

## Funeral & Cremation Services

### Care Funeral Services

(3 locations)

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

[www.carefuneral.com](http://www.carefuneral.com)

### Earth's Option Cremation & Burial Services

- 5-831 Devonshire Road, Victoria  
778-440-8500  
earthsoption@shaw.ca

[www.earthsoption.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.mccallgardens.com)

### Pacific Coast Cremations

- 717 Goldstream Avenue, Victoria  
778-433-9344

[www.pacificcoastcremation.com](http://www.pacificcoastcremation.com)

### Sands Eco-Cremation Centre

- 2355 James White Blvd, Sidney  
250-391-6294

[www.arbormemorial.ca/en/sands-eco-cremation](http://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/sands-eco-cremation)

### Sands Funeral Chapel

(2 locations)

- 1803 Quadra Street, Victoria  
250-388-5155  
[www.sandsfuneral.com/victoria](http://www.sandsfuneral.com/victoria)
- 317 Goldstream Avenue, Colwood  
250-478-3821  
[www.sandsfuneral.com/colwood](http://www.sandsfuneral.com/colwood)

### Simply Cremations and Funeral Services

- Unit 2, 2075 Henry Avenue West, Sidney  
250-656-5555  
simplyleslie@shaw.ca

[www.victoriasimplycremations.com](http://www.victoriasimplycremations.com)

### Victoria Cremation Service

- 2355 James White Blvd, Sidney  
250-391-6294

[www.victoriacremations.ca](http://www.victoriacremations.ca)

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

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

[www.victoriahospice.org](http://www.victoriahospice.org)

## Funeral/ Memorial Decision Making and Planning

Things to consider when making arrangements

• Death benefits and assistance

• 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](http://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](http://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.lastpost.ca](http://www.lastpost.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](http://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

- 1-604-773-7705 (Mon–Fri)  
1-888-816-5902

[www.memsoc.ca](http://www.memsoc.ca)

### Vancouver Island Memorial Society

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

[www.peoplesmemorialsocietybc.com](http://www.peoplesmemorialsocietybc.com)

## Cremation & Interment Services

### Royal Oak Burial Park

- 4673 Falaise Drive, Victoria  
250-658-5621

[www.robp.ca](http://www.robp.ca)

## Funeral, Cremation & Interment Services

### Hatley Memorial Gardens

- 2050 Sooke Road, Victoria  
250-478-1754

[www.hatleymemorial.ca](http://www.hatleymemorial.ca)