

Funeral/ Memorial Decision Making and Planning

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Victoria Hospice

Funeral Homes

Care Funeral Services

(2 locations)

- 2676 Wilfert Road, Victoria
250-391-9696
- 9787 Fourth Street, Sidney
250-655-9669

www.funeral-care.com

Earth's Option Cremation & Burial Services

10 Kaleigh Lane, Victoria
778-440-8500 • E: earthsoption@shaw.ca

First Memorial Funeral Services

(2 locations)

- 1155 Fort Street, Victoria
250-384-5512
- 4725 Falaise Drive, Saanich
250-658-5244

www.firstmemorial.ca

McCall Brothers Funeral Home

(3 locations)

- McCall Brothers
1400 Vancouver Street, Victoria
250-385-4465
- Sequoia Gardens Memorial Funeral Chapels
4665 Falaise Drive, Victoria
250-658-6202
- #104 – 3212 Jacklin Road, Victoria
250-478-4467

www.mccallbros.com

Victoria Cremation Services

317 Goldstream Avenue, Colwood
250-391-6294

Sands Funeral Home

(2 locations)

- 1803 Quadra Street, Victoria
250-388-5155
- 317 Goldstream Avenue, Colwood
250-478-3821

www.sands-funeral.com

Simply Cremations and Funeral Services

Unit 2, 2075 Henry Avenue West, Sidney
250-656-5555

E: sidneybc@simplycremations.com
simplycremations.com

Memorial Societies

The Memorial Society of British Columbia

1-604-773-7705 (Mon–Fri)
1-888-816-5902

www.memsoc.ca

Vancouver Island Memorial Society

250-388-7170 OR 1-800-661-3358.

At this time, the Society deals with Sequoia
Gardens in Victoria.

Cemeteries & Crematoriums

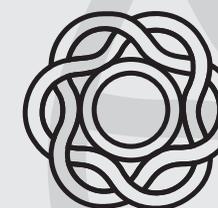
Royal Oak Burial Park

4673 Falaise Drive, Victoria
250-658-5621

Hatley Memorial Gardens

2050 Sooke Road, Victoria
250-478-1754

For further information and
assistance, ask to meet with
a Victoria Hospice Counsellor
or the Spiritual and Religious
Care Coordinator



Victoria Hospice

1952 Bay Street
Victoria, BC V8R 1J8
250-370-8715

www.victoriahospice.org

This brochure has information to help you make funeral or memorial plans. If you need further help, speak with your nurse, the Hospice Counsellor or Spiritual Care Coordinator.

A **Funeral** is a religious or secular service with the body present, while a **Memorial** is without the body present.

Immediate Disposition is cremation or burial without a service. With cremation, this is the least expensive option offered by funeral homes.

There is no law regarding a **time frame for burials**, however, by law, there must be a minimum of 48 hours before **cremation**.

Green funerals reflect an awareness of the environmental impact of burials and cremations. Funeral homes have information.

Making arrangements without a funeral home

It is legal to make your own arrangements and helpful to pre-plan as much as possible. Ask a counsellor at Victoria Hospice for more information or go to www.naturaldeath.org.uk

When Making Arrangements

Whenever possible, **take another person with you when making arrangements** to act as your advocate or support. Be clear about your wishes. It is not necessary to review all the available options before making a decision.

Arrangements can be made **in advance or after the death** has occurred. You may feel less pressured by planning ahead, but there is no 'right' way or time for this.

Pre-Planning may be less expensive. Check with individual funeral homes regarding their practice.

Clarify additional costs that might be incurred after the death (i.e. weekend transfers) that are not covered in the pre-arrangement agreement.

Whatever you decide ensure you know the **total price** for all the services requested.

Helpful Websites:

- www.afuneralinbc.com
- www.ccabc.org
(Cemetery and Crematorium Association of BC) – Consumer Links has a good resource list
- www.bcfunerals.com
(Funeral Service Association of BC)

Funeral homes require:

- Social Insurance Number, Birth Certificate and Care Card number.
- Vital statistics: name, place of death, residency, marital status, occupation, birth date, birthplace, birth name, father, mother, type of disposition.
- Medical certificate (comes from the physician or registered nurse).
- Clothing, as wished.

The funeral home produces the death certificate. **If you need multiple copies be sure to ask for them.** The funeral home then registers the death.

Immediate disposition or cremation is an option funeral homes offer. This includes transferring the body from home, hospice or hospital to the funeral home and some other services. It **does not include** cremation, burial or administration fees.

Financial Assistance and Death Benefits

Death or survivor benefits are paid by a number of government agencies, as well as through insurance policies, unions and employers. Check for current rates and criteria.

Canada Pension Plan (Service Canada)

1-800-277-9914

www.servicecanada.gc.ca

The amount of the benefit depends on contributions to Canada Pension Plan.

Ministry of Social Development

1-250-287-5150 OR 1-866-866-0800

www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/publicat/bcea/funerals.htm

There may be assistance for BC residents if there aren't adequate resources for funeral expenses through the person's estate or family. All Victoria funeral homes accept this service but prefer family to contact the Ministry directly. Have the Social Insurance Number of the person who died available.

Veteran's Affairs: Last Post Fund

1-604-666-7942 OR 1-800-268-0248

If a veteran dies without funds, the Last Post Fund will provide a military funeral and grave marker in a nearby cemetery.

Office of the Public Trustee

1-604-660-4444 OR 1-800-663-7867

www.trustee.bc.ca

If next of kin are unwilling or unable to administer the estate, the Public Trustee's Office may do so.