

## Pre-planning

Although we don't like to think about it, the day eventually comes when we all need funeral services. Because Morris & Morris believes you should have the funeral that's right for you, we recommend pre-planning as the best way to achieve this.

Many people feel comfortable leaving the responsibility of arranging their funerals to family or friends. Others however prefer to be a little more proactive by leaving a plan, instructions, and even perhaps paying for their funeral ahead of time.

Our experience shows us that pre-planned and personalised funerals brings great comfort to families, reassured with the knowledge that they are fulfilling their loved one's wishes.

At Morris & Morris, we feel it is important that your personal wishes are carried out, so we record this information to ensure that your preferences are clear.

Some personal choices you may like to consider are:

- The type and style of funeral you prefer
- Whether you wish to be buried or cremated
- Your choice of flowers, music and readings
- Funeral venue and catering
- Placing of notices in the newspaper
- Any other special features you would like included in the service

## Pre-Paying Towards Your Funeral

For many people, pre-planning and paying towards a funeral may go hand in hand. The option of prepaying provides peace of mind that money is set aside for the funeral and that this financial responsibility will not fall onto someone else.

Payments of up to \$10,000 with the Funeral Trust are currently excluded from asset testing (under government legislation) when assessing eligibility for a subsidy for long term residential care for the elderly.

Morris & Morris complies fully with the bylaws of the Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand and their Funeral Trust, who hold the funds until they are needed.

### FDANZ Funeral Trust

A Funeral Trust plan allows you to set money aside, in trust, for your final farewell or for that of a loved one. Paying towards a funeral means when the time comes loved ones can gather together, support one another, and remember and celebrate a life, without having to worry, at a very emotional time.

The FDANZ Funeral Trust is not an insurance policy. No health checks or personal questions are needed. Anyone can pre-arrange and pay towards a funeral with an FDANZ Funeral Director through the FDANZ Funeral Trust.

## It's All Your Choice

We believe that the funeral should be tailored around your desires and needs. Here is some information that may help you pre-plan the funeral service that's right for you.

### Burial or Cremation

It's a personal choice. A burial will involve purchasing a plot in an officially designated cemetery and a fee for preparing the grave. Cremation offers further options for a final resting place, as ashes can be scattered, buried, kept, or divided amongst family members.

### Venues

Your local church or one of our chapels, a sport's club, an outdoor location, your family home, a cemetery or crematorium chapel – we encourage you to talk to us about your venue ideas.



### Caskets and Urns

We offer a wide range of traditional and contemporary caskets and urns, including sustainable and personalised options. A catalogue is available from our office, online or visit our selection room at 199 Kamo Road.

### Minister or Celebrant

Clergy or celebrants often lead funeral services, depending on the individual's wishes. Morris & Morris is able to provide a suitable celebrant for you if required.

### Flowers

Flowers are wonderful expressions of affection and sympathy. We can help coordinate your floral requirements or you may choose your own florist if preferred.

### Other Things to Consider

Your favourite music or reading, a unique service sheet, a personalised photo tribute and memorial book, even live streaming the service for family abroad – we can arrange the funeral service that meets your needs.





## Who Are We?

We understand strong family bonds and the emotional turmoil that often occurs through the loss of a loved one. We encourage family members to be a part of the decision making regarding the service. We believe it is the dedication and professionalism of our staff, combined with our history of service, vision and commitment that makes us unique.

### Our People

Our business is all about relationships. Our friendly team of fully trained staff share our drive to provide more than just an excellent level of funeral service. From taking care of the initial worries and confusion, to helping with grief management and care, for as long as needed, the Morris & Morris team is committed to providing the warmest and most personal service. Our client families can take comfort in the knowledge that all services are provided within our company and under the guidance of fully qualified staff and members of FDANZ and NZEA.

### Our Role

We will support and guide you in a way that relieves you of as much stress as possible, organising the funeral service with total respect, according to your personal wishes and beliefs. Your funeral director will make all necessary arrangements on your behalf to make sure the service runs smoothly.

## Our Location

With two funeral homes in Northland we cover both the Whangarei and Kaipara districts.



### Whangarei Branch

Totally refurbished in 2011, our main chapel seats 260 people and features three drop down screens with projectors. Large screen TV's in the foyer and lounge cater for larger funerals. Our premises also offers private arrangement rooms, viewing rooms, a smaller family chapel and a modern mortuary facility. Morris & Morris are the most up to date and comprehensive funeral home in Northland.

### Dargaville Branch

Located on the corner of Victoria & Gladstone Street our modern recently completed facility is designed with our client families in mind. Everything you would expect of a modern funeral home is now available in Dargaville. A modest family reception area for small private services, private arrangement and viewing rooms and of course the most up to date facilities for the care of your loved one.

# Morris & Morris Funerals



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## Pre-Planning Your Funeral

The simplest way to ensure that your family know what to do at a time when making decisions can be difficult.

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