

Dearly Departed We Are Gathered Here Today...

I hope that I am not stepping on too many toes by posting on a show that some readers have not seen so I will try not to give too much away. [WCCT](#) opened its 2010 season in high form with the hysterically touching comedy *Dearly Departed*. Every redneck stereotype (southern Baptist... correct?... ministers, beer bellied loafers, etc) you can imagine is put on huge display. It was almost a lost episode of *Mama's Family*. In fact, Deb's performance as the family matriarch made me flashback to Vicki Lawrence herself. An extended group of hicks gather to say their farewells to its beloved(?) head of the family.

As with any family centered piece, the dirty laundry is aired and there is a lot to share! It is so much fun to sit back and watch friends on stage create such lively characters. Fellow tangenteer, [justj](#) positively stole the show in not one but two outstanding roles.

So... if you haven't already, be sure to catch one of the remaining performances of the premiere show of the season.