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CARRIAGE SERVICES ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER EARNINGS RELEASE AND CONFERENCE CALL SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 22, 2003 – HOUSTON – Carriage Services, Inc. (NYSE: CSV) today announced plans to release third quarter 2003 results on Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at 6:00 am eastern time. In conjunction with the release, Carriage Services has scheduled a conference call, which will be broadcast live over the Internet, for Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. eastern time.

What: Carriage Services Third Quarter Earnings Conference Call

When: Wednesday, October 29, 2003 – 10:30 a.m. eastern time

How: Live via phone - By dialing 303-205-0055 and asking for the Carriage Services call at least 10 minutes prior to the start time – OR live over the Internet by logging on to the web address below.

Where: www.carriageservices.com

A telephonic replay of the conference call will be available through Wednesday, November 5, 2003, and may be accessed by dialing 303-590-3000 and using pass code 557601. An audio archive will also be available on the company's website at www.carriageservices.com shortly after the call and will be accessible for approximately 90 days. For more information, please contact Karen Roan at DRG&E at 713-529-6600 or email kcroan@drg-e.com.

Carriage Services is the fourth largest publicly traded deathcare company. As of October 22, 2003, Carriage operates 139 funeral homes and 30 cemeteries in 29 states.

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