



FUNERALS AT ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PORT MOODY

A Parish of the Anglican Church of Canada,
Diocese of New Westminster

*In death as in life, God promises to be faithful to us.
As you prepare your own funeral or that of someone
you love, be assured that you are held in prayer.*

This leaflet will assist you in planning a funeral in the Christian tradition. We believe that it is important to hold a service: to grieve our loss, to celebrate the life, and to proclaim our belief that death is not the end.

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND LAST RITES

If you or a loved one are ill or in hospital, please keep your church family informed. Pastoral visitors are available to visit and pray with you, and bring you the sacrament of Holy Communion if you desire. When death is near, it is appropriate for a loved one to either contact the priest directly. The sacrament of anointing and prayers for the dying are the Last Rites performed for a soul about to enter the new life.

ARRANGING THE FUNERAL DATE AND TIME

As soon as is practical after a death has occurred, the church should be contacted to set up a meeting with the family regarding the planning of a funeral. Please do not release any information to media (newspapers, internet etc.) before confirming the date and time of the funeral with the clergy performing the service and the place where the service will be held. Family considerations like traveling relatives should be taken into account when setting a date and time.

FUNERALS IN THE CHURCH

Normally, a funeral will be held at St. John's as the Christian place of worship where the deceased was a participant. In rare instances, the priest may be able to

take a funeral service at a seniors' residence or other appropriate place for pastoral reasons.

FUNERALS FOR PERSONS FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHURCH

We would be happy to assist families of former members of the church or persons with no church background, depending on their needs and the availability of the priest and facilities. Although a deceased person may not have had a current association with a Christian community, that does not lessen the grace that God has for each human.

CASKET OR CREMATION?

The remains of the deceased should be present for the funeral service, either in a casket or as ashes in an urn or other container. The choice is entirely dependent on the wishes of the deceased and his or her family. In the rare event that the remains are not available for the funeral, a memorial service may be celebrated. It is the policy of the Anglican Church not to have an open casket at the funeral; viewings may be pre-arranged at another location, e.g. a funeral home. Once the casket or urn is brought to the church, it is covered with a fine cloth called a "pall" and will not be seen during the service. This symbolizes that whether rich or poor, buried in cardboard or walnut, we are equal before God.

INFORMATION FOR THE DEATH REGISTER

The church keeps records of all births, marriages, and deaths celebrated in the parish. This information is passed to the Anglican Archives of British Columbia

for statistical and genealogical purposes. The following information will be needed for the entry: full name of deceased, date of birth and death, date and place of death, name and address of next of kin.

MUSIC

If you would like music at a funeral, our church musician will provide this service on organ and/or piano. The honorarium for the musician is included in the fee structure. If you decide to have family or friends help with the music for your service, they are welcome to work with the musician. In the event that our church musician is unavailable, we would be happy to find another qualified musician to substitute.

FLOWERS

Decoration of the church is arranged by contacting Saint John's Altar Guild. The honorarium for the Altar Guild is included in the fee structure. The Altar Guild will arrange by request a small table for the urn and picture, or put out a pall for the casket. Any flower arrangements are to be provided by the family or friends, and may be delivered to the church on the date with prior consultation. These may be removed from the church after the service or remain as a thanksgiving at the following Sunday service.

RECEPTION

It is sometimes possible to provide space for a funeral reception in the hall immediately following the service. Please include this in your first conversation regarding funeral dates and times. Food and drink are to be provided by the family, although we can suggest some

local businesses which might provide catering for you. Use of the kitchen may be available, but the family must provide helpers to clean up if catering staff are not hired for this purpose. A separate private occasion liquor license is the responsibility of the family if alcoholic beverages are to be served.

GRIEF COUNSELING

The church can offer referrals to counseling upon request. The ongoing worship life of the community is a great comfort and support for many Christians, and we warmly welcome recently bereaved families to stay and pray with the people of St. John's as they grieve.

SUGGESTED FUNERAL DONATION

\$525, to be distributed as follows

church	\$250	St. John the Apostle Anglican
musician	\$200	this is a firm honorarium
Altar Guild	\$ 75	St. John's Altar Guild

For active members of St. John's, there is no charge for church or Altar Guild unless the family wishes to make a thanks offering. The honorarium for the church musician is \$200.

SUGGESTED RECEPTION DONATION

\$200 St. John the Apostle Anglican
see separate hall rental agreement for details

OFF-SITE SERVICE

(graveside/interment not following funeral in church)

\$300 to be distributed as follows

church \$300 St. John the Apostle Anglican

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