

# *Oak Funeral Services*

*A Direct Cremation or Burial  
&  
A Simple Family Service*



**A Simple Unattended Cremation**

**£995.00**

***Fully inclusive***

**Join us at the Crematorium  
to say a final farewell**

**£1,350**

**A Small Family Service**

**£1,650**

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## Preface

It can be a shock when someone dies. Even if they have been ill or in decline for a very long time, the sudden disappearance of their life force moves and shocks us. The first stages of grief and leave us numb and confused.

Until very recently, topics concerning dying, death, and funerals have not been much discussed – and their recent discussion in our media may seem rather remote and unrelated to our own circumstances. It is often hard to approach in conversations with our close family.

Unsurprisingly, few among us have much experience of dealing with death, or the steps we need to take following a death of someone close to us are unfamiliar – and we necessarily seek guidance from those who are 'in the business'.

These personal realities can lead to our taking the path of least resistance, and we can feel pressured to follow the oft delivered 'default' model of the process following death. This drive to abbreviate and standardise our farewell can come from registrar's, doctors, ministers, friends and relatives, and – especially – funeral directors.

But there is nothing 'standard' about death or how to take care of the body of the person who has died. Everyone and every set of circumstances are completely different and as individual as the person who has died.

Thankfully now, rather than being forced down a traditional path that may seem completely foreign to you, there are options and opportunities to do things differently, the way that **you** want to do them.

## Direct Cremation or Burial

So, what exactly is a direct cremation or a direct burial service?

Very simply, it's just the same as a traditional funeral except without the expense of a crematorium or graveside service.

When the person has died, they are brought into our care as soon as is practically possible. If the death has occurred at home and you'd like to look after your loved one for a few hours or even a day or two, then of course you have every right to do so and we would attend only when you are ready.

We will arrange for the cremation (or burial) paperwork and authorisations to be completed, either with you in person or via the post if that is more convenient.

Once we have all the paperwork complete, we will arrange a date and time for the cremation or burial to take place. We will call you to confirm that you are happy with the arrangements.



*Sedgemoor Crematorium, Bridgwater, Somerset*

Your loved one will be treated with the same care, dignity and respect as if there were to be a full traditional service. First being washed and dressed as per your instructions, before being laid to rest in a traditional oak veneer or limed oak style coffin. Fully lined and fitted with handles, wreath-holders and nameplate.

We will carry the coffin to the crematorium either in our formal Hearse or unmarked estate (if you would prefer a more discrete mode of transport).



If you would like the ashes returned to you, we will collect these from the crematorium on your behalf and hand carry them to you by appointment.

A **Direct Burial** service is very similar to a Direct Cremation in that everything is arranged with you personally. The deceased is looked after with the same dignity, care and respect as with a traditional funeral, using the same environmentally friendly coffin in either a Limed Oak or Traditional Oak style.



*Traditional Oak Style*



*Limed Oak Style*

The costs will always vary slightly for a burial, as different cemeteries will charge different prices for the grave space.

These may vary again for individuals who lived outside of the parish in which the burial is to take place.

Woodland or Meadow Ground burials can be lovely place to bury your loved one or even their ashes.

## So how much does it all cost?

### A Cremation Only

fixed price package

only £995

*(fully inclusive)*

- *All Crematorium Fees*
- *Doctor's Fees for cremation certificates*
- *Choice of quality Oak effect veneered coffin, fully lined, with nameplate, handles and wreath-holders*
- *Collection of the deceased from the hospital or Coroner's care\**  
*-Home or care home collections may incur additional costs \*\**
- *All administrative and legal functions*
- *Care and preparation of your loved one for the funeral*
- *Transport to the crematorium*
- *Ashes will be returned by hand in a dignified bio-degradable container*

*\*A nominal charge of £0.50/mile will apply for travel to and from the last place of rest*

*\*\*Depending upon the individual circumstances of the death, other local fees may sometimes apply.*

*Pricing shown is based upon the use of a crematorium of our choice.*

*We are happy to make arrangements at other crematoria or other times and we will be pleased to offer quotations accordingly.*

## An Attended Direct Cremation

only £1,350  
*(fully inclusive)*

- *All Crematorium Fees*
- *Doctor's Fees for cremation certificates*
- *Choice of quality Oak effect veneered coffin, fully lined, with nameplate, handles and wreath-holders*
- *Collection of the deceased from hospital or Coroner's care\**  
*-Home or care home collections may incur additional costs \*\**
- *All administrative and legal functions*
- *Care and preparation of your loved one for the funeral*
- *Transport to Taunton or Bridgwater crematorium in a formal Hearse*
- *15 minutes of time in the Chapel to say your private farewells*
- *Your choice of music to be played on arrival and departure from the crematorium Chapel*
- *Ashes will be returned by hand in a dignified bio-degradable container*

*\*A nominal charge of £0.50/mile will apply for travel to and from the last place of rest*

*\*\*Depending upon the individual circumstances of the death, other local fee's may sometimes apply.*

*Pricing shown is based upon the use of Bridgwater or Taunton crematorium at either 9.00 or 9.30am.*

