



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 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 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 telephone 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.
- You will be asked to attend the office to sign the paperwork and also let us have the Certificate for Burial or Cremation issued by the registrar (once you have registered the death), 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 require full payment to be made at this stage.
- Once we have the signed forms, and the doctors have completed cremation certificates where required, we will then collect the person who has died (if at hospital) and bring them back into our care. The cremation or burial will then take place a few days later at a date and time of our choice. This is usually an early morning cremation as most crematoriums offer these times at a lower cost (thus helping to keep your charges low).

The cost of our Unattended Direct Cremation Service is £1,772.50*, to include:

- Collection of the deceased from the place they have died* there will be an additional charge if this is outside of the local area.



- 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 W.S. Ingham & Son Ltd. The coffin will be placed in the chapel and some music played, but please note that it is not possible to attend this service. For this reason, you will not be advised of the date and time of the service.
- Crematorium and Doctors fees.
- Our price for this service is £1,100 + third-party fees for the crematorium (£508.50 for the early morning service) and doctors cremation certificates (£164). This applies to services at Mansfield crematorium.
- 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.

*Prices are valid from April 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 but are not limited to:

- Providing Orders of Service.
- Handling of charity donations.
- 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 the local area
 - If an interior coffin size larger than 6ft2" x 22" (188cm x 56cm) is required.
 - If a pacemaker is to be removed for cremation (+ £30)
 - In these cases, we will be pleased to give you a quotation based on your specific circumstances