

"When I spoke to Jackie I knew she was perfect.
She met with us to get to know dad.
We had ideas she helped weave into a beautiful
ceremony celebrating his life and she added her own
twist, which we loved.

**Without exception, everyone commented on how
amazing and beautiful the ceremony was."**

– Rebecca, Appin NSW

"Jackie arranged and ran the funeral service for my
mother-in-law and she was so impressive;

I would recommend her to anyone.

She spoke beautifully and really made sure she did
her homework on what Grace was like, what she
wanted and what the family and friends needed.

Absolutely superb.

My own mum commented later what a lovely
service it was, and that she'd like Jackie to officiate
at her own funeral."

– Debbie, Blue Mountains NSW

"I first met Jackie when she was the Interfaith
Minister at my friend's funeral.

**I was moved by her kindness and the way she spoke
to everyone on a personal level.**

I later booked Jackie for my daughter's wedding and
what a wonderful celebration of love she created.

Jackie is an insightful writer and a great speaker.

I highly recommend her."

– Lori, South Coast NSW



ABOUT US

Jackie's Funerals is a full-service, independent Funeral Director passionate about providing **affordable, authentic, and meaningful services** for everyone.

We are located in Wollongong and service Sydney, the Southern Highlands, the Illawarra, South Coast of NSW, or further and online if required.

We are a member of the Picaluna Professional Funeral Network, which is committed to offering funerals with no hidden costs.

Funeral Director Jackie Bailey leads Jackie's Funerals with a rich blend of experience, knowledge, and compassion.

Jackie holds a PhD, Masters of Theology and Cert IV Celebrancy.

She is one of the only **Ordained Interfaith Ministers and Civil Celebrants** in Australia, making her uniquely qualified to work with people from all non-faith and faith backgrounds.

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How to Arrange a Funeral in 5 Simple Steps

by

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When someone dies, it can be overwhelming to suddenly have to arrange a funeral.

But it does not have to be that way.

Having assisted many families navigate such an important yet emotional chapter in their life, We hope you find the 5 key yet simple steps inside this brochure helpful in your journey to plan and design a funeral for your loved one that is authentic, meaningful and affordable.

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STEP 1: HAVE A CUP OF TEA

After a loved one dies, we can feel like we have to get straight into planning the funeral. Zenith Virago, Founder of the Natural Death Care Centre, advises:

“Before you reach for the phone, turn on the kettle.”
So take a breath. Have a cuppa.
Then start making your phone calls.

STEP 2: GIVE US A CALL

You are welcome - and within your full rights - to do things exactly how you and your loved ones wish.

We can guide you through each step of the way. We explain all options and costs with total transparency.

We meet with you to plan a service that is authentic to your loved one. At the end of the planning session, you will feel clear on the elements of the service and tasks.

STEP 3: PLAN THE FUNERAL

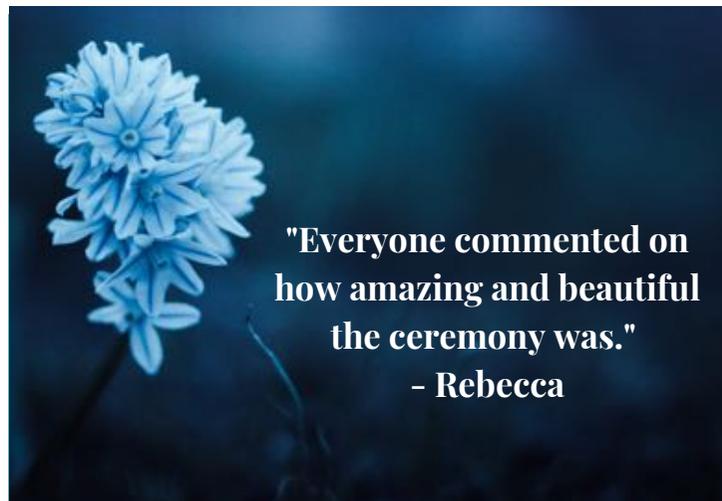
There are two main types of funeral: a Cremation or a Burial, however there are many different types of memorial services.

You can hold a Memorial Service almost anywhere: In a park; at the beach; at a venue, a pub, at home, or at a funeral chapel, crematorium or graveside.

You can incorporate cultural, personal or spiritual elements that meant something special and individual to your loved one.



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-Debbie



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- Rebecca

STEP 4: CREATE THE ELEMENTS

There are no rules regarding which elements you wish to have at a memorial service. Examples include:

- A candlelight vigil
- Incense and Smoking Ceremonies
- Cultural Traditions

MUSIC:

You can use recorded music or a musician. Generally, you will need 5 songs for the entire service.

SLIDESHOW:

If you choose to have a slideshow, gather images of your loved one from throughout their life.

OBJECTS:

Many people like to have a framed photo of their loved one at the funeral. You may also wish to choose objects from your loved one's life to decorate the casket or space or you may wish to bring flowers, fabrics, candles or any other objects. Sometimes people like a colour scheme for the funeral, so everyone can dress accordingly.

ORDER OF SERVICE:

You may decide to prepare a brochure, which sets out a guide to the funeral and any prayers, blessings or songs.

MEMENTOS:

You may wish to create a memento for attendees. Examples include a postcard or a bookmark with a picture of your loved one, a favorite saying or poem.

STEP 5: THE SERVICE

On the day of the service, you should have very little to do. The right Funeral Director will take care of everything from here. Your job is simply 'to be'.

Sample Funeral Service Guide

- Music plays, everyone takes their places.
 - Bring in the casket now, or have it in place.
 - Introduction
 - Celebrant welcomes everyone.
 - Eulogy & Speeches
 - Reflection, play music & slideshow.
 - Poem/Reading
 - Committal
- Total Time 30-45 min (approx)

We can assist with elements or curate an entire funeral for you to create a memorable and moving experience.



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-Lori