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## **Carriage Services to Present at the 2005 Merrill Lynch Deathcare Investor Conference**

HOUSTON, April 15, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Carriage Services, Inc. (NYSE: CSV) today announced that it will participate in the 2005 Merrill Lynch Deathcare Investor Conference to be held April 21, 2005 at The Merrill Lynch Midtown Conference Center in New York City.

Mel Payne, Chief Executive Officer, and Joe Saporito, Chief Financial Officer, are scheduled to present on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 2:15 p.m. eastern time. The presentation will be broadcast live over the Internet and is expected to last approximately 45 minutes. The live web cast link will be available on the Carriage Services website at <http://www.carriageservices.com>, as well as archived there for replay.

Carriage Services is the fourth largest publicly traded death care company. As of April 15, 2005, Carriage operates 134 funeral homes and 30 cemeteries in 28 states.

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