*However, we are very happy to make arrangements at other crematoria or other times if requested and we will be pleased to offer quotations accordingly.*

## Simple Family Service

only £1,650  
*(fully inclusive)*

- *20 minute service time in the crematorium Chapel (9.00 or 9.30am)*
- *Provision of a Civil Celebrant to officiate for you at the service*
- *Up to 12 Order of Service Booklets – 4 page, A5 full colour – all design, layout and printing included*
- *Formal hearse to carry your loved one to the crematorium*
- *All Crematorium Fees included*
- *Doctor's Fees for cremation certificates included*
- *Quality Oak Veneer style coffin, fully lined, with nameplate, handles and wreath-holders*
- *Collection of the deceased from hospital/ Coroner's Mortuary\**  
*-Home or care home collections may incur additional costs \*\**
- *All administrative and legal functions*
- *Transport to the crematorium in a hearse or unmarked estate*
- *Return of Ashes by hand in a Scatter Tube or solid oak casket complete with nameplate*
- *Full care and preparation of your loved one for the funeral*
- *Full and unlimited use of our Chapel of Rest during working hours prior to the funeral*

*\*A nominal charge of £0.50/mile is made for travel to the deceased's last place of rest.*

*\*\*Depending upon the individual circumstances of the death, other local fee's may sometimes apply.*

*Pricing shown is based upon the use of either Taunton or Bridgwater crematorium services before 10am.*

*We are happy to make arrangements at other crematoria or at other times and would be pleased to offer quotations accordingly.*

## A Simple Family Service

A Cremation Only Service (or Direct Cremation) may not always feel exactly right for you.

It may be that whilst not wanting a full traditional funeral, something small and intimate -perhaps for just the immediate family- would be more appropriate.

By choosing to have a smaller gathering at an earlier time (before 10am in most cases) we are pleased to be able to provide you with a “*Simple Family Service*”. As in all circumstances, we arrange to bring the person who has died into our care as soon as is appropriate.

We either meet with you in person or via the telephone if that is more convenient, to discuss and make plans for the funeral.

You can choose any special pieces of music that you like, which we will source and arrange for you. We will provide a ‘civil celebrant’ to conduct the service or you may have someone in mind already – perhaps a friend or member of the family.



*The Catafalque at Taunton Crematorium*

We will provide up to twelve A5, full colour Order of Service booklets for you. We'll ask you for any photo's you'd like included and create a bespoke design uniquely for each service.



We will provide a Hearse to carry your loved one to the crematorium in Taunton or Sedgemoor.

We will bring the coffin into the Chapel using a wheeled Bier or assist family members to carry the coffin on their shoulders if that might be preferred.

After the service, we will be pleased to collect and return your loved one's ashes to you in our solid oak ashes casket, complete with nameplate if requested.



## **Lastly, a few testimonials from families we have recently supported;**

*“I am so glad to have had your kindly and helpful support over the past couple of years whilst I have been preparing for Mum's death. My sister and I found your gentle, low-key, but professional presence during the closing of the coffin – and throughout the funeral – very reassuring, and we both thank you most sincerely for making the experience one of great calm and peace”. -*

*Dr. B. W.*

*We needed to find a funeral director remotely as live 200 miles away from where the funeral needed to be held and were so lucky to discover the services of Oak Funerals & Jonathan. I spoke to Julie at length and she was very helpful & kind. The whole experience went smoothly and although a simple cremation it was much nicer than we had anticipated. The Sedgemoor Crematorium was a lovely peaceful location. We couldn't fault anything & were very grateful for the way everything was handled.*

*“Many Thanks Jonathan, for taking such good care of Mum and for making all the arrangements for her cremation. I would have no hesitation in recommending your services to anyone.” – Mr V Hughes*

*From the moment I made contact with Oak Funeral Services Julie and Jon could not have been more helpful. They tuned into our needs to make what can be a very difficult day, as respectful and gentle as it could. Jon, Julie and the team made everything feel so right on the day and we feel that it could not have gone any better than it did.*

*thank you so much  
Chris, Julie and Maria.*

## ***What Happens Next***

- *If you've not already done so, call us now on **01984 248006** to confirm your arrangements and talk through your options.*
- *Call the Hospital, Coroner or Care Home to let them know you have instructed us to look after the arrangements.  
We will then arrange to bring the person who has died into our care as soon as possible.*
- *Next, collect the Cause of Death Certificate from the GP or Hospital and make an appointment with the Registrar of Births & Deaths to formally register the death.*
- *The Registrar will issue the formal copies of the Death Certificate & (unless the death is being referred to the Coroner) also give you the "Green Form"*
- *Return to us the "Application for Cremation" form we will have given you, together with the Registrars' "Green Form"*
- *We will then contact you to confirm that you are happy for us to proceed – Nothing is fixed until we have your confirmation.  
We will propose a date for the cremation to proceed and if you agree, we will then go ahead with the cremation.*
- *We will contact you the following week to make arrangements for the return of the Ashes if those are your wishes.*

*Your Notes*

Golden Charter   
Funeral Plans



## Your Notes

*Oak Funeral Services Ltd*  
*South West Cremations*

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