

***Keep this Booklet for safe keeping***

Arranging the funeral of a loved one is an extremely traumatic time. There are many choices to be made and often it is easier to make them at your own convenience. It is the purpose of this booklet to give a balanced view of the options available to the bereaved.

As members of the Irish Association of Funeral Directors, Egan's will firstly provide a budget for the type of funeral that you require. We are a family run & Community based business. We often act as an information point for people requesting the times & locations of a funeral .

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# Information

## Frequently Asked Questions about; The Death of a Loved

As your local funeral director, we have produced this brochure to help you understand what you need to do when a loved one dies.

Supporting You Every Step of the Way

- **Death Grant Benefits**
- **Death Certificates**
- **Types of Funeral Services**
- **The Job of a Funeral Director**
- **The Cost to the Family**
- **Payments of Benefits After Death**
- **Religion and the modern Funeral**

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## *Information & Frequently Asked Questions*

**Remember—You have a definite say-so in all arrangements. Do not be afraid to assert your views, wishes & ask questions. All wishes should be honoured unless what you are asking for is against the law or physically impossible.**

We make all the appropriate arrangements once you have decided whether you would like the deceased to rest at home, at a church, or at our funeral home. The following are some of the procedures that we must follow, certain legal criteria have to be adhered to.

### **Death Certificates— where to get one?**

When a death occurs a copy of the Certificate may be obtained from the Office of Registration of Deaths & Births, Adelaide Street Cork, or the local Registration Office. If death occurs at home or hospital the next of kin obtains a Certificate as to the cause of death from the doctor attending the deceased and takes the Certificate to his/her local Health Centre. Where a Post Mortem takes place it is the Coroner who registers the death and a copy of the Certificate again may be obtained at the Office of Registration of Deaths & Births, Adelaide Street, Cork. 021-4275126

### **Do I have to wait until I have registered the death before arranging the funeral?**

No. Arranging the funeral services involves your Funeral Director discussing with you the type of funeral required, and offering you advice and information as appropriate. This can be done as soon as you have made certain decisions about the funeral—e.g. whether it is to be a burial or cremation

### **What about Death Grants Benefits?**

Death Grant Benefits are payable on death of an insured person or of the spouse or dependent child of an insured person. The Grant is paid provided PRSI contributions are satisfied either on the deceased persons records or on that of the spouse or parent of the deceased. The grant is currently €850.00

### **Credit Unions**

The Irish league of Credit unions has introduced a new benefit for members, paid towards funeral expenses, at participating branches.

### **We have never been a religious family—do we have to have a Priest to take the service?**

No—there is no requirement to hold a religious funeral service, and there are a number of alternatives. Ask Egan's for more information or to organise a Humanist ceremony.

## *Arranging a Funeral*

Making every arrangement and payment to do with the church, cemetery, crematorium, newspaper, florists, organists, soloists, caterers, and others.

### **Assistance with Arranging a Funeral**

- **We are here to help at all times**, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- **Assist you to plan the funeral** you want within an agreed and acceptable budget
- **Arrange and supervise** every aspect of the funeral you yourself have chosen
- **Liase Directly**, on your behalf, with all those involved in providing the various elements of the chosen funeral (e.g., church, cemetery, crematorium, florist, newspapers, organist, soloist, caterer)

- **Pay, on your behalf**, all third-party charges, fees and costs associated with the chosen funeral arrangements
- **Assist you in obtaining** a Death Certificate and any other necessary documentation, both before and after the funeral.

## *The Job of a Funeral Director*

Funeral Directors have a very specific role in assuming overall responsibility for arranging and supervising a funeral. The Funeral Director's responsibilities involve.....

### **Caring for the Bereaved**

- Assuming responsibility for ensuring that every aspect of the funeral is organised and carried out in keeping with religious and personal preferences and within the agreed budget
- Providing help, support and guidance when and as required
- Providing relevant information and assistance before, during and after the funeral
- We can put a member of the bereaved family in touch with a Bereavement Councillor if they request.

### **Caring for the Deceased**

- Preparation and embalming of the deceased, presentation for viewing. Egan's can arrange for a viewing in the Home or at the Funeral Home, or both.

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