

Five generations of Fullers

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And the last time the Fire Phone rang in the Fuller house.

"Twenty years is long enough!" Hazel is reported to have insisted. "Get it out of this house!"

A Fire Phone is no longer necessary and that is probably for the best, as Aaron Fuller is now a one-man operation. He and his wife, Hannah, have two small sons, Anderson Thomas, 3 and John Moses, nearly 18 months.

Hannah was well aware that she would "spend some times as a single parent," Aaron sighs. There is probably no more flexible work schedule.

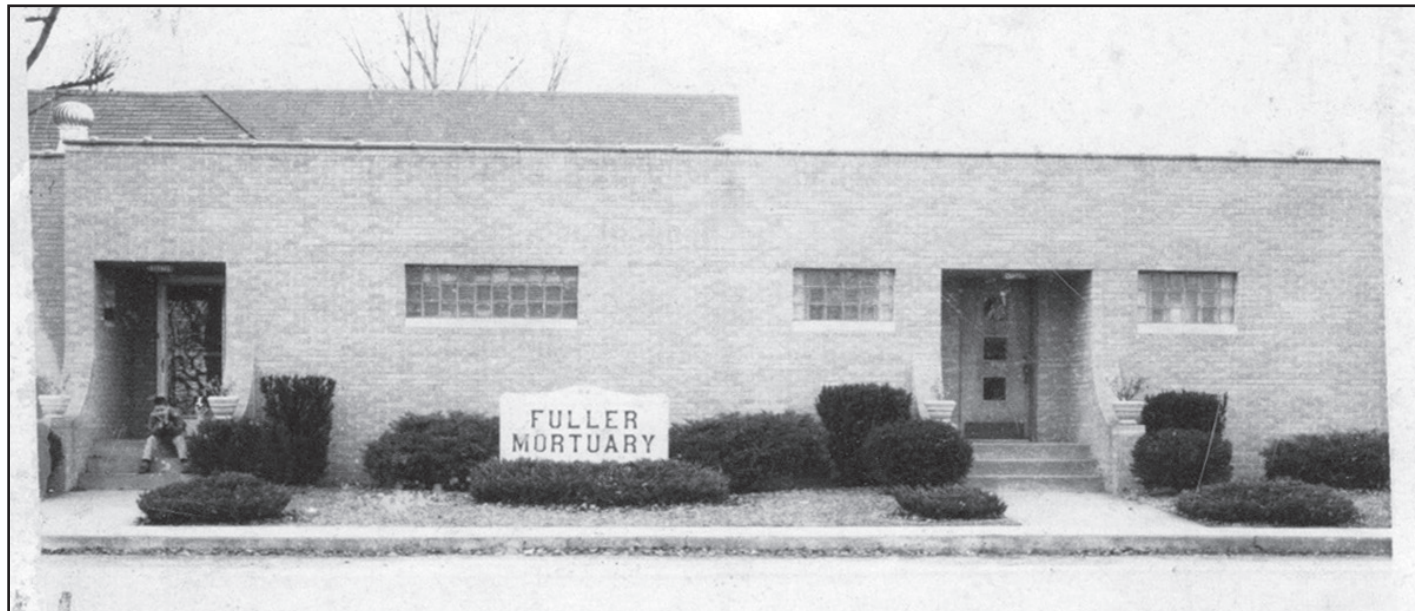
When Aaron is needed, Aaron is needed. "She understood that she was also marrying the job."

He reflects a moment.

"No, I don't think I'd call it a job. Or even a profession. It's a lifestyle."

There are fewer and fewer families of funeral directors that are carrying on the tradition, Aaron Fuller believes. Seeing their parents shackled to a phone and working at all hours of the day or night is enough to scare some of their offspring away from the lifestyle.

But for Aaron Fuller, it's a proud tradition.



Fuller Mortuary as it appeared in the early- to mid-1960s. Aaron's father, Robert, is sitting on the steps.

And, although he jokingly introduces Anderson, at times, as the "youngest funeral director," he will not push his sons to follow-

ing in his footsteps.

"If you don't want to do it, you shouldn't be doing it," Aaron says. "I'm not gonna

make them."

But providing this service to the Dale Community is Aaron Fuller's life's work.

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