

## Firmly in the Green

**Greenlawn is one of three cemeteries in Bakersfield,** with a large corporate-owned property as its chief competitor. For years, the two had been going at it neck-and-neck. Further, their funeral home business was fighting for its place against a number of stand-alone

LA ads grasped a feel for who we were and where we wanted to go. With their guidance, our market share has grown steadily. I have no doubt, with their direction, those successes will continue. I can assure you, should you partner with LA ads, you will not be disappointed. – Jim LaMar, President

funeral homes. Which is why Greenlawn reached out to LA ads to give it the competitive push it needed.

Our first order of business was to create a strong, distinctive and desirable brand, one that would stand out in Bakersfield's familyoriented community. Based on the spirit of Greenlawn's management and their willingness to "go to the mat" for their families, we branded them: "A Friend of the Family<sup>SM</sup>" and launched a series of emotional TV, radio and outdoor ads explaining, in the words of real people, what a Friend of the Family is. We carried the theme into staff training and established internal brand ambassadors. We built the theme into their existing website and Facebook page. We added a new Friend of the Family blog. All the literature was redesigned with the new brand message. We even created new on-site graphics carrying the theme into the chapel video monitors and all the way out to the water tanks. *[See results top right]* 

Friend of the Family is a U.S. Registered Trademark of LA ads

## OVER FOUR YEARS:

Average YOY Case % Increase – 9%

Average YOY Pre-Need Sales % Increase – 21%-30%

Increase in at-need cases YOY -17%







Friends don't let friends face loss alone.

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