



## **Direct Cremation and Burial**

Although today there are more choices available to the bereaved than ever before, we understand that many prefer the very simplest option. If a religious service or other forms of ceremony are unimportant, we offer an altogether more straightforward approach to both cremation and natural burial which also keeps costs to an absolute minimum.

### **What is a Direct Funeral?**

A 'Direct' funeral provides the very simplest service to collect the body of the person who has died, deal with necessary paperwork, provide a simple coffin, and then take the coffin straight to a crematorium or natural burial site. There is NO formal service or ceremony, and usually no attendance at the funeral.

### **Is it right for me?**

Because arrangements, and staff requirement for these services are minimal, this helps to keep costs to an absolute minimum too. Often though, people choose this option not because of affordability, but just because they want this kind of funeral, without the usual ceremony, religious or otherwise.

Increasingly, many are now starting to see Direct Funerals as a 'starting point'; to allow the cremation or burial to take place in a very simple way, before arranging a separate memorial service, or a thanksgiving ceremony, or sometimes even a party, for family and friends to gather at a later time and remember the person who has died.

### **What We Do**

Our aim is to make the process of organising a Direct Funeral as straightforward and stress-free as possible. This is the procedure that we would usually follow:

- During our initial conversation, we will ask you for basic details about the person who has died, and also of the person making the funeral arrangement. This enables us to prepare paperwork for cremation or burial. We will also talk you through what you will need to do to register the death.

- We will send you the forms for cremation or burial by post (although if you live nearby we will be happy to meet you at our office in Tiverton). You will just need to sign these forms and send them back to us, along with the Certificate for Burial or Cremation issued by the registrar, and the authority from the hospital (if required) for us to collect the body of the person who has died. As stated in the funeral terms, we will also require full payment to be made at this stage.
- Once we have the signed forms, and the hospital doctors have completed cremation certificates where required, we will then collect the person who has died and bring them back into our care. The cremation or burial will then take place a few days later. We will let you know exactly when this will be, and we will make arrangements with you regarding returning cremation ashes if applicable.

## **The cost of our Unattended Direct Cremation Service is £1,495\*, to include:**

- Collection of the deceased from hospital only in Devon or Somerset, and our care until the funeral. If collection is required out of hours, or from care homes and private residences, please **add £150**.
- Making all necessary arrangements and collating the required documentation (please note however that we are not able to register a death ourselves).
- Supplying a simple coffin.
- Taking the coffin to be cremated. The crematorium and day & time are all as specified by Countryside Funerals. The coffin will be placed in the chapel and some music played, but please note that it is not possible to attend this service.
- Crematorium and Doctors fees.
- Interment of cremated remains in the crematorium's Garden of Remembrance, or returning them to our care for collection within 30 days.
- \*see our full terms & conditions at [www.countrysidefunerals.co.uk/policies](http://www.countrysidefunerals.co.uk/policies)

## Scheduled/Attended Direct Cremation

- If immediate family members would like to attend the crematorium when the coffin is brought in to the chapel, we can arrange this. You can spend quiet time in the chapel (depending on the time-slot booked) and some music may be played, although no ceremony will take place.
- Our price for this service is **£899 + third-party fees** for the crematorium (£675-£999) and doctors cremation certificates (£164). This applies to services at Exeter, Taunton, East Devon or North Devon crematoria. We will be pleased to quote for services elsewhere if required.
- If collection of the person who has died is required out of hours, or from care homes and private residences, please **add £150**.

## Direct burial services

- If you wish to organise this type of 'Direct' service for a burial rather than cremation, we will be pleased to help. Costs will vary depending on where the burial is to take place, so we will be pleased to arrange specific quotes accordingly.

## Pre-payment options

We are pleased to offer tailor-made, guaranteed pre-paid plans for Direct Funerals using our 'Independent Way' Plan, in association with Golden Charter, the UK's largest independent funeral plan provider. Administration and arrangement fees will apply, and a range of flexible payment options are available. Contact us for more details and a personalised quotation.

### Exclusions

\*Prices are valid from January 2020 and may be subject to change without notice.

Please note that these Direct Funerals are specified to provide a straightforward, affordable funeral, and as such there are a number of services that are EXCLUDED from this arrangement. These exclusions include, but are not limited to:

- Viewing the deceased in the Chapel of Rest.
- Providing Orders of Service.
- Handling of charity donations.
- Extension of credit with regard to payment of our account; settlement will be required in full prior to the funeral taking place.

- None of these funerals includes any form of memorialisation, however this may be arranged directly with the crematorium or burial ground afterwards.
- Additional costs will be required in the following circumstances:
  - Where collection of the deceased is required out of hours, or from care homes and private residences (+ £150).
  - If an interior coffin size larger than 6ft2" x 22" (188cm x 56cm) is required.
  - If a pacemaker is to be removed for cremation (+ £40)
  - In these cases, we will be pleased to give you a quotation based on your specific circumstances

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