

## LINCOLN FUNERAL TRAIN



The photograph above shows the full-size replica of the Lincoln Funeral Car which was built by Dave Kloke and the model built by Dr. Wayne Wesolowski and his wife. He is a chemistry professor and a master model builder. He assisted in developing the actual colors through chemical research including testing of a small piece of wood from the original car.

He thoroughly researched the details of the funeral car, built the model and wrote a book about the funeral train. He gave a talk about the funeral car at the Lincoln Library Museum and then donated the car to the facility.

Later Dr. Wesolowski helped Mr. Kloke to build the full-size replica by providing the plans and details of the car and by serving as technical director for the project. Note that the car had four sets of wheels, due to the heavy weight of the car.

The replica of the full size car was unable to be shipped by rail so the funeral car minus its trucks had to be put on a special highway wheels to be trucked to the celebration location. The four trucks were shipped separately and then re-attached to the car for accurate display.

Originally the car was built for President Lincoln to use as his private car for travels around the country. However he felt it was ostentatious to ride in such grand a car and never rode in it during his lifetime.

After President Lincoln's assassination, his body was carried in the car on a circuitous route to his burial site in Springfield, Illinois. The routing allowed the train to visit a number of cities and towns so that the crowds could pay homage to the President.

At key stops, the casket bearing his body was taken off for public viewing of his remains.

Dr. Wesolowski has generously made available to us his booklet about the funeral train, a DVD about the funeral train and another of his books about Model Railroad Structures. See the order sheet below.

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