

"SEND DEAD people DEAD FLOWERS" BY PAT/SALTY

You ^{should} SEND Live people Live FLOWERS.
AND DEAD people - WHAT ELSE? - DEAD FLOWERS.
IF YOU SEND, OR LEAVE, ANY FLOWERS AT ALL.
SOME PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE IN FLOWERS,
~~AND THEY ARE EVERY REAL PERSON~~
BUT - IF SENDING OR LEAVING FLOWERS
FOR THE DEAD - I AM CONVINCED THAT
DEAD FLOWERS GO WITH DEAD BODYS BEST.
IN FACT, THEY ARE THE ONLY KIND OF
FLOWERS THAT FIT SUCH OCCASIONS.
SURE, THERE ARE PEOPLE - NEXT OF
KIN AND OTHERS - WHO WILL BE
INSULTED; WHO WILL CONSIDER DEAD
FLOWERS AS DISRESPECTFUL OF THE DEAD.
SUCH PEOPLE ARE IGNORANT,
DISRESPECTFUL OF THE DEAD?
DEAD FLOWERS?

WRONG; THEY ARE 100% PERFECTLY APPROPRIATE,
BEING THAT THEY ARE DEAD, AND ALL.
FROM A PRACTICAL STANDPOINT, DEAD
FLOWERS ARE THE PERFECT CHOICE FOR
SUCH OCCASIONS;
1) MONEY ISN'T THROWN AWAY WASTED ON
LIVE FRESH FLOWERS (ACTUALLY, ON DYING
FLOWERS THAT ~~ARE~~ JUST LOOK + SMELL FRESH) →

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They ARE, IN FACT, FREE - AS FLORISTS THROW THEM OUT; SO THE NATIONWIDE SAVINGS BY LEAVING + SENDING DEAD FLOWERS WOULD BE ENORMOUS.

- 2) NOBODY WILL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE FLOWERS "GOING BAD" ANYMORE BECAUSE - WELL, THEIR ALREADY DEAD;
- 3) DEAD FLOWERS ARE ECO FRIENDLY AS THEY CAN BE RE-CYCLED; ~~ADDITIONALLY~~.
- 4) THE DEAD PEOPLE WILL NEVER BE INSULTED, OR OFFENDED, OR COMPLAIN BECAUSE THEY CAN'T SEE OR SMELL ANY FLOWERS ANYWAY, FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!

AND AS FOR ALL THE UN ECO FRIENDLY FLORISTS OUT THERE, I HAVE A STORY FOR THEM; SO SENDING FRESH FLOWERS AND "FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS" ARE A WAY OF SHOWING RESPECT FOR THE DEAD, HUH? WELL, ONE NAME: DION O' BANNION. EVER HEAR OF HIM? IN 1920'S CHICAGO? HE WAS A FLORIST WHO OWNED AND RAN A CHICAGO FLOWER SHOP (AMONG.... OTHER THINGS). RING A BELL YET?



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DION O' BANNION, BESIDES OWNING AND OPERATING HIS FLOWER SHOP, HEADED THE LARGEST IRISH MOB IN CHICAGO, THE NORTHSIDERS (BUGS MORAN WAS HIS # TWO GUY) HE SUPPLIED THE NUMEROUS ~~FLOWER~~ FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOST OF THE GANGSTER FUNERALS. AL CAPONE WAS ONE OF HIS BIGGEST CUSTOMERS.

FOLLOW SO FAR? GOOD.

ONE DAY BIG AL HAD ONE OF HIS GUYS CALL DION O' BANNIONS FLOWER SHOP AND PLACE A REALLY BIG ORDER OF FLOWERS FOR SOME GUYS FUNERAL. HE TOLD DION O' BANNION THAT THE NEXT DAY HE'D SEND TWO GUYS OVER TO PAY FOR THEM AND PICK THEM UP. SO DION KNOCKED HIMSELF OUT ALL DAY AND NIGHT TO HAVE THE BIG ORDER ALL PUT TOGETHER AND READY FOR THE NEXT DAY. THE TWO GUYS ARRIVED THE NEXT DAY RIGHT ON TIME, TOO.

ONLY THEY DIDN'T STOP FOR ANY FLOWERS, THEY ~~stopped~~ STEPPED INTO THE FLOWER SHOP TO MAKE A LED DEPOSIT.

DION O' BANNION WAS NOT PLEASED.



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They LEFT him ON The FLOOR of his shop.
DEADER THEN GEORGE WASHINGTONS CORPES.
The FLOWERS DIDN'T GO TO WASTE, THOUGH.
IT TURNED OUT THAT OL' DION HAD SPENT
ALL DAY AND NIGHT WORKING ON THE BIG
FLOWER ARRANGEMENT - FOR HIS OWN FUNERAL!
IRONY ALERT, ANYONE?

The point BEING, THAT DION O' BANNIONS
FUNERAL FLOWERS WERE THE MOST,
THE MOST ELABORATE, AND THE MOST
COSTLY, ANYBODY, ANYWHERE, HAD EVER
HAD; THE FUNERAL PROCESSION HAD
SOMETHING LIKE 20 CARS AND FLATBED
TRUCKS JUST TO CARRY ALL THE FLOWERS
TO THE CEMETARY WITH DION O' BANNIONS BODY.
EVEN CAPONE AND COMPANY SENT FLOWERS!
AND IF THAT DOESN'T TELL YOU THAT
SOMEBODY SENDING FLOWERS TO A FUNERAL
DOESN'T MEAN JACK SHIT - NOTHING WOULD.
FLORISTS NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD AS IN
CHICAGO DURING THE GANG WARS KICKED
OFF BY DION O' BANNIONS DEATH.
IT WAS THE DEATH OF O' BANNION THE
FLORIST THAT KICKED OFF THIS NATIONS BIGGEST
FLORAL RENAISSANCE!

NOW: WAS THAT A GOOD THING OR A BAD THING? →

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I Rest my case.

IT IS - AS I SAY - WHAT IT IS.
SO EITHER DON'T WASTE MONEY AT
ALL SENDING FLOWERS TO DEAD PEOPLE
OR - IF YOU MUST - SEND, OR LEAVE,
DEAD FLOWERS FOR DEAD PEOPLE.
IT MAKES, IN EVERY WAY, PERFECT SENSE.
"SALTY SENSE", YOU COULD EVEN SAY.

ONE MORE THING, MY STORY - YES, IT
TOO IS TRUE - ABOUT DION O' BANNION
REMINDED ME THAT HE, CAPONE, AND
CHICAGO OF THAT PERIOD IS GOING TO
HAVE ITS OWN CHAPTER, OR PERHAPS
EVEN ITS OWN BOOK, WRITTEN BY ME
WHEN THE SPIRIT MOVES ME TO DO SO
SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE BUT IF,
~~IF~~ BEFORE THEN, SOMETHING WERE TO
HAPPEN TO ME, IN THE FASHION OF
DION O' BANNION OR OTHERWISE, I HAVE
ONLY ONE LAST REQUEST TO ONE AND ALL;

SEND ME DEAD FLOWERS ONLY
(IF YOU INSIST ON SENDING FLOWERS AT ALL)

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