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Price Comparison Report

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Overview

The time of a bereavement is a very stressful time, and that is why FuneralPrices.co.uk was established to provide a confidential, non-obligatory FREE service for consumers who wish to undertake a quick comparison on funeral prices in their local area. This enables you to make informed choices promptly without too much stress, and ensures that your family has had the opportunity to assess the costs of arranging a funeral without having to deal with the intrusion of numerous telephone calls.

Guidance and Advice for the Bereaved

Although traditional funerals continue to be popular, there is a growing trend in our modern culture to move away from the costly extravagance of lavish funerals towards more natural, simple and holistic approaches to conducting a funeral service. Cost in no way bears any relation to the dignity of a funeral service, and many independent funeral providers are now seeking to provide dignified funerals at a low cost by removing much of the unnecessary additional costs traditionally related to a funeral service.

Registering the death:

When and where should a death be registered?

A death should normally be registered within 5 days unless agreed otherwise with the registrar and should be registered in the District where it occurred.

Who can register a death?

The following people, in order of preference, are legally required to register a death: a relative, a person present at the death, the occupier of the premises where the death occurred, if he/she was aware of the death, the person arranging the funeral (this does not mean the funeral director).

You must bring a medical certificate of cause of death issued by the doctor who was treating the deceased. The funeral director will advise you what to do if the Coroner has been informed of the death.

What information will be needed about the deceased?

A registrar will interview you in private and ask questions about the person who has died. You will need to know the following information: the date and place of death, the full forenames and surname. If the deceased was a married woman, the surname used before marriage, the date and place of birth, the occupation. If the deceased was a married man or woman or widower or widow the name of their spouse and occupation. the usual address, if the deceased was married, the date of birth of the surviving widow or widower whether the deceased received a pension or allowance from public funds.

Documents issued by the Registrar:

A form to enable you to make the funeral arrangements. If the death was referred to the Coroner they may issue this form and a form for Social Security purposes.

Both these documents are free of charge.

Funeral Payment and Bereavement Payments:

You may be eligible for a one-off Funeral Payment or Bereavement Payment from the Social Fund dependent on your personal circumstances to assist with the costs of arranging a funeral. Further information at

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/MoneyTaxAndBenefits/BenefitsTaxCreditsAndOtherSupport/Bereaved/index.htm>

Municipal and Community Funerals:

Some local authorities do offer a Municipal and/or Community Funeral option. This involves dealing with a designated local funeral director who manages the tender for Municipal Funeral Services, and will apply to residents of that local Borough. It does usually require the burial or cremation to be conducted at one of the Municipal cemeteries or crematorium. It is advisable to check out what your local authority do offer, but do be advised that in many cases the local authority have tendered to a corporate funeral provider, and this may not necessarily provide the best value funeral cost.

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Funeral Director	Address	Telephone	Funeral Price
Steven Mears Funeral Directors	123-125 Syenham Road, Sydenham, SE26 6HB	08708 361 830	£1050.00 +disbursements
Constable & Toop	55 Honor Oak Park, Forest Hill, SE23 1EA	0208 291 0811	£1241.00 +disbursements
W Uden & Sons Ltd	126 Forest Hill Road, London, SE22 0RS	0208 693 4160	£1375.00 +disbursements
Cooperative Funeral Service (CWS)	111 Lordship Lane, East Dulwich, SE22 8HU	0208 693 5010	£1600.00 +disbursements
Francis Chappell & Sons (Dignity plc)	41 Sydenham Road, Sydenham, SE26 5EX	0208 778 6658	£1730.00 +disbursements

Crematorium	Fee £
West Norwood	£340
Hither Green	£425
Honor Oak	£446
Beckenham (Dignity plc)	£575

* What Are Funeral Disbursements?

Funeral Disbursements are fees that are paid on behalf of a client by a Funeral Director to third parties i.e crematorium, newspaper, clergy etc.

Disbursement costs vary throughout the country with the exception of Cremation Form.

Some of the basic disbursements are:-

- 1) Completion of the Certificate of Medical Attendant and the Confirmatory Certificate (Cremation Forms) £147
- 2) Minister fees at a Crematorium Service
- 3) Crematorium fees
- 4) Service of an Independent Celebrant at either a cremation or burial service from £100
- 5) Fees for a service in a church vary between churches therefore the cost would be determined at the time of service
- 6) Press announcements are charged at the rate from the relevant newspaper

All prices quoted are based on the information provided within the price comparison request form, and are current at the time of the price comparison report. FuneralPrices.co.uk is a free non-obligatory service for the consumer, and we accept no responsibility for the funeral services provided by funeral companies detailed in your price comparison report.