called the Ceremonial, which was based on the Ford Econoline van.

What makes Bennett Funeral Coaches' products unique?

Bennett's background as a restorer of vintage funeral cars, provides him the ability to construct each vehicle to individual order. These capabilities allow special customer requests to be fulfilled more easily and they make every attempt to satisfy a customer's desires. Bennett believes in doing a lot of research with their customers to ensure they build the most versatile



and functional funeral coach in the market. Today, their 2009 Cadillac Landau Coach is set apart with a truly-distinctive, full length painted fiberglass roof. The crown molding and landau bows are recessed to avoid the traditional bulkiness of other funeral vehicles. Coupe-style windows in the No. 2 side doors are another design element, affording the driver improved visibility. All three rear doors, as well as the entire rear body, are made from fiberglass to eliminate any rust concerns. Because the left or right hand hinged loading doors cannot be opened far enough to avoid the pallbearers from being crowded, this vehicle is equipped with a lift-gate style loading door that opens high enough to accommodate even the tallest individuals.

On the interior, Bennett uses 16 rollers on the casket floor, which are mounted closer together toward the rear of the bier, so an infant casket or cremation ark won't teeter between the rollers. The driver's seat has full fore-and-aft travel, while the glass partition panel is stationary. To ensure that all space is



utilized efficiently, the casket compartment side of the partition incorporates an umbrella tray, which is accessed from either side of the vehicle.

What funeral coaches are currently in Bennett's Cadillac lineup?

First, the Cadillac DTS Landau Coach is offered, which features a painted roof and traditional landau bars. Next offered is the limousine-style Cadillac DTS State Coach that is fitted with oversized rear quarter windows for a dramatic mobile presentation of the casket and its floral tributes. Additionally, a full-size Floral Coach is offered. It is equipped with a stainless steel flower deck, coupe-style quarter windows and full-sized, No. 2 side door openings, which allow for easy access to the front of the casket compartment.

How would a potential funeral home contact Bennett Funeral Coaches for more information or to get your product?

Bennett Funeral Coaches can be contacted by phone at 616.538.8100 or by email at email@hearse.com. From their website, www.hearse.com, look for the "Request-a-Quote" links, for new vehicle pricing. Also from the website, you can inquire directly with Bennett's dealerships.

