



Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center Speedway, IN

Flanner and Buchanan Mortuaries contracted with Omega to provide complete construction management for this new mortuary which would also be their corporate office. Omega worked closely with the owners, the architect and the interior decorating firm to complete this beautiful facility. The building is wood framed and is covered entirely with a Dryvit finish. The panelized wall system and trusses were fabricated in Illinois and shipped to the jobsite. The main building seen here is about 15,000 s.f. and includes an upstairs apartment for a caretaker.

One end of the facility is dedicated to offices with extensive computer and phone systems and a large masonry and concrete fireproof filing room. Most of the building is lavishly decorated and includes foyers, chapels and sitting rooms. A custom-designed marble fountain, stained glass, and detailed trim work greet you upon entering the main foyer.

Behind the foyer is a large chapel with a fireplace which we dismantled from an historic building and reassembled here. The columns, wall niches and interior trim are not wood, as they appear. They are a high-density polystyrene covered with a sandable, paintable vinyl. The product is lightweight and gives the appearance of many separate pieces of wood trim. Our carpenters found it to be a time saver but it was less forgiving than wood and not always uniform. In the sitting area off the main chapel, the fireplace surround was salvaged from an historic building. All of the windows have elaborately trimmed heads and sills. The columns separating these two rooms are load bearing.

Shortly after beginning construction of the main mortuary building, the owner asked us if we could design and build a 'community center' on the site. The building could be used by the families of the deceased and could be rented out to the public. It included a large meeting room, with a folding acoustical partition, and a kitchen, and restrooms. We agreed

and quickly made changes to the underground mechanical systems to service both buildings and to the site grades for drainage of the additional parking areas.

The one wrinkle to this 3,200 s.f. building was the inclusion of a crematorium. We had never built one before, but soon had all the necessary building codes addressed, and the gas and electrical company engineers worked out their particular provisions. We used to say that we had built about everything with a roof.....now I think we can remove the word 'about'.



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