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Funeral Protests

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Part I of this essay discusses the recent spate of funeral protest laws at the state and federal level. It focuses both on the laws as enacted and their justifications. Part II discusses the U.S. Supreme Court's free speech jurisprudence in which government officials have proffered a privacy rationale for regulating speech. This section unpacks the different usages of that term in the Court's cases up to and including *Hill v. Colorado*, 530 U.S 703 (2000). Part III discusses the different meanings associated with privacy and their implications for the funeral protest setting.