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CORPORATION

Thariyatshepe Funerals/Coffin Manufacurers is a tenant of the NWDC in Taung

Thariyatshepe Funerals can be found at Factory 2 & 3 at the Taung Industries, Stand 40, Taung.



DIRECT JOBS: 70

> 200 M²



COMPANY FEATURE: THARIYATSHEPE FUNERALS/COFFIN MANUFACTURERS

Burial policies and burials are a must-have in this day and age. To ensure that a loved one has a proper, dignified funeral is any family member's wish.

Older people do not always have it that easy when it comes to their loved ones passing on.



NWDC Tenant Coordinator Pinky Mankuroane with Mr Duanne Crisp from Thariyatshepe Funerals.

Mr and Mrs Crisp from Taung realised that and noticed there was a demand for a small burial society for older people as far back as 1994. They started their business in 1994, catering firstly for the people in Motsweding.

Mr Crisp senior, a cabinet maker by trade, soon observed that there was a necessity for coffins and that people needed to transport the bodies/coffins. With Mrs Crisp firmly by his side *Thariyatshepe Funerals/Coffin Manufacturers* grew from strength to strength.

The business today is still run by Mr and Mrs Crisp but with the added dynamic entrepreneurship of their three sons: McDonald, Duanne and Crisp. Each son has their strengths, with McDonald and Crisp running the business and Duanne executing the manufacturing side. A mortuary was also erected on the premises.



When questioned about the people involved and working for the company, Duanne indicated that due to people having certain fears in this industry, staff are predominantly males at present but that is systematically changing.

People do not always realise how much work is involved in this industry such as collecting and cleaning of corpses and keeping them in the cold room. By law, the maximum period one may keep a corpse is three months. Should the bodies not be collected or are not identified, it becomes a police case. Forensics have to be involved and it is by no means an easy process when it gets to this stage.

Health checks are also conducted on a regular basis to ensure that the place is clean and germ free.

When asked as to how the family gets along with everyone being involved in the business, Duanne's reply is that his mother and father put a lot of energy into the business. Their secret is to find a solution when there are disagreements. Compared to other families, his father is blessed and one thing Mr Crisp senior has firmly installed in his sons, is to build on the establishment of a strong family.

Mrs Eliza Crisp, with the business now safely in the hands of her husband and children, has ventured into the catering and farming business. Future plans for the Crisp family also entail re-establishing the cabinet business.

As Duanne positively points out, "Make your weakest point a goal to turn it into your strongest point. Take something you are afraid of and turn it into a friend".

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