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Beckford's
FUNERAL SERVICES LIMITED
Because we care

Expression of Wishes of:

(Expressor)

At Beckford's Funeral Services, you can personalise your funeral to make it special and unique to you. By making your wishes known now, you'll save your family from organising and deliberating over decisions, so they rest assured knowing that the form of service meets your wishes.

All you do is make your preferences and keep them on file, with other important documentation. We will also keep a copy of your *Expression of Wishes* for whenever the time comes. Your preferences can be recorded by filling in this form, or discussing your wishes with one of our experienced funeral directors.

There is no charge to express your funeral wishes with one of our team. If there are any elements that may not be clear or you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

This document has been designed to walk you through your *Expression of Wishes*. With that in mind, all aspects of a funeral are available for your consideration and as such, you may not have an answer for every scenario. There may also be additional information you would like to include.

Beckfords can also offer the option to pre-pay for your funeral with various payment options. This has the benefit of ensuring that your family are not left with funeral expenses by purchasing a funeral at today's costs. Please let us know if we can provide further information.

Burial or Cremation?

Burial

Where would you like to be buried?

Is there an existing grave? If so, please give as many details as you know. If you're not sure, we can probably find out for you if this is in Guernsey.

Cremation

Any specific wishes for your ashes?

Any specific wishes for a casket?

Are the ashes to be returned to the family? If so, please give details of who you would like to receive them.

What type of funeral would you like?

There are many different types of funeral available nowadays as people's wishes for their last goodbyes are always evolving. Beckford's is experienced in both organising and hosting all types of funerals and will always do its best to meet the wishes of the deceased and their families. All religions, faiths, beliefs and non-religious funerals are options; here are a few examples explained:

Traditional

A traditional funeral is based on Christian beliefs with the choice of readings and hymns to accompany the ceremony and can incorporate at your request a life centred element. This type of ceremony would normally be carried out in a church or chapel.

Life-centred

A funeral usually conducted by a Civil Celebrant which can be life centred and include non-religious and religious material and not usually held in a church or chapel. Sometimes held in local parish halls or community centres, and smaller funerals can be held at some funeral homes.

Humanist

A humanist funeral ceremony celebrates a life without employing religious rituals, conducted by a Humanist Celebrant. As Humanists are atheists, they are unwilling to include religious words or hymns. They are life centred funerals with tailored personal touches. Much the same as a traditional funeral, time is taken for poems, music and reflection.

All Faiths

Beckfords welcome funeral requirements for all faiths, including Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, Bahá'í and others. Promising to deliver in a caring and respectful manner, the finer details of which can be discussed with you at this stage.

Bespoke

Perhaps there are elements of different types of funerals you would like to incorporate. If so, please detail here:

Preferred venue

Funerals can be held at churches, chapels, Foulon Crematorium and community halls across the island, providing lots of options for the various types of funeral. At Beckford's, we offer very special and personal funerals, religious or life centred, in our tranquil Chapel of Rest. Overlooking the beautiful garden in the quiet countryside of the west coast our purpose built facility is a bright and peaceful funeral venue. Everything can be tailored to suit from music to personal displays, photographs and presentations or simply opening the doors to the gardens during warmer months. If you have a preferred venue for your funeral, please detail here:

Choice of coffin

Whether you choose to be buried or cremated, a coffin is required for every funeral. There are many options for you to have a coffin which suits your wishes, your personality and even your style.

Traditional wooden coffin

Beckfords have carefully selected two wooden coffins which we always have available. The veneered Oak or Mahogany coffins are beautifully lined with white satin.

Cardboard coffin

Wicker coffin

Biodegradable coffin

Personalised coffin

'Colourful' coffins as they are known, allow you to personalise your coffin with decorative printing using one of the many choices of designs or a completely unique choice tailored to your requirements. This could be with pictures of yourself and loved ones, or the emblem of a favorite sports team or a tasteful design.

Other details you may wish to consider:

Would you like to be viewed at the funeral home before the service, or not, or prefer to leave the choice to the discretion of your next of kin?

Viewing

No Viewing

Choice of next-of-kin

Is there is a specific outfit which you may like to be buried or cremated in? We will do our best to accommodate this for you.

Would you like to continue wearing any jewellery you may have or is this to be given to your family?

No Yes *(please give details)*

Are there any keepsakes you would like to have in your coffin? This may include photographs, letters, ornaments, books. Please note, if you have chosen a cremation, no flammable or metal items may be placed in your coffin.

Floral Tributes

Are there any specific types of flowers or colour of flowers you would like?

Do you require family flowers only?

Donations in lieu of flowers

For charitable/medical/civic organisations *(please specify)*

The Service

Would you like a death notice in the local paper to inform the community about your funeral arrangements?

Are there any requests for the guests, such as a dress code?

There is also the option to choose whether you would like your coffin to be already at the venue, waiting for your loved ones, or carried in by pallbearers.

Is there any music you would like at the service? Often, chosen music can usually be played before, during and after the service.

Are there any readings, poems or theme of reading you would like?

Is there anything you would like displayed at the service such as display boards, presentations or particular photographs.

The Order of Service is personalised for each funeral, detailing the various elements of the service. If there are any additional features or design you would like for the Order of Service sheet, please detail here:

Memorial

Is there an existing memorial? *(if yes, please give details)*

Alternatively is there a specific type of memorial that you would like? If required we can provide you with a brochure if you wish to view options.

Is there any wording you would like inscribed on your memorial?

Any additional notes

Personal information

Present Address:

Occupation:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Next of kin name and address:

Father's names:

Mother's names:

Mother's maiden name:

Signed by Expressor:

Name of Expressor:

Date:

When relevant, details completed on behalf of client by:

Name:

Date:

Signature:

Changes can be made to this document at any time. Please keep it in a safe place or with other documents of this nature, such as your Will.