



St. John's Archdiocese Inc. General Information on Funerals & Cemetery Operations

May 17, 2024

The following contains general information on funeral arrangements. This is meant to serve as an aid to families to help them prepare for their meeting with the funeral director.

One of the first things to determine is who has the **legal authority** to make decisions on what will happen to a deceased person's body. The funeral home may ask for proof of authority before making arrangements.

All of the funeral homes provide the full range of **funeral services**. This involves:

- Coordinating the church (clergy, music, etc.)
- Removing the body and preparing it for the wake and funeral
- Hairstyling
- Clothing
- Flower arrangements
- Selection and supply of caskets or urns and burial liners (if applicable)
- Cremation services
- Cemetery fees
- Registering the death
- Arrangements for committal in the cemetery
- Public death notices
- Programs for the funeral mass
- Prayer cards
- Transportation of the remains to the church and cemetery
- Any special needs that the family may have

If the remains are being cremated, it is important to decide if the cremation is to be done before or after the wake and funeral. Ask the funeral director to explain the options and what costs are involved with each option. In addition, some couples may select a "companion urn" where both of their ashes can be placed together. Committals of companion urns are delayed until both compartments are filled.

For the liturgy service itself, the Roman Catholic parishes have volunteer bereavement teams that help the family plan the funeral (music, readings, etc.). The team will contact the family once they receive the details from the parish office. Families are reminded to use the services of their home parish for the funeral.

With respect to the Roman Catholic cemeteries in St. John's, plots and niches are only assigned when a death occurs. Plots are available in **Kilbride** and **Gate of Heaven** cemeteries, and niches are available in **Holy Sepulchre** and **Mt. Carmel**, with plans for one to be added to **Gate of Heaven** cemetery at a later time. With cremation burials, families also have the option to place urns on top of casket burials of other family members in existing plots.

When arranging a funeral, the funeral home will require the following information on the deceased:

- Name
- Age
- Date of birth
- Date of death
- Birth place
- Marital status
- Full name of spouse
- Father's name and birth place
- Mother's name and birth place

When a death occurs, the family should contact the funeral home of their choice. Most funeral homes have a 24-hour call-in service.

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The funeral home will always require the certification of death signed by the attending physician before the body can be released to the funeral home. Occasionally, securing this document may cause delays for the family in proceeding with the funeral.

Many people plan ahead to prepare for their death. Some people pre-pay the costs and others simply make the plan with the intentions to pay at the time of need. It is important to ask the funeral home if the prepaid monies will cover all the expenses at the time of need, or if there will be additional costs later if funeral costs have increased.

Some funeral homes will accept payment on instalments, and others may require full payment at the time the contract is signed. If the person wishes to prepay, the funeral home will require a signed contract, and monies will be held 'in trust'.

It is important that the person making the pre-arrangements discuss them with the person who will have the authority to make decisions at the time of need.

The following is contact information for the funeral homes operating in the Avalon North region:

Barrett's Funeral Home

328 Hamilton Avenue
St. John's, NL, A1E 1J9
(709) 579-6007
<https://www.barretts.ca>

Caul's Funeral Home

84 LeMarchant Road
St. John's, NL, A1C 5R6
(709) 753-6845
<https://www.cauls.ca>

Hickey's Funeral Home

570 Conception Bay Hwy.
Conception Bay South, NL
A1X 7P8
(709) 834-3051
<https://www.hickeysfuneralhome.com>

Barrett's Funeral Home

73 Commonwealth Avenue
Mount Pearl, NL, A1N 1W7
(709) 364-1937
<https://www.barretts.ca>

Caul's Funeral Home

1118 Torbay Road
Torbay, NL, A1K 1A4
(709) 437-1610
<https://www.cauls.ca>

Hickey's Funeral Home

294 Conception Bay Hwy.
Holyrood, NL, A0A 2R0
(709) 834-3051
<https://www.hickeysfuneralhome.com>

Carnell's Funeral Home

329 Freshwater Road
St. John's, NL, A1B 3P2
(709) 722-2730
<https://www.carnells.com>

Dunphy's Funeral Home

366 Conception Bay Hwy.
Holyrood, NL, A0A 2R0
(709) 229-7905
<https://www.dunphys.ca>

Ryan's Funeral Home

Bay Bulls, NL, A0A 1C0
(709) 334-2851
<https://www.ryansfuneralservices.com>

St. John's Cemeteries:

Anglican Cemetery (Forest Road): 49 Forest Road, St. John's, NL, A1A 1E7

Phone: (709) 576-6150 Fax: (709) 576-2875 Email: angcem@nf.aibn.com

Anglican Cemetery (Kenmount Road): No civic address

Phone: (709) 364-6706 Fax: (709) 364-1060 Email: angcem@nf.aibn.com

General Protestant Cemetery: Hamilton Avenue Ext., St. John's, NL

Salvation Army Cemetery: 84-88 Blackmarsh Road, St. John's, NL

Roman Catholic Cemeteries: <https://rcsj.org/cemetery-office>

Phone: (709) 691-6620 or (709) 749-6339 Email: cemetery@rcsj.org

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