

HOME

Families are our first concern

Nothing can prepare you for the emotions you face when you lose someone close. But a warm, sensitive funeral can mean a lot. It gives your feelings a focus and initiates the natural grieving process.

You and your family are always our first concern. We'll help you to plan and conduct a funeral service that feels right for you. And we'll continue to support you for as long as you need during your bereavement.

Personal care, professional services

We're dedicated to combining the very best professional services with genuine, personal care.

We are experienced, qualified funeral directors. You can call on our help with all aspects of planning a funeral, including funeral services, expert embalming, monuments, pre-paid plans, bereavement support and community information seminars.

Talk to us

You're welcome to call us to discuss your needs without obligation, or to arrange a visit at home.

INTRODUCING FUNERALCARE

In 1998, Bill and Ellie Dobson established Funeralcare to offer the standard of funeral services they believe everyone deserves. Funeralcare is proudly Western Australian, family-owned and independent.

Taking the time to look after families

For Bill and Ellie, caring for grieving families is a dedicated profession, not just a job.

“For us, families come first. A genuinely warm, caring funeral starts with a genuinely warm, caring attitude.

That’s what sets us apart from big, corporate funeral directors. We’ll never treat your loved one’s funeral like a cold, impersonal assembly line. We won’t pass you from one staff member to the next, all to a strict quota of minutes.

We take the time to look after you and your family. We want you to feel as comfortable as possible.

Genuine care is what people really need. People can sense when you do care; when it’s not just for show. We think that’s why a lot of people who attend one of our funerals recommend us to family and friends.”

Qualified, professional funeral services

Bill and Ellie both have over 20 years’ experience in the funeral industry. Bill is a qualified funeral director and embalmer. He is a practising member of the Australian and British Institutes of Embalming and the New Zealand Embalmers Association.

FUNERAL SERVICES

The right funeral service means so much

When a funeral service feels right, you will remember it forever.

Perhaps you want a traditional private service in the comfortable atmosphere of our funeral home. Or perhaps you would prefer a very individual service. To celebrate the things you loved so much about the special person you will miss.

We will work with you to plan and conduct a warm, meaningful service. A service that helps you and your family begin to grieve in a natural and healthy way.

On the day, we'll discretely guide you through the funeral and take care of all the details. You can rely on our many years of professional experience and our genuine concern for grieving families.

Our care for your family doesn't end on the day of the service. If you need to talk to someone who understands, we're here to support you all through your bereavement period.

PRE-PAID

Peace of mind – for you and your family

A pre-paid funeral is a thoughtful way to help your family cope with losing you. Planning ahead protects your loved ones from much financial and emotional stress.

You save money by paying for your future services at today's prices. And you avoid placing a financial strain on those you leave behind.

When you express your wishes in advance, you save your family from the added worry of wondering what kind of funeral you would have wanted.

Funeralcare's pre-paid plans give you a fully guaranteed contract with the option to pay by lump sum or instalments.

Call us for an obligation-free chat. We would be delighted to show you how a pre-paid funeral can bring real peace of mind.

EMBALMING

Respecting the body of your loved one

For thousands of years, people have used the ancient art of embalming to care for the bodies of deceased relatives.

Whilst we now use modern methods, the philosophy of embalming is still the same - to respect and cleanse the body, to restore a lifelike appearance and to create a warmer, safe touch.

Viewing a body that has been professionally embalmed is a very positive experience. You can remember your loved one as they really were.

We believe that expert, qualified embalming is the way things should be done. That's why we include it in our standard service fee.

To find out more about the benefits of embalming, feel free to call us or download a detailed fact sheet.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Helping families grieve

Grieving is a complicated process. We all need to grieve in our own way and in our own time.

When friends and relatives begin to settle back into their normal routines, you might not feel ready yet. You might still need to talk things through.

You can talk to us whenever you need someone who understands. Sometimes it helps to talk to someone outside the family who has experience in helping people through the grieving process.

We can also put you in touch with professional counsellors and self-help groups. And you can find a lot of useful information in our reference library.

You can count on our support for as long as you need it, before and after the funeral. You're always welcome.

Embalming Fact Sheet

What is embalming?

Embalming cleanses and preserves the body of the deceased. It is a respectful procedure that helps family members to remember their loved one as they really were.

What are the benefits of embalming?

Embalming removes possible sources of infection and makes it safe for family members to touch or kiss the body.

Colour is returned to the tissues of the face and hands, restoring a lifelike appearance. Family members are often comforted to see their loved one looking even better than they looked during their recent illness.

Embalming makes it possible to keep the body at room temperature, in a carpeted room rather than a refrigerated cool room. Embalming preserves the body for several weeks, enabling families to take the body home or overseas.

What does the embalming procedure involve?

The body is first washed to disinfect the skin.

Fluids and gases are removed from the chest and abdomen. Blood is replaced by embalming fluid, which is flushed through the arterial system to preserve and disinfect the body internally.

A final wash with a disinfecting agent makes the body safe for family members to touch.

What happens when a body is not embalmed?

Bodies that are not embalmed are kept heavily refrigerated. They are not washed.

When the body is dressed for a viewing, heavy cosmetics are applied to add colour to the face and hands. The deceased is then placed into a coffin or casket and refrigerated again.

A few hours before the funeral, the body is taken out of the cool room to warm up. Condensation forms on the skin surface and is towelled off.

The body feels cold and clammy at the viewing. Infection remains a risk to people who touch.

Does embalming cost more?

Many funeral directors charge for embalming as an extra. At Funeralcare, the services of our professionally qualified embalming practitioners are included in the standard fee.