

On The Day of The Funeral

If we have done our job properly, there should not be too much for you to think about, let alone worry about, on the day of the funeral. Even so, the close relatives often feel a little anxious as the time approaches. Try to relax as you will want to remember the day in the future. Sometimes people feel a stiff drink will help calm the nerves but we strongly advise against this before the funeral; plenty of tea and coffee is the best remedy until after the funeral.

The funeral director will guide you on what to do as the funeral unfolds. There is no set protocol for seating arrangements but nevertheless if you give some consideration to the principal mourners and advise us beforehand, we will see that mourners are guided appropriately.

After the service, our funeral director will suggest that the principle mourners greet people and thank them for attending the service. This is not essential but is generally welcomed by people who have taken the trouble to attend the service. Before leaving the funeral, the mourners will be invited to see the flowers that have been sent.

Should the weather be inclement, we do have brollies in the funeral limousines. If you are using your own transport, you may like to consider bringing your own.

There is no set dress code for a funeral. In our opinion mourners should dress as they consider appropriate to express their feelings on the day and to recognise whose funeral it is. This may well be a black suit but conversely it could be a sports shirt if the circumstances dictate.

If we are attending a cemetery or churchyard you may like to consider having some practical clothing and in particular footwear. Such places can be very cold and windy at times and often the ground is very soft. Overcoats and change of shoes may of course be left in the funeral limousines.

The general feeling is that even young children should be encouraged to attend a funeral. Consider what you may be taking away from them if you do not allow them to attend. It may be worth having a favourite toy close to hand in case they should become restless during the service but ministers/officiants are used to such minor distractions. You may like to consider involving the children in the service; it is priceless family moment when grandchildren read a short 'poem' for their grandparent.