



Production and Audition Information for

## ***Dearly Departed***

*Dearly Departed* will run 3 weekends May 25 – June 10, 2018  
at the Historic Pelzer Auditorium.

**Director: Reed Halvorson**

**We are seeking 10 Adult actors (18+) with strong comedic skills and the ability to portray Southern folk in a genuinely funny manner.**

**SYNOPSIS:** In the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, the beleaguered Turpin family proves that living and dying in the South are seldom tidy and always hilarious. Despite their earnest efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the Turpin's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion: Firstborn Ray-Bud drinks himself silly as the funeral bills mount; Junior, the younger son, is juggling financial ruin, a pack of no-neck monster kids, and a wife who suspects him of infidelity in the family car; their spinster sister, Delightful, copes with death as she does life, by devouring junk food; and all the neighbors add more than two cents. As the situation becomes fraught with mishap, Ray-Bud says to his long-suffering wife, "When I die, don't tell nobody. Just bury me in the backyard and tell everybody I left you." Amidst the chaos, the Turpins turn for comfort to their friends and neighbors, an eccentric community of misfits who just manage to pull together and help each other through their hours of need, and finally, the funeral.

**PRINCIPAL ROLES (Double Casting will be used):**

**Bud Turpin (60s)** - an elderly man  
**Raynelle (60s)** - Bud's wife  
**Ray-Bud (30s)** - Bud & Raynelles son  
**Lucille Turpin (30s)** - Ray-Bud's wife  
**Junior (late 20s)** - Ray-Bud & Lucille's son  
**Suzane (late 20s)** - Junior's wife  
**Marguerite (40s-50s)** - Bud's sister  
**Royce (20s)** - Marguerite's son  
**Delightful (20s)** - Bud & Raynelle's only daughter  
**Reverend Hooker (any age)** - Local Pastor  
**Veda (70s)** - an elderly woman  
**Norval (70s)** - her husband  
**Clyde (mid 30s)** - a friend  
**Juanita (late 20s)** - a cousin by marriage  
**The Joy of Life Singers**

**AUDITION DATE & TIME:** Saturday, December 9th at 10 am **Location:** Pelzer Auditorium at 214 Lebbey Street  
All auditionees should be prepared to do cold readings from the play. Females may be asked to sing a hymn a cappella. All auditionees should come prepared with a headshot (or non-returnable photo) and resume. Please also be prepared to share your foreseen conflicts for the rehearsal process. If you are interested in auditioning but are unable to attend the audition time, please contact Katie at [katie@milltownplayers.org](mailto:katie@milltownplayers.org) to schedule an alternate audition time/method. Callbacks will be held Sunday, December 10th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We will email those cast as well as post the cast list to our Facebook page no later than December 17th.

**ANTICIPATED REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:** Rehearsals will occur between April 1st to May 24th: Sunday thru Thursday evenings (typically in the 6:30-9:30pm range) avoiding the Easter Holiday weekend. Tech week is May 18th- 20th and Performance dates are May 25th- June 10th

For further questions, email Katie at [katie@milltownplayers.org](mailto:katie@milltownplayers.org)