

Personalization

Funerals or ceremonies not only honor the memory of the loved one who has died, they also offer a special moment that has meaning and beauty for family and friends. By designing a ceremony that is dignified and personal through the use of pictures, a memorial table, special music, hobbies, crafts, special clothing, awards or trophies and collections, a “Special Service” is created to honor and acknowledge who the loved one was to each family member and friend, enabling everyone to say goodbye in their own way. Personalization also helps to create an open dialogue between family members and friends at a time when people often feel as though they don’t know what to say.

During the funeral arrangements, we ask that you go through photo albums and try to pick out special memories and moments in your life that will help you remember your loved one. Some items to bring us may include; pictures, special clothing or uniforms, crafts (ceramics, knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc.), jewellery, lodge or community group regalia or insignia, sports equipment or uniforms and favorite music (to be played at the visitation, as a service prelude or at the cemetery). These are just a few ideas. By using your imagination to come up with ideas of your own, you will be able to personalize the service in a way that will be memorable for you and your family for many years to come. Any of these items may be placed in or on the casket or on a memory board or table. We have stands and equipment to help you arrange them as you like.

Items to bring with you to the arrangement

Some items that we ask you to bring to the funeral arrangement would include; a complete set of clothing for the deceased, including underclothing (shoes not necessary, but will be put on if brought in); glasses, if worn; a rough copy of the obituary or life history including all surviving family members, their spouses and places of residence, the deceased’s father and mother’s name including the mother’s maiden name and the deceased’s social insurance number. The social insurance number is needed in order to register the death with the Province of Ontario which will enable us to obtain a ‘Burial Permit’. If a cemetery plot has already been purchased, we ask that you also bring in the cemetery information.



For Provincial Death Registration

- Legal Name (including middle names)
- Social Insurance Number
- Date of Birth
- Place of Birth
- Parents' Names
- Parents' Birthplaces
- For newspaper notices

- draft copy of obituary
- newspaper(s) of choice
- number of days to have obituary appear
- For visitation (if applicable)

- Clothing (including full undergarments)
- Dentures (if applicable)
- Glasses (if applicable)
- Jewellery (if applicable)
- Rosary (if applicable)
- Miscellaneous items

- Recent Photo (required for memorial cards)
- Cemetery Name, Section and Lot number (if applicable)
- Name of Church or Minister (if applicable)