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NEWS

IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH
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Welcome to your newsletter

Welcome to the fourth edition of Eric F Box News, the newsletter put together by some of the country's leading experts from the UK funerals industry.

At Eric F Box, we understand that a funeral is not just part of the bereavement process, it is also a celebration of the life of a loved one. Our aim is to provide a funeral, that reflects your loved one and the life they lived, as well as being as individual as they were when they were living.

It is a time to give the surviving relatives as much help and support as they need in order to come to terms with the loss of a loved one. To achieve this we concentrate on helping you to arrange an appropriate tribute to someone you loved dearly and guide you on the road to recovery.

If we can assist you in any way, please do contact us. We will be only too happy to help.

Edward Box
Manager

DID YOU KNOW?

Motorcycle funerals are available in Britain, offering bike lovers the chance of a final journey on two wheels. Machines are adapted with a sidecar hearse to pull a 7ft coffin weighing 40st. Clergy bikers can also be hired to conduct services.

Themed Funerals

A funeral is much more than a way to say goodbye, it's an opportunity to celebrate the life of someone special.

In the initial aftermath of a death, many people don't realise that a person's last wishes can be followed through to the letter and their life celebrated in the way they would have wished it to be.

Today, a funeral can be as unique as the individual who is being honoured. From simple touches like displaying personal photographs to events created around a favourite pastime, funerals can reflect any aspect of a person's life and personality.

- What did the person like to do?
- What was the person like as an individual?
- What was the person like as a professional?

Often people have hobbies that become more than just a casual pastime. Their activity could have been as much a part of who they were as their smile.



Why not showcase that important part of their life during the funeral?

One way to enhance a funeral is by bringing a piece of the person's personality to life. Consider what made that person special and what made them who they were. Then find ways to link their individuality to traditional aspects of a funeral service.

Many people take great pride in their career. Perhaps they dedicated a lifetime to a profession that transformed into more than just a job. If this holds true for your loved one, you may want to consider ways to include their professional life into their funeral service.

There are no right or wrongs. Eric F Box is we only too happy to arrange the funeral exactly as you want it and can cater for just about anything.

PROFESSIONAL'S CORNER... The Coroner

(...Part three).
When hospital staff cannot certify the cause of death or when it follows recent surgical intervention that may have caused or contributed to the death, the Coroner will order a Post Mortem examination to determine whether or not the death resulted from natural causes.

From time to time, Consultants at hospitals seek relatives' permission for what is known as a Hospital Post Mortem. Reasons for doing so vary, but the most common is to further clinical knowledge and in every case a Death Certificate must have been issued before the autopsy commences. If relatives refuse to consent to a 'Hospital Post Mortem' the procedure cannot be undertaken.

This detail has been prepared by The Dewsbury Coroner's Office, with the full approval of The Coroner for West Yorkshire (Western) District.

Dewsbury Coroner's Officers

Keepsakes

Like a burial, there are important decisions to make following a cremation, for example, what type of urn to purchase and whether to select a keepsake urn or piece of jewellery as a permanent memorial to a loved one.

Because these decisions are often difficult, a funeral director can provide you with the information you need to make well informed choices.

An urn can, not only serve as an important focal point at a funeral or memorial service,

it can also be ornate enough to be a permanent feature within the home or garden.

There are also jewellery collections available, which can hold a small amount of the cremated remains so that your loved one can be close to you at all times.

Whatever you choose, you are creating a permanent memorial that reflects your loved one's character and personal taste, so ask your funeral director what is available.

