

PRE-PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

The simplest and most organised way to ensure that your needs and wishes are carried out by your family when the time comes.



WOOLERTONS'
FUNERAL HOME

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PRE-PLANNING

Although we don't like to think about it, the day eventually comes when we all need funeral services. Because Woolertons' believe you should have the funeral that's right for you, we recommend that pre-planning is a good way to achieve this.

Many people feel comfortable about leaving the responsibility of arranging their funerals to family or friends. Others however may prefer to be a little more organised by leaving a plan, instructions and even perhaps paying for their funeral ahead of time.

Our experience shows us that pre-planned and personalised funerals bring great comfort to families, reassured with

the knowledge that they are fulfilling their loved one's wishes.

At Woolertons' Funeral Home we feel it is important that your personal wishes are carried out, so we record this information to ensure that your preferences are clear.

Woolertons' will of course keep your information securely and confidentially.



THERE ARE TWO WAYS THAT WE CAN HELP YOU PRE-PLAN YOUR FUNERAL

1. You may like to record your wishes privately by either completing the forms on the following pages. of our funeral directors to talk to you about pre-planning your funeral. We're here to help and this consultation is absolutely free.
2. You can contact our office on 07 855 1878 to make a time for one. We can meet at our office or in the privacy of your own home.

A FREE PRE-PLANNING CONSULTATION

A pre-planning consultation with one of our experienced directors will lead you through the general funeral process. You can then consider the range of funeral options available to you and make decisions with the help of our experience and advice.

Your personal preferences for all aspects

of your funeral will be recorded and, if required, we can calculate a budget estimate for you.

A copy of these instructions can then be left with us if you wish. You will then be assured that when the time comes, all of your personal details and preferences can be carried out according to your wishes.

SOME PERSONAL CHOICES YOU MAY LIKE TO CONSIDER ARE:

- The type and style of funeral you prefer
- Whether you wish to be buried or cremated
- Your choice and style of casket or urn
- Your choice of flowers, music and readings
- Funeral venue and catering
- Placing of notices in newspaper

Remember, pre-planning a funeral helps you to choose the type and style of service you would like. If you would like some advice from experienced professionals, you can phone our office anytime on 07 855 1878 to make an appointment time that suits you.

IT'S ALL YOUR CHOICE

We believe that every funeral should be tailored around an individual's desires and needs, whether cultural, spiritual or personal. Here is some information that may help you pre-plan the funeral service that's right for you.

BURIAL OR CREMATION

Burial or cremation is a personal choice.

A burial will involve purchasing a plot and a fee for digging the grave.

New Zealand law requires that all burials are in officially designated cemeteries, and plots are available at our local cemeteries in Hamilton and the Waikato. We can help you with any personal requirements regarding a burial.

A cremation offers further options for a final resting place as ashes can be scattered, buried, kept or divided amongst family members.

If cremation is a choice you would like to make, please give some thought as to what you would like done with your ashes as it is often difficult for family to make this decision.

VENUES

Of course the choice of venue is up to the individual and we encourage you to

talk about venue ideas with us.

The church is still a popular setting for funeral services and they often have reception areas available for friends and family to get together after the service.

For families without a church connection, it may be appropriate for a funeral service to take place at a sports club, an outdoor location, at home or at a cemetery or crematorium chapel.

CASKETS

The choice of casket and its decoration is often an opportunity for individual expression. Woolertons' Funeral Home offers a range of traditional and contemporary caskets, including solid timber, veneer, customwood and eco friendly options.

A catalogue is available from our office or you may wish to visit our selection room situated at our office.

Alternatively visit our website at:
www.hamiltonfuneralhome.co.nz

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MINISTER OR CELEBRANT

Clergy or celebrants often lead funeral services, but this too is entirely up to the individual’s wishes. Woolertons’ is able to provide a suitable celebrant for the family if required.

