

HELP & COMFORT



‘FUNERALS ARE THERAPEUTIC ’

A funeral is so much more than a way to say goodbye; it is an opportunity to celebrate the life of someone dear. A funeral should be as unique as the individual who has lived. From simple touches like displaying personal photographs to events created around a favourite pastime, funerals should reflect any aspect of a person's life and personality.

WHAT DID THE PERSON LIKE TO DO?

Many people have hobbies that become more than just a casual pastime. Their activity could have been as much a part of them as their smile.

WHY NOT SHOWCASE THAT DURING THE FUNERAL?

Incorporating a hobby can be as simple as:

- Displaying items which they used for their hobby
- Personalising the coffin with a symbol of the hobby
- Creating a picture board of them engaged in the hobby
- Having someone speak about the person's passion for their hobby

By adding these and other personal touches, the funeral becomes a reflection of the person's life and personality.

WHAT WAS THE PERSON LIKE AS AN INDIVIDUAL?

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

For example if the person was an avid motorbike fan, a motorbike hearse could be used instead of a traditional hearse or motorbikes could lead the funeral procession.

WHAT WAS THE PERSON LIKE AS A PROFESSIONAL?

Many people take great pride in their careers. 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 the funeral.

The following are two examples of how you could incorporate a profession into a funeral.

For a Teacher

- Have the school choir or band perform during the funeral
- Encourage students to write letters or poems about the person which could be displayed or read out during the service
- Invite colleagues or past students to speak at the service

For a Fire/Police Officer

- Incorporate any traditions that their fire/police force have established
- Use fire engines or police cars in the funeral procession
- Display their uniform

The above are just a small selection of ideas of how to make a funeral very unique and as individual as the person was when they were living. Most things can be accommodated and ideas are limited by only your imagination.

For further help or advice please contact us and we will work with you to make the funeral as personal as possible.