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New Mortuary Approved at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

*Historic Hawai'i Foundation supports plan for renovation/addition to historic administration building;
~10,000 sq. ft. facility to be complete by fall 2018*

KANEOHE, HAWAII (June 15, 2017) – Hawaii Funeral Services, owner of [Valley of the Temples Memorial Park](#) (VoT) today announced it has secured a building permit to renovate the historic cemetery office inside the park. As part of the renovation, 4,285 sq. ft. will be added to the existing building to create a new, 10,036 sq. ft. facility. The new Valley of the Temples Mortuary will feature a chapel with seating for more than 200 people and a covered lana'i – creating the largest facility of its kind on the Windward side of the island. Fung Associates, Inc. is leading the design and renovation process, which is expected to be complete by fall 2018.

“Our new mortuary will allow us to serve cremation, funeral and cemetery clients in one location, making the entire process easier and more comforting for families,” said Sharmaine Mayo, director of mortuary operations. “A cemetery’s role is to preserve memories and history for future generations. Through our partnership with Historic Hawai'i Foundation, we’ve found a way to not only preserve the original integrity of the building, but to also expand it to better care for the families we serve.”



*Rendering of Valley of the Temples Mortuary,
scheduled for completion in fall 2018*

Through its work with the Historic Hawai'i Foundation, VoT developed a plan to retain the historic administration building and its design integrity. The plans preserve most of the character-defining features, including the vertical arches and rock platform, as well as decorative elements and features throughout. As part of the expansion, the central courtyard will be enclosed and a covered lana'i will be added to the north side of building.

“We commend Valley of the Temples for its willingness to participate in the historic preservation and protection of this historic building,” said Kiersten Faulkner, executive director, Historic Hawai'i Foundation. “This is an example of the outcomes that are possible when owners and community members engage in a spirit of collaborative problem solving.”

VoT will also honor most pre-need contracts made at other providers.

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Reporters/editors interested in further insight into this endeavor/or to interview Valley of the Temples' vice president, Mark Gilmore, please contact David Cumpston at (415) 359-2316 or cumpston@landispr.com.

ABOUT VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES MEMORIAL PARK

As the premier cemetery on Oahu, Valley of the Temples Memorial Park provides end-of-life services to families from diverse religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Established in 1963, Valley of the Temples Memorial Park is located on the Windward side of Oahu and is surrounded by mountains and lush, rolling green hills which overlook the Pacific Ocean. Valley of the Temples features the Hawaii Byodo-In Temple, the famous 1968 replica of the 11th century Phoenix Hall of the Byodo-In Buddhist temple complex in Uji, Japan. The Hawaii temple has appeared in numerous popular television shows including *Lost* and *Hawaii Five-O*. Valley of the Temples Memorial Park is part of a family of cemeteries, funeral homes and crematories with locations throughout the U.S. For more information, visit www.valley-of-the-temples.com or call (808) 239-8811.

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