



Van Tassel Funeral Home, 337 Belleville Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

WHEN DEATH ACCURS

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When death occurs, you will be forced to make important decisions at a very difficult time. The time immediately following the death of a loved one can be very overwhelming.

Calling a funeral home you will be asked:

- Your name, address and telephone number
- Full name of the deceased
- Location of the deceased
- Name, address and telephone number of the next-of-kin in charge of the funeral arrangements

If you are arranging a funeral, here are some helpful steps:

- Decide who will be in charge of the funeral
- Check prearrangements information of the deceased
- Set up an appointment to complete the details of the funeral arrangement
- Bring the following information that will be necessary to complete the funeral arrangements such as:
 - Full legal name of deceased
 - Home address and phone number
 - Social Security number of the deceased
 - Date and Place of birth
 - Father's name
 - Mother's maiden name
 - Name and address and phone number of next of kin
 - Veteran's discharge papers (DD-214)
 - Medicaid Number
 - Job title, name and address of the last employer (dates of employment)
 - Years of education
 - Personal information such as names of children, grandchildren, predeceased members of the family
 - Recent photographs
 - Place of burial, cemetery deed (if applicable)
 - Church and Clergy information
 - Survivors (name and relationship)
 - Insurance policies (if applicable)
 - Deceased clothing, hair dye, wig, glasses if necessary
 - Gather obituary information such as memberships held, military service, awards and achievements, list of survivors in immediate family. If you wish the funeral home will write an obituary and submit to the newspapers
 - Decide on time and place of the funeral/memorial service
 - Decide on a cremation or a burial location in the USA or overseas
 - Decide on number of copies of death certificates you might need

Funeral services and options

Traditional Funeral Services

A traditional funeral service is when your loved one is present with open or closed casket. Visitations are usually held the day or night before the funeral. The funeral service itself is held the following day in either in our funeral home, church, chapel or special place chosen by the family. After the funeral, there is a procession to the cemetery for a committal service. The graveside service may be followed by a reception (repast or other gathering place selected by the family). Sometimes a traditional funeral service is followed by a cremation. It does not restrict you from having a visitation, open casket and a funeral service the following day.

Items for you to consider include:

- Casket
- Chapel, Church or Graveside services
- Cemetery plot
- Honoraria for clergy/pallbearers/organist
- Vault
- Visitation
- Family transportation
- Copies of the death certificates

- Clothing
- Flowers
- Obituaries



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Memorial Services

A Memorial Service is held when the deceased is not present. It may take place at the funeral home, a church or another place chosen by the family. This is a time to remember your loved one through fellowship with friends and family. This memorial service can also be an addition to a traditional funeral service.

Committal Service

The Committal Service is a brief service at the gravesite after a traditional funeral service but prior to the burial. This is where family and friends say their final good byes at the final resting place by placing flowers or sand on the casket. If the committal service is the only service then it becomes what we call a graveside service and is accompanied by a viewing the night before at the funeral home. The graveside service is a more lengthy service consisting of music, scripture reading, and eulogy.

Direct Cremation

Direct Cremation is when there is no funeral ceremony. The deceased is placed in a refrigeration unit until the proper paperwork has been completed like necessary burial permits and death certificates. Then the body is placed in a cremation container or casket chosen by the family members and transported to a crematory. The cremated remains are placed in an urn and ready to be buried, placed in a niche or taken home.

Direct burial

Direct burial does not consist of a funeral service. The person is placed in refrigeration until the proper paperwork is completed. Then the body is bathed, dressed and casketed. The casket is transported to the cemetery for burial.

Overseas Shipping

The human remains can be shipped overseas. It does not restrict you from having a visitation and a funeral service before shipping.

Military Funeral Honors for Veterans

Every honorable discharged veteran is entitled for military honors including the following:

- Flag folding
- Playing Taps
- Presidential Certificate
- Flag presentation by the veteran's branch service representative at the funeral ceremony to the next of kin

Green Burial

Green burial is ecofriendly, simple and natural way of disposition. The interment of the bodies is in bio-degradable coffin, casket or shrouds. The grave does not use a concrete vault or outer burial container. Embalming can be performed with eco-friendly chemicals.

The green burial is an environmental sound option. The purpose of green funeral is to protect the environment; it is a natural way to reunite with the Earth. The green cemeteries allow the nature to take its course. The families are encouraged to plant trees, wildflowers, shrubs in turn to bring wild life to the area and promote the habitat restoration. A natural burial in a green cemetery is an affordable cremation alternative. The cemeteries usually prohibit manufactured headstones or other typical markers and encourage natural stones or boulders.

Some cemeteries have three sections marked by different shades of green:

- Dark green – bodies are buried in a burial shroud
- Medium green – bodies are buried in biodegradable casket and want some type of memorialization
- Light Green – bodies are embalmed using natural fluids, buried in a natural biodegradable casket and want some type of memorialization.

The importance of Pre-Planning a funeral

Making Funeral arrangements at the time of loss is extremely difficult for those left behind. You will be able to make choices that are meaningful to both you and your family, and you will gain peace of mind knowing your family and friends will be relieved of the emotional and financial burden often associated with making arrangements when a death occurs. It gives them a guideline to follow regarding your wishes. It's a practical decision as well because it eliminates over-spending and freezes funeral prices. By prearranging your funeral and cemetery arrangements, you benefit by purchasing at today's prices, free from inflationary pressures in the future.

There are two funeral prearrangement options which help to make a difficult time easier for your loved ones left behind:

- Prepaid fund of your choice for merchandise and services
- FREE written record of your wishes kept on file at the funeral home

Contact a funeral home, set up an appointment to discuss your prearrangement needs at your convenience. The provided information will assist funeral director and family to better understand your needs and wishes. Provide a copy of your information to your next of kin who will be in charge of your funeral arrangements in the future.

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