

Funeral & Cremation Services

Affordable Cremation and Burial

4392 West Shore Parkway, Langford
250-391-1540

www.island.affordablecremationandburial.ca

Care Funeral Services

(3 locations)

- 934 Goldstream Ave, Langford
250-391-9696
- 9787 Fourth St, Sidney / 250-655-9669
- 2016 Shields Rd., Sooke / 250-642-2444

www.carefuneral.com

Earth's Option Cremation & Burial Services

5-831 Devonshire Road, Victoria
778-440-8500

earthsoption@shaw.ca

www.earthsoption.com

First Memorial Funeral Services

(2 locations)

- 1155 Fort St, Victoria / 250-384-5512
- 4725 Falaise Dr, Saanich / 250-658-5244

www.firstmemorial.ca

McCall Gardens Funeral & Cremation Services

(2 locations)

- 1315 Cook St, Victoria / 250-385-4465
info@mccallgardens.com
- The Sequoia Centre
4665 Falaise Dr, Victoria / 250-385-4465
info@sequoiagardens.com

www.mccallgardens.com

Pacific Coast Cremations

717 Goldstream Avenue, Victoria
778-433-9344

www.pacificcoastcremation.com

Sands Funeral Chapel

(2 locations)

- 1803 Quadra Street, Victoria
778-400-6221
- 317 Goldstream Avenue, Colwood
778-403-3983

www.sandsfuneral.com

Simply Cremations and Funeral Services

108-2360 Beacon Avenue, Sidney
250-656-5555

simplyleslie@shaw.ca

www.victoriasimplycremations.com

Victoria Cremation Service

2355 James White Blvd, Sidney
250-391-6294

www.victoriacremations.ca

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

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

www.victoriahospice.org

Funeral/ Memorial Decision Making and Planning

Things to consider when making arrangements

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Death benefits and assistance

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Information on funeral homes and services in Victoria

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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/evening transfers) that are not covered in the pre-arrangement agreement.

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

Making arrangements without a funeral home

It is legal to make your own arrangements and helpful to pre-plan as much as possible. If you choose this, advance planning is essential.

Funeral Homes require:

- Social Insurance Number, Birth Certificate and Care Card number of the deceased.
- Vital statistics: name, place of death, residency, marital status, occupation, birth date, birthplace, birth name, father, mother, type of disposition.
- Medical Certificate of Death (comes from the physician or registered nurse).
- Clothing, as wished.
- Death certificate. If you need multiple copies be sure to ask for them. The funeral home then registers the death with Vital Statistics.

Financial Assistance & 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 and Poverty Reduction

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 when you call.

Veterans Affairs Last Post Fund

1-800-465-7113

www.lastpostfund.ca

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

www.trustee.bc.ca

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

Memorial Societies

The Memorial Society of British Columbia

1-428-0845 (Mon–Fri)

1-888-816-5902

www.memsoc.ca

Vancouver Island Memorial Society

250-388-7170 or 1-800-661-3358

www.peoplesmemorialsocietybc.com

Cremation & Interment Services

Royal Oak Burial Park

4673 Falaise Drive, Victoria

250-658-5621

www.robp.ca

Funeral, Cremation & Interment Services

Hatley Memorial Gardens

2050 Sooke Road, Victoria

778-400-6225

www.hatley memorial.ca