## Plainfield Area Funeral Homes

The following information has been gathered through multiple imperfect resources. Any readers who are aware of supplementary or contradictory details are invited to contact the Local History Department so that corrections and updates can be made. Dates in brackets are estimated. Contact the Local History Department for assistance in accessing records or more information about these funeral homes.

| Name | Contact | Adresses | Start | End | Notes |
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| James H. Beckett | | 528 W. Fourth St. | 1919 | [1919] | thought to have served the Black community |
| Robert James Bourke | | 410 Madison Ave. | 1910 | 1911 | |
| Brown's | (800) 286-4241 brownsfuneralhome.net | 506 W. Fourth St. (1922), 317 Plainfield Ave. (1924), 122 Plainfield Ave. (1945) | 1922 | present | has traditionally handled Black customers |
| Casey's | | Park Ave. next to Post Office (1873), 16 W. Front St. (1891), corner of North Ave. & Park Ave. (1915), 325 Park Ave. (until 1941) | 1872 | 1941 | |
| James E. Churchman | | 332 Liberty St. (1913), 407 Plainfield Ave. (1913) | 1912 | 1914 | thought to have served the Black community |
| Cole & High | | 200 W. Second St. | 1917 | 1920 | |
| Cole's | | 200 W. Second St. (1903, 1920), 315 E. Second St. (1939) | 1920 | [1946] | |
| Cornish | | 216 Richmond St. | 1927 | 1928 | |
| Crescent Home | | 149-59 Crescent Ave. (1941) | 1941 | 1959 | previously Casey's |
| DeMott | | 56 Somerset St., North Plainfield | [1892] | 1922 | |
| DeMott & Lambert | | 59 Somerset St., North Plainfield | 1903 | 1904 | |
| Charles B. Dennis | | 115 Madison Ave. | 1903 | 1904 | thought to have served the Black community |
| DeSaulniers | | 56 Somerset St., 136 Somerset St., moved to 17 Pearl St. (1936), all in North Plainfield | 1922 | [1958] | |
| William J. Douglass | | 610 E. Third St. | 1911 | 1915 | |
| Ford & Stiles | | 14 E. Front St. (1884); 29 E. Front St. (1886) | 1882 | 1888 | |
| Higgins | (908) 756-0017 higginsfuneralhome.com | Park Ave. & W. Fourth St. (1911), 109-111 W. Fourth St. (1913) 209 W. Eighth St. (1934) | 1911 | Watchung location, to present | Jewish customers tended to come here and Higgins was said to work with all religions; records are held at the Watchung location, they're reportedly arranged by date only |
| High & Harold | | 224 E. Front St. (1924) | 1920 | [1932] | records available for 1920-1928; indexes available with Memorial records online at PPL. |
| Judkins Colonial | (800) 253-4429 judkinscolonialhome.com | 216 Richmond St. (1927), 428 W. Fourth St. (1929) | 1927 | present | has traditionally handled Black customers |

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| Leeson | | 14 E. Front St., Front St. next to/east of Second Presbyterian Church | [1871] | [1882] | |
| J. W. S. Martin | | unknown | [1849] | [1850] | |
| Memorial | (908) 322-4350 fanwoodmemorial.com | 400 Franklin Pl. (1932)<br>155 South Ave., Fanwood (1980) | 1928 | present | records available for 1928-1996; indexes available with Memorial records online at PPL. |
| Thomas A. Moore | | 508 Watchung Ave. (1903), 612 E. Sixth St. (1913), 1214 E. Second St. (1921) | [1902] | [1922] | |
| Leonard C. Morse | | 324 Plainfield Ave. | [1919] | [1919] | thought to have served the Black community |
| James M. Pettit | | 77 Chatham St., North Plainfield | 1913 | [1913] | |
| Riker | | 132 Central Ave. | [1894] | [1900] | |
| Nelson D. Rumsey | | 209 E. Fifth St. (1925), 504 Belvidere Ave. (1929) | 1924 | [1932] | records available for 1924-1932; indexes available with Memorial records online at PPL. |
| A. M. Runyon & Son | | corner of Front & Somerset St. (1875); 40 1/2 W. Front St. (1879); 402 Park Ave.; 900 Park Ave. (1927) | 1875 | 1984 | records available for 1906-1984; indexes available with Memorial records online at PPL. |
| Runyon's | | north side of Front St. near Somerset St. | [1860] | [1874] | |
| S. Sakowicz & Son | | 960 W. 4th St. (1940) | by 1937 | 1944 for Plainfield location | only known to have served people of Polish descent; primary location seems to have been in Westfield |
| Scarpa's / Scarpa Las Rosas Funeral Home | (908) 756-2693 scarpalasrosasfh.com | 136 Somerset St. (1936); 22 Craig Pl., North Plainfield (1943-44) | 1936 | present | may currently be the preferred funeral home for Spanish speakers |
| Alfred Simpson | | 324 Plainfield Ave. | 1918 | 1918 | |
| Terrill & Cole | | 16 E. Front St. (1891), 128 E. Front St. (1893), W. Second St. | 1888 | 1897 | |
| Wilhelmina Woodie | | 528 W. Fourth St. | 1922 | 1924 | seems to have handled Black customers exclusively |
| David D. Woody | | 213 Plainfield Ave. | 1912 | 1912 | thought to have served the Black community |