FLOWERS

Flowers are wonderful expressions of affection and sympathy and a bouquet for the casket and other floral arrangements are popular.

Woolertons’ Funeral Home can help coordinate your floral requirements or you may choose your own florist if preferred.

MUSIC - READINGS

Playing your favourite music is a simple way of personalising a funeral service. The singing of a hymn or song is also very popular and many churches have a resident organist.

For other venues Woolertons’ can also arrange a professional musician if required. Consider any favourite readings you may like to have included in the service.

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The most important thing to remember is that no matter how you record your wishes, you need to inform your next of kin where this information is stored.

PRE-PAID FUNERALS

For many people, pre-planning and pre-paying a funeral may go hand in hand. At the time of pre-planning a funeral, you also have the option of pre-paying for it. This option provides peace of mind that money is set aside for the funeral and that this financial responsibility will not fall onto someone else.

Pre-paying for all or part of your funeral service helps to relieve your family and loved ones of the financial responsibility of the funeral expenses.

Pre-paid funerals up to \$10,000 are currently excluded from asset testing (under government legislation) when

assessing eligibility for a subsidy for long term residential care for the elderly.

We are able to recommend several secure providers who hold the funds in a trust until they are needed. Pre-paid funeral funds are not held by Woolertons' Funeral Home.

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If you would like more information on pre-paid funeral plans, why not have a chat with one of our funeral directors at Woolertons' Funeral Home on 07 855 1878.

Woolertons' Funeral Home endeavours to provide the funeral service that's right for every individual. We can also provide support for grieving families and friends of loved ones. We're here to help, so feel free to call us any time that you need us.

WHO ARE WE?

WE ARE FAMILY...

We are a Hamilton based and New Zealand owned and family operated funeral home.

Our business is all about relationships. From taking care of the initial worries and confusion, to support well after the funeral is over. We are committed to providing the warmest and most personal service. We believe in strong family values with respect to all people.

We are devoted to what we do and go over and beyond to individualise each funeral service. We are committed to old fashioned principles of dignity and compassionate care. We feel privileged to be entrusted with the care of you and your family.

OUR ROLE

We will make all necessary arrangements on your behalf to make sure the service runs smoothly.

We will support and guide you in a way that relieves you of as much stress as possible, organizing the funeral service with total respect, according to your personal wishes and beliefs.

MEMBERSHIPS

We are proud members of:
FDANZ - The Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand, the national body that sets professional and ethical standards for member firms.
NZEA - New Zealand Embalmers Association, the national body that recognises and sets qualifications in embalming practices.



It is important to Woolertons' Funeral Home that we provide continuity of care from the first point of contact.

PRE-ARRANGEMENT DETAILS

Once filled in, tell a family member where this document will be kept. This will ensure that your wishes will be met. Please call us on 07 855 1878 if you have any questions.

Note. The following details are legally required for the Registration of a Death.

PERSONAL DETAILS

First names _____ Surname _____

Residential address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

If you were not born in New Zealand, what year did you arrive in New Zealand? _____

Are you descended from New Zealand Maori? Yes No I don't know

Ethnic group _____ Occupation _____

Father's full name _____

Father's occupation _____

Mother's full name _____

Mother's maiden name _____

Mother's occupation _____

FUNERAL DETAILS

Name and contact details of solicitor who holds my will _____

Name and contact details of my next of kin _____

I wish to be buried

I wish to be cremated

Ashes instructions _____

Plot owned No Yes

Cemetery _____ Plot Ref. _____

Place of service _____

Religion _____ Clergy/Celebrant _____

Casket _____

Hymns _____

Readings _____

Music _____

Flowers _____

Donations _____

Additional relevant information _____

Newspaper notices _____

PRIVACY

Woolertons' Funeral Home respects your privacy; your information is confidential and will not be shared with third parties.

Today's date _____ Signature _____





If you have any questions regarding any part of the funeral process, please give us a call.

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