

FUNERAL SERVICES and what are your options

There is no right or wrong when choosing to hold a service for a loved one.

Most of the time, family and friends will benefit from acknowledging the loss of someone they love through some form of ritual. This could be a service, but just as necessary and helpful can be a personal or private ritual. Either way, carefully consider what will work best for you and your family.

Current restrictions

With the current provisions imposed to ensure the safety of others and help reduce the risk of infection or spreading the virus.

At this time you have 4 options and we will be here for you every step of the way. Guiding you through the process and ensuring your loved one is remembered and honoured in the way that is best for your family.

1. An Intimate Service with no delay in honouring your loved one

A service at our chapel for up to 10 people
One of our celebrants
Live streaming link for all family and friends
4 remote viewers to speak via video conference
Recording of the service
Cremation to follow the service

from \$6,495 (incl. gst)

Specialised add-on's can include:

Tea, coffee & catering	from \$60
Takeaway catering	from \$30
Photo presentation & online link	\$260
Service sheets & online link	\$110
Floral arrangement on coffin	from \$220

2. A Delayed Memorial Service to celebrate with all your family and friends

A cremation prior to the service
A memorial service, following the restrictions
One of our celebrants
Recording of the service
A private viewing if desired
We can arrange a display of personal items or a theme to represent their hobbies or great loves

from \$5,165 (incl. gst)

Our standard extra's can be included such as:

Service sheets, Photo presentation, Newspaper notices and catering in our function centres

3. A delayed cremation and service For those who wish to hold a full service

A full service with celebrant, following the restrictions
Preservation of your loved one (Embalming)
Along with all of our stand offerings such as full catering, service sheet, photo presentation, viewings and face to face meetings.

from \$7,195 (incl. gst)

4. No Service

A cremation at our Hunter Crematorium
A private viewing, if desired
No service will be held

from \$3,500 (incl. gst)

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Differences in the funeral services

Intimate service. Still allows for close family to attend the service, with all other guests live streaming the service. Many families would prefer to not delay the service to help start the grief process.

A Memorial service. Although time may have passed before a memorial service can take place, still having a delayed service will assist with these three important elements of grief. This option involves waiting for the restrictions to lift and only your loved ones ashes will be at the service.

Delaying the cremation and service. Families may prefer to hold off both the cremation and funeral service. This option means when the restrictions lift, we can hold a full service with the coffin, followed by the cremation or burial along with full catering in our function centres if desired. The important note here, is the preservation of your loved ones body, through embalming.

*A funeral is two-fold:
"To remember that person
the way we knew them
in life; and two, to say
'goodbye' to their physical
presence that no longer
will be part of our lives."
- Russell Friedman*

Helping with closure if there is no service

Rituals are symbolic and sometimes we need an outlet for expressing our emotions, especially when we find it difficult to find the words.

A ritual could be anything from:

- A thoughtful act, such as lighting a candle or setting the table on a significant date can help greatly with our grief whilst honouring them. Other acts include, going to the graveside or visiting their favourite place.
- Carry a significant item, such as a photo, their watch or piece of jewellery.
- Cremation Jewellery. Having a memorial piece of jewellery to carry a small portion of their ashes, that way they are always with you.
- It can be as simple as honouring them with a glass of their favourite drink.

*"A ritual can be more
comforting and healing than
1000 eloquent words."*