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White Castle System, Inc.
555 West Goodale Street
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ATTN: Catering & Sales Department

Dear Sir(s):

I have a request that I hope you can accommodate. Given the recent unexpected death of a dear family member, I have become more aware of my own mortality and realize that I will not always be here. As scary as it is for me to admit, I know that one day I will die.

I always knew this, mind you; this is not a new revelation for me. But I always believed that I would have a lot of years on this earth before my time came. I now know that I can't be so sure of that and I want to start putting my affairs in order.

When I die, I hope to go to Heaven. I don't know about you, but I've always pictured Heaven as a giant white castle floating around on a cloud in the sky. So I guess you could say that your restaurant evokes a Heavenly image in my mind's eye.

I am writing up my own last will and testament and I am going to get the clerk down at the meat market to notarize it this weekend. I don't believe in lawyers, but I figure as long as I write down what I want to have happen with all my stuff and I get it properly notarized, there shouldn't be any problem with it and I can avoid wasting my hard earned money on a snake attorney.

Once I get my will in place, I am going to pre-plan my funeral. I have a friend who used to do that for a living. She worked for a particular funeral home in town and she really shocked a number of us one year when she began talking about their "busy season" at the funeral home! We all thought she meant there was a certain time of year when more people were dying than any other. What she really meant was a busy time when more people contemplate their own mortality and decide to come in for some pre-planning!

I have decided that I am going to have my funeral locally in Sandusky, Ohio, but I purchased a burial plot down in Jefferson County, Ohio where I grew up before I moved away. I still own that plot and I invested way too much time and money picking out that perfect spot to simply give it up. So after my funeral Mass in Sandusky, the hearse and all of my mourners will begin a 150 mile funeral procession to my final resting place.

The general custom is to invite all of the mourners from the cemetery to gather at another location for a meal. But I have a better idea given the 3+ hour funeral procession in

between the Mass and the burial. I want all of my mourners to enjoy a White Castle meal before they get to the cemetery. I am not sure what store location would be the most convenient and was hoping you might help to determine that without veering too far astray of the direct route.

Please let me know what it would cost to arrange for my funeral luncheon to be served directly to my funeral procession via the White Castle drive thru. I am willing to pay a reasonable deposit today to reserve your drive thru for a yet to be determined future date. Please just name your price. Naturally, I expect my guests to be able to go back around for seconds, but I won't ask you to make my funeral meal an "all-you-can-eat" experience. I have a cousin who once placed third in a hamburger eating contest!

I obviously can't say when my funeral will be, but I can make sure to have my family notify you when I pass away and consult with your staff while making the funeral plans so that my funeral luncheon best fits into your serving schedule. To make things easier on you, I will limit my mourners' menu selections to a pre-determined six or seven items on the menu so that you can better prepare the food in advance of the funeral rush.

I will make sure that all of the members of my funeral procession have the purple funeral flags on their car rooftops so that your drive thru staff can better identify those customers who don't have to pay. I DO NOT want to be charged for freeloading mongrels with no respect for the recently departed, so instruct your crew that, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are they to serve ANY car without a purple funeral flag. After tallying up all the food orders, you can then send the final bill (or credit) to whomever is in charge of my final arrangements.

To ensure a smooth experience for my mourners, I request that you close down your drive-thru for a 60 – 90 minute window on the date of my funeral to avoid anyone sneaking in for a free meal on my dime. I'm sure you can simply inform the general public in advance that the drive-thru will be closed due to a private family reservation, but I would still expect your employees to check for the funeral flags on the cars.

If my cousin, Mikey Joe is still with us at that time, I plan to play a practical joke on him and have someone remove the funeral flag from his car before he gets to order his food! That will really get him laughing good when he finally figures it out!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rusty Lucas".

Rusty Lucas

p.s. Do you have any free White Castle baseball caps that you could send to me? I would like to seal our deal by wearing a White Castle baseball cap while I am still alive and kicking in this world! Please send me a free White Castle baseball cap.