



SAL'S

FUNERAL HOME LTD

Funeral Planning Guide

Information for planning
and conducting a funeral.

Serving families beyond expectations



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OUR HOME

Our family opened the doors of the funeral home in 2021 as an independent family-owned and operated firm.

However, we have over 20 years experience in the final rest services. We value our reputation for providing the highest quality of service and we're pleased to have served numerous families across Trinidad.



MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide quality funeral services at a fair and reasonable price. We believe that every family is special and we strive to provide personalized funeral, shipping and contemporary services to all faiths and cultures. We seek to comfort families with guidance, information, advice and care during the bereavement process while developing trust and lifetime relationships with families and the community.

VISION STATEMENT

Sal's Funeral Home will be the most respectful, caring and honest name in the industry offering exceptional services to families of varied religious beliefs and financial ability. Our main goal is to provide satisfactory arrangement to honour the deceased according to their wishes.

ARRANGING A FUNERAL



The initial responsibility of Sal's Funeral Home staff is to help each family navigate through the funeral process. and explore all needful areas such as :

- *Choosing the type of final rest service.*
- *Choosing a coffin or a casket.*
- *Stationary needs or digital services such as live streaming or funeral microsite.*
- *Arranging a minister or officiating person(s).*
- *Providing guidance in any legal and statutory obligations*

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FUNERAL PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Here are some items you may wish to consider when planning a funeral.

- Hymns, songs or music
- Organist and/or musicians.
- Readings or poems
- Eulogy preparation
- Digital services (slide show/live streaming) readiness.
- Input from any known clubs or organizations such as prayer groups, Lions International, societies etc.
- Placing flowers or special items on coffin or casket
- Funeral support staff such as bearers or casket escorts.



Here's a list of costs that are typically associated with a funeral. Please note that all funerals do not use all the various services.

- Cremation or cemetery fees
- Professional fees – the funeral director is responsible for the arranging, planning, conducting and the aftercare that is required
- Celebrant or clergy conducting the service.
- Floral services
- Newspaper notices
- Family mourning vehicles
- Organist

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EULOGY PREPARATION TIPS

By definition, a eulogy is a speech or piece of writing that praises someone or something highly, especially a tribute to someone who has just died. A eulogy should incorporate a range of personal tributes, whether done by one or more speakers. If the eulogy is delivered by more than one person, try not to cover the same areas.

Typical areas that can be covered in a eulogy include:

- Life story, nicknames, parent's names, date and place of birth, date and place of death.
- Education, occupations, church or community service, life values.
- Hobbies and interests, likes and dislikes.
- Significant relationships, friendships, family and children etc.
- Humorous stories.
- What legacy they've left behind.



FLOWERS & THE SERVICE

Flowers have been a part of funerals for hundreds of years and no doubt will continue to be. For many people, sending a wreath is one of the popular ways to pay respects to the deceased and support the surviving family.

Pay attention to protocols and family requests in this matter. Some funerals require all wreaths to be collected by the Funeral Home before burial, while in other cases it's more free-flowing.

Make sure your funeral has a director in charge. Where there is no one in charge, this often leads to confusion.

Kinda make your wishes or instructions regarding funeral services as tastefully clear as possible. Funeral services while solemn can become often become venues of irritated feelings.

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AFTER THE FUNERAL

Hosting a wake and a funeral service can take a toll on anyone who has lost a loved one. Even ensuring basic nutritional needs and meals some families, some families do need help. There are several arrangements that need to be made.

Some wish to be left alone to accept and understand the reality of their situation. At Romar's Funeral Service, we understand those wishes against the need for support during this difficult time. If there is a need for catering services, please let us know.



LEGAL MATTERS?

Probate is a legal process that takes place after someone dies. It can include but is not limited to:

- Proving in court that a deceased person's will is valid (usually a routine matter).
- Identifying and inventorying the deceased person's property and having the property appraised.
- Paying and debts and taxes, and distributing the remaining property as the will (or the law, if there's no will) directs.

Typically, probate matters involve a Lawyer. It is always recommended that all legal matters be addressed at the very soonest with paperwork and court appearances.

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RESOURCES

Burial and Cremation are activities governed by the Laws of Trinidad and Tobago. To learn more <https://rdlg.gov.tt/resources/our-services/burial-and-cremation/>

- Burial grounds Act
https://rgd.legalaffairs.gov.tt/laws2/Alphabetical_List/lawspdfs/30.50.pdf
- Cremation Act https://rgd.legalaffairs.gov.tt/laws2/Alphabetical_List/lawspdfs/30.51.pdf

FORMS

- The following NIB Forms may be of interest in matters relating to death.
- Funeral Grant claim form
- Survivor Benefit Application Form
- Child Allowance – Medical Report Form
- Life Certificate Form

HOPE & HEALING

1. Death is not the biggest disaster in life. The biggest disaster in life is, When our fear of Allah dies when we are still alive
2. “Do you not know that a man is not dead while his name is still spoken?” ~ Terry Pratchett
3. “Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart and you’ll never walk alone.” ~ Rodgers and Hammerstein, Carousel
4. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:9
5. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. – Psalm 34:18
6. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ – Revelation 21:4