

PART OF HAWKES BAY SINCE 1976

- BETH SHAN -

FUNERALS

RECORDING YOUR CHOICES



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Beth Shan Funeral Arrangements Explained:

People are increasingly wanting to make the funeral a special celebration of a person's life, with the ceremony or service much more personalised and individual, having special meaning to the person who has died or to the family and friends who remain.

Spending Time with your loved one

We will ask if you would like to view or spend time with the deceased - this can help you accept their death, especially if it has happened suddenly. Many people who are hesitant at first later say how much they were helped in the grieving process by spending some time with the body of the deceased before the funeral. It is important to be able to say goodbye to your loved one and to be able to fully accept the finality of death - this is especially true for children.

Beth Shan Funerals offer private and comfortable viewing facilities in our sitting rooms for you and your family to say goodbye, or if you would prefer we can easily arrange for the casket to be taken to your home in the days before the funeral ceremony.

Casket Selection

We have a large range of caskets and urns available. They vary considerably from traditional solid woods to lightly oiled natural timbers and can include colourful painted or patterned and themed caskets. We also offer a wide range of alternative, eco-friendly options such as woollen or wicker caskets and sustainable NZ pine and rimu caskets which will help lessen your environmental footprint.

Embalming

The purpose of embalming is to ensure the sanitation and preservation of the deceased during the lead up to the funeral. It can also ensure a more natural appearance.

If the funeral is delayed for some reason, or if the body has to be transferred to another city or country, embalming is essential.

We have experienced, qualified staff who will carry out the embalming process and at all times the body will be treated with the utmost respect and dignity.

Pallbearers

If you choose to have pallbearers, normally four or six people are needed to carry the casket at the funeral service and, if required, at the place of committal. Pallbearers can be family, special friends, or people from organisations the deceased person belonged to.

Floral Tributes

We can arrange flowers to be placed on the casket and, if required, floral arrangements at the funeral venue. After the funeral, floral tributes can stay with the casket or be taken home, left on the grave or delivered elsewhere.

Donations

Where there has been a request that donations be made (in lieu of flowers) we will supply a donation box. All donations are collected ready to be passed on to the named charity.

Cremation or Burial?

The deceased may have already chosen whether they wish to be buried or cremated, otherwise it is usually the family's decision.

Burial involves purchasing a plot, which includes a maintenance fee, paying an interment fee to cover the cost of preparing the grave, and buying a memorial or headstone. For many people, having a grave with a fitting memorial can be an important part of the grieving process. Burials are usually limited by law to official cemeteries and Maori burial grounds.

Cremation provides more flexibility when choosing a final resting place. Ashes can be buried in a cemetery or placed in a special ashes memorial area, scattered in a garden, at sea, or in a favourite place.

If cremation is chosen, the casket and body are cremated at a very high temperature in a cremator. The process is heavily regulated: there is only room for one casket and all the ashes are taken out before it is used again. After cremation, the ashes are placed in a simple utility urn which can later be transferred into a personalised memorial urn.

Acknowledgements

You may wish to acknowledge those who have helped you and supported you during this period. A special card or letter may be sent as an acknowledgement of kindness, words of comfort or special contributions to the funeral. Beth Shan Funerals can arrange to print these for you.

Service Sheets

We can print personalised service sheets with a range of attractive layouts to choose from.

Headstones and Memorial Plaques

We are able to help with all aspects of choosing a lasting memorial for your loved one. The choice of a memorial stone or plaque is usually made within the first year. With modern technology the choice of photographs and artwork designs can depict the special interests in a person's life.

Whether it be a traditional or contemporary design our team will create something unique and personal.

Funeral Memories

Beth Shan Funerals can provide a memorial book for people to sign when they arrive for the funeral service as a record of those present on the day and the funeral service may be recorded on audio, video or DVD as a lasting memorial.

Recording Your Choices

You may wish to record here the arrangements you would like made. These may be lodged with Beth Shan Funerals, your solicitor or with your next of kin.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Miss

Surname / Family name _____

First / Given names _____

Birth date _____

Doctor _____

Birth place _____

Surname at birth _____

Occupation _____

Ethnic group _____

If not born in NZ, year of arrival in NZ _____

Military Details _____



DEATH REGISTRATION DETAILS

Full name of father _____

Occupation _____

Full name of mother _____

Occupation _____

Mother's maiden name _____

Marriage details

To whom married 1st (maiden name) _____

Spouse's current age _____

Where married _____

Marriage status _____

Your age at marriage _____

To whom married 2nd (maiden name) _____

Spouse's current age _____

Where married _____

Marriage status _____ Your age at marriage _____

To whom married 3rd (maiden name) _____

Spouse's current age _____

Where married _____

Marriage status _____ Your age at marriage _____

Place of birth _____

Age of living sons _____

Age of living daughters _____

SERVICE DETAILS

Burial ☐

Plot details _____ Or new plot ☐

Cremation ☐

Prepaid Y ☐ N ☐ if yes, details _____

Funeral service to be held at _____

Casket (if known) _____

Celebrant (if known) _____

Organist Y ☐ N ☐ Piper Y ☐ N ☐ Photo montage Y ☐ N ☐

Video recording Y ☐ N ☐ RSA Y ☐ N ☐ Service sheets Y ☐ N ☐

Viewing Y ☐ N ☐

Estimated attendance _____

Flowers (special requests) _____

Donations _____

Refreshments Y ☐ N ☐ Location _____ Approx. no. _____

Jewellery instructions _____

Readings / poems _____

Music

Gathering music _____

Photo montage music / reflection _____

Exit _____

Other music _____

Hymns _____

Other requests _____

Pall Bearers _____

NEWSPAPER NOTICE

HB Today ☐ The Dominion ☐ NZ Herald ☐ Other ☐ _____

CONTACT DETAILS

Next of Kin _____

Name _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

Contact Phone _____

Solicitor Details _____

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