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**DALLAS INSTITUTE OF FUNERAL SERVICE PRESIDENT
ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE**

BROADVIEW, IL, MARCH 9, 2018 – James Shoemake, President of Dallas Institute of Funeral Service, Dallas, Texas, announces his retirement from the college which he first joined in 1980 as an instructor. He has served as President since 1992 and will be retiring in May, 2018.

All are invited to a President Retirement Open House Reception at Dallas Institute on Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM to celebrate with Jim and wish him well.

Shoemake was himself a 1976 graduate of Dallas Institute, known then as Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science. During his studies he commuted while interning at the Christian Funeral Home in Decatur, Texas where he remained after earning his license. In 1978, he returned to Dallas where he served as manager and embalmer at Dallas Morticians Service until taking an instructional position at Dallas Institute in 1980.

“Jim Shoemake has touched so many lives and positively influenced countless numbers of funeral professionals both within and outside the walls of Dallas Institute of Funeral Service,” said Jill Karn, Chief Operating Officer of Pierce Mortuary Colleges. “His commitment to the industry has been demonstrated through his service on the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE), the National Associated Colleges of Mortuary Science (NACMS), the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) and several state and local funeral directors’ associations.”

Jim is looking forward to spending more time with Laura, his wife of over thirty years, who herself is known by many as she has often worked with Jim at funeral industry conventions. A deacon at his church, Jim together with Laura plan to continue their active participation in church missions.

“I am told that more things will come along when others discover that I am retired,” remarked Jim, “but I know that I will miss those I have taught, worked with or met during my years at Dallas Institute. I have been honored to be associated with this excellent institution and I hope my leadership lived up to the ideals that Dallas Institute was founded upon.”

For more information on the Retirement Open House on May 6, call (214) 388-5466.