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Saying Farewell

A step-by-step guide to funerals





A final goodbye to remember

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Help when you need it

Losing someone close to you is hard emotionally. It also presents you with unfamiliar practical demands. In the coming days, you will have to organise the funeral, which will include taking your loved one to their final resting place.

We are here to make this difficult time as easy as possible for you. This booklet helps you through the choices available to you when it comes to saying goodbye.

Kaye Shannon (pictured right) is proud to be leading a great dedicated team in such rewarding worthwhile work. A background in nursing, a Bachelors degree in Psychology, and some banking experience along the way all contributed to her natural affinity for the role of a funeral director.



Taking care of the details

As professional funeral directors, we are here to explain the options available.

Burial or cremation

If your loved one has not made their wishes known, it is up to your family to choose what type of service you want.

Burial: A traditional burial is comforting to many people and provides a place of remembrance. Burial involves buying a burial plot, paying a burial fee and purchasing a headstone.

Cremation: Cremation involves placing your loved one and their casket into a cremator, where everything is reduced to ashes. Only one person is cremated at a time and the ash remains are kept together, to be put into an urn of your choosing. Cremation provides greater

flexibility for a final resting place, as you don't have to use a regular cemetery. A memorial can provide a focal point for the family.

A suitable casket

Once the decision has been made between a burial or cremation, you will need to decide on the type of coffin or casket. We have a number of options, from traditional styles to the more modern. These options include wood and composite materials, painted or decorated caskets, as well as eco-friendly options.



Is embalming necessary?

We generally recommend embalming as it allows us to present your loved one to you in the very best way we can. If the funeral isn't held within the usual 3 to 5 days, or if the deceased has to be transferred to another city or country, embalming is necessary. Otherwise, it is optional. We have experienced, qualified staff to take care of the embalming process, treating your loved one with the utmost respect and dignity at all times.

Should we see the deceased?

Many people who are hesitant at first, later say how much it helped them in the grieving process to spend time with their loved one before the funeral. Some people like to simply sit with the deceased, others prefer leaving small mementos such as gifts, cards, letters or other meaningful items. We have private and comfortable viewing facilities for you and your family to say goodbye, or we can arrange for your loved one to be taken to your home in the days before the funeral ceremony.

Choices for the Ceremony

There are many different ways to create an authentic ceremony that's a meaningful reflection of the life that has passed and is relevant to those attending.



You choose

Consider the ceremony you want, religious or otherwise, and who would conduct or lead it – a celebrant, friend, family member or a religious leader.

Venue

Decide upon the most suitable location for the service – a funeral home, church or chapel, at a crematorium, or at home. Depending on the location, you may need a separate venue for a gathering after the funeral.

Pallbearers

You may need four or six pallbearers. They are usually family or close friends. They need to be physically and emotionally up to the task.

Displays

Flowers are traditional at funerals. Candles, personalised items, photographs and videos are also popular.

Order of service

Should you wish to have a booklet that outlines the details of the service, we can help you put it together.

Printed items

You may wish to provide a memorial book for people to sign or express their thoughts and condolences.

Music

We will guide you and arrange the music you wish to have. This can be recorded or performed live by a choir, solo singer, bugler or piper.

Memories

Photographing, recording or video streaming the funeral is becoming more popular. It means that people can view or share from different locations, or view it later.

Additional finishing touches

We can help you organise any finishing touches. This could be something special or symbolic to you, such as a balloon release, lanterns, doves, or another personal tribute.

Storm Deuss (pictured left) feels privileged and honoured to be able to assist families at such a difficult time in their lives and she tries to go the extra mile to ensure that families wishes are accommodated wherever possible.

Notes



Sibuns contact information

We offer a twenty-four hour service every day of the year. We also offer free information and funeral planning packs, and are happy to answer the questions you may have about funerals and our services.

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