



Every funeral remembers the life of an individual – we're here to help you make it special.

# What kinds of funeral are there?





**Funerals may be grand or informal, for close family or for hundreds. They may be religious or non-religious - quite simply, there's no right or wrong funeral. What matters is that the service remembers and celebrates the life of the person who has died, in a way that feels right to you. When you meet with your funeral director they will guide you every step of the way.**

**– Will you choose burial or cremation?**

This will depend on personal preference, and perhaps religion. Cremation and burial service costs vary and your funeral director will advise you.

**– Where will you hold the ceremony?**

Again, this is a personal choice. Many families choose to hold the whole ceremony at the crematorium or cemetery, others hold a service at their place of worship followed by burial or committal at the crematorium.

**– Who will officiate at the funeral**

While legally no one has to officiate at a funeral, most families ask someone to lead the ceremony. Funerals may be led by a minister or other religious leader, by a humanist who will conduct a non-religious ceremony, or by a civil celebrant who creates a ceremony to reflect the life of the person who has died, which may or may not include religious elements.

**– What kind of ceremony will you have?**

The way you celebrate the life of the person who has died is entirely personal: it will reflect their personality, beliefs and passions, the key events in their life, their family. Whether you'd like a traditional church choir, a live jazz band or a display of the person's art, your funeral director will help you arrange this. You might find our 'Planning a funeral service' leaflet useful.

Our funeral directors are here to help you, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you're unsure about what to do next, pick up the phone to your local funeral director and we'll be there for you with our years of experience and understanding.

**You can find your local funeral director by ringing 0800 258 5903, or by visiting [funeralpartners.co.uk](http://funeralpartners.co.uk)**

And if you have more questions than we've been able to answer on this card, please ring our free advice line on 0800 258 5903. It's open on Monday to Friday 9–5 and Saturday 9–2.

