

# ***Eternal Justice, Inc. In Action***

**"Money is last. The mission is No. 1."**



Carolyn Jacobi, consumer advocate for the dead, has made it her mission to clean up Shadow Lawn Memorial Park.

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## **Advocate for dead makes crusade of Shadow Lawn**

*Maryland woman stirs up the living*

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**T**he voice is the first thing you notice about Carolyn Jacobi, consumer advocate for the dead.

It lends a flamboyant ring to "hel-looo," "doo" and "Bal-tee-more." It releases words with the precision of royal pronouncements.

"I had a speech impediment, darling, until the age of 17," she enunciates. "I stuttered — very, very badly."

Now, that voice is demanding that city and state officials improve conditions and sanction owners at Shadow Lawn Memorial Park, a predominantly black cemetery dating to the 1930s where human bones have been strewn, overturned and broken headstones are choked by weeds and the tops of buried vaults crest the earth.

A judge has put the cemetery into Chapter 7 bankruptcy, shutting down operations at the graveyard in the Spaulding-Ishkooda community.

It's a small triumph for Ms. Jacobi, who travels America from her Burtonsville, Md., home exposing cemetery fraud. She's gone undercover to embarrass cemetery owners, helped write Maryland's cemetery regulation law and persuaded operators to lower fees.

*For justice  
anywhere is a  
Threat to Justice  
Everywhere*  
*Carolyn Jacobi*

**The pictures to the left are the before pictures of the Shadow Lawn Cemetery which show the deplorable condition of the cemetery. The pictures to the right show what the cemetery looked like after Carolyn Jacobi and Eternal Justice, Inc. left their mark. She gets the job done!**









**Shown above is Councilperson Pat Alexander who fought with Carolyn Jacobi to force the cleanup of Shadow Lawn Cemetery.**

#### **Legislative Session 2001-2002**

**As the result of the activity by Eternal Justice and the mobilization of the consumers by Eternal Justice legislation was introduced, regulating cemeteries and funeral homes in the state of Alabama. The consumers of the state can claim victory with the passage of House Bill 53 substituted by Senate Bill 49 which will require the trusting of all perpetual care funds, as well as all pre need funds. This bill will dictate the operations of both funeral homes and**

cemeteries in the state. THIS IS A FIRST FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA. SEC.27-17A-19 STATES NO PERSON SHALL ENGAGE IN THIS STATE IN ANY TRADE PRACTICE WHICH IS ADDRESSED IN THE ALABAMA DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES ACT (SEC. 8-19-1 ET SEQ.) OR AS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER TO BE AN UNFAIR METHOD OF COMPETITION OR AN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACT OR PRACTICE. THUS THE RIGHTS OF THE CONSUMER HAVE BEEN PROTECTED. LEGISLATION IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE MECHANISM FOR ENFORCEMENT.

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