







Online Tributes & Charity Giving
Please see our website for further details
www.funeraldirectors.uk.com


We will automatically set up your tribute page which you can access from our website. If you would prefer that we did not, simply let us know.


 You can cherish and express your feelings about your loved one using words, pictures, music and video.


 You can use your tribute page to enable family and friends to send their thoughts and you can invite them to contribute as well, maybe by adding a lovely picture you've never seen or a special story you've never heard.

 You can keep your tribute access totally private to just you and selected family and friends, or choose to allow public access. The privacy of your site is completely handed over to you.

 You can record and keep your own private bereavement diary and listen to your own personal music play list.

 You can use your tribute page to pass on information about the death, the funeral anniversaries or other important occasions to your family & friends.

 You can use your tribute page to collect and display donations to your chosen charity in memory of your loved one.

 You can develop and keep a beautiful lasting record and legacy for your family and future generations.

The Ship

I am standing upon the sea shore. A ship at my side spreads her white sail to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean blue.

She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch her until at length she is only a ribbon of white cloud, just where the sea and sky mingle with each other.

Then someone at my side says "there, she's gone". Gone where? Gone from my sight. This is all.

She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of her destination.

Her diminished size is in me, not in her, and just at the moment when someone at my side says "she's gone" there are other voices ready to take up the glad shout "here she comes".

Henry Van Dyke

A Guide To Our Services

Matthew Lucas

**Independent Family
Funeral Directors
& Monumental Masons**

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Funeral Arrangements

As Funeral Directors, we will make all the funeral arrangements, as requested. We will guide you through all the options available so as to provide a completely individual service for you requirements. All religious services are catered for, as are non-religious ceremonies.

We offer a completely confidential service at all times.

If the death occurs in hospital

Contact us and inform us of the death. All arrangements can then be made for you at your convenience.

If the death occurs at home

Inform the doctor immediately. The doctor can then attend the place of death and certify the death.

We can then attend (at any time day or night) and bring the deceased into our care.

The Registrar

The law requires that every death should be registered within a certain time and stipulates the persons responsible for doing this.

We will provide you with all the necessary information, times and offices that are available in the area concerned.

The Coroner

If the death is sudden or unexpected the doctor must inform the police. They in turn report the death to the Coroner, who may request a post-mortem. You should not be alarmed by this, in most cases it is only a formality.

We will liaise with the Coroner and advise you as necessary.

Newspaper Notices

Announcements can be placed in any local or national newspaper. We can advise on the wording and place the notice on your behalf.

Flowers

All forms of floral tribute can be ordered by us or by you visiting the florist personally.

Printing

Service Sheets, Attendance Cards, Thanks Cards and all types of personalised stationery are available on request.

Catering

We can help you arrange this in your own home or at a venue of your choice.

Donations to Charity

Donations to requested charities may be sent directly to us to administer. When we receive donations we list the senders' names and forward you a copy of this list showing the total amount donated. We then send the donation to the nominated Charities.

Memorials

As well as being Funeral Directors we are also Monumental Masons, having our own workshop. We are able to give estimates for any type of memorial work.

Funerals out of the area

We can arrange Burials and Cremations in any part of the United Kingdom.

Cremated Remains (Ashes) may also be forwarded to most destinations for final laying to rest or dispersal.

Repatriation

We offer a worldwide repatriation service.

Chapel of Rest

Visits can be made to the Chapel of Rest at any time (by appointment). In the quiet and dignified surroundings you may visit the deceased in the certain knowledge that everything is performed with the highest degree of courtesy and respect.

Service Room

Our Chapel of Rest can also be used to hold a religious or non-religious ceremony for up to 15 people with either organ or pre-recorded music.

Finance

A written estimate will be forwarded to you after the funeral arrangements have been finalised. In specific circumstances grants may be available towards the cost of the funeral.

Funeral Pre-Planning

Thinking about your own funeral is never an easy thing to do but planning ahead can bring real peace of mind and reassurance to those left behind. With one of our Funeral Plans you can be assured that your personal wishes will be honoured and, if desired, our charges can be guaranteed.