## Aspen Mortuaries Golden, CO

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Aspen Mortuaries developed the Plant-A-Tree program.

We have coordinated with the United States Forest Service to be able to make a donation to the forest service for plant a tree in the areas that are affected by wildfires, disease, drought, etc.

The donations are given in honor of loved ones we have serviced. We receive official certificates from the forest service with the deceased name on the certificate. Aspen Mortuaries mail the certificate to the next of kin with a list of support groups in the metro Denver area.

We have received several calls and letters thanking us for the donations. The families seem to feel comforted by the simple fact that there is a living tree in a National Forest here in Colorado in their loved one's name.

We feel strongly about supporting our National Forest Service and our families in a positive way. This program not only benefits the funeral home as a good –will provider but also benefits the forest service with funds to help refurbish the National Forest that have been affected in many different ways. We take pride in contributing to all who are involved with this program. The list of support groups enclosed with the certificate is a list that provides families with options of professional support groups in our area. This helps families that do not know where to turn after they have lost someone. This list includes address, phone numbers and the type of groups available and if there is a charge to attend.

We feel that this program will be apart of our funeral home for years to come. We hope that it will be a continual benefit for all families we service and the National Forest Service to replant our beautiful state.

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