

We are so sorry for the loss of your loved one. Please accept our sympathies. The death of a loved one is always difficult. The Bible tells us that "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted" Psalm 34:18.

Our hope for you is that at this time through Jesus you will indeed know that God is close, that he cares and understands how we feel. He is the God who wants to bring comfort.

What follows are some guidelines, which may assist as you think about funeral arrangements.

Every funeral service or memorial service is an important occasion. The service provides the opportunity for people to express their grief and to extend sympathy to the bereaved, to celebrate the person's life, to honour the person who has died and to hear of the hope in the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The various elements of the gathering need to be given careful thought and detailed planning.



FEES

All service fees are included in the Funeral Director's costings

Service Leaflets \$1 per copy



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**"BLESSED BE THE GOD AND
FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, THE FATHER OF
MERCIES AND GOD OF ALL
COMFORT."**

2 CORINTHIANS 13



THE FUNERAL SERVICE

The Funeral Service is taken from the Australian Prayer Book. This service provides a great deal of flexibility for shaping the occasion around the desires of the family and friends involved. At the same time there are guidelines as to what we are able to provide within the confines of the church service. This may mean it is more appropriate to give opportunity for other activities beyond this service such as 'the wake'.

PREACHING

One of the central features of the funeral service is the message of hope and comfort from the Word of God, the Bible. This is the time to declare the mind of God in the midst of our sadness, to bring comfort and support in the midst of loss and uncertainty. We declare the forgiveness of sins and the hope of resurrection life; and in the face of despair and doubt bring the challenge of the good news about Jesus Christ to the unbeliever.

PRAYERS

A number of prayers are printed in the order of service, including the Lord's Prayer.

BIBLE READINGS

We suggest two readings. Below are some appropriate passages:-

Psalm 23

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

John 11:17-27

John 14:1-6, 27

Romans 8:31-39

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Revelation 21:1-7

TRIBUTES

Our guideline for the funeral service is that the Eulogy be limited to 10 minutes (1000 words). This may involve one or two people. We are unable to give everyone involved an opportunity to speak at length. It is best to limit the number of tributes in the funeral service and not have impromptu tributes. You may like to choose certain people to write out further short reflections or a poem after the Eulogy.

SLIDE SHOW TRIBUTES

If you wish to have a slide show of your loved one in the service please place it on a DVD and give it to the minister the day before the service.

MUSIC

Some people may have their favourite music or hymns already suggested for their funeral. We usually listen to or sing two songs or hymns at a funeral. If you are choosing your own music to be played, the songs must be appropriate and approved by the minister. If you are providing your own music, please place them in order on a CD and give to the minister the day before the funeral service.

FAVOURITE HYMNS

The Lord's My Shepherd

Abide with Me

Nearer my God to Thee

In Christ alone

My hope is built on nothing less

What a friend we have in Jesus

Amazing Grace

The old rugged cross

O Lord my God (How great Thou art)

SERVICE LEAFLETS

We can assist and print Funeral Service Leaflets. What is to be included in these leaflets will be discussed when you meet with the minister. Choice of photos will need to be considered.

PALL BEARERS

The ideal number is 6 and they need to be organised before the Funeral Service.

ARRANGEMENTS

We hope that these guidelines have helped you in your preparation. Please feel free to contact us at your convenience as you make your arrangements.

If you, your family or friends would like a visit from a member of our Pastoral Care Team please do not hesitate to contact us.



'Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me'

Psalm 23:4