

# WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM ME



**Ruth Harris** Qualified Independent Civil Celebrant **NOCN Level 3 Diploma in Celebrancy** Funerals, Couples & Naming

"You can expect complete professionalism, conscientiousness, empathy, respect, and the passion and dedication to provide you and your family with a bespoke ceremony"

## The Basic Package - £175 What You Can Expect

The Basic Package costs £175.

Payment details are outlined at the end of this document.

Please note for funerals or memorials for children under 16 there is no charge.

### Initial phone/zoom call

Once you have contacted me to express your interest in using my services, we will have an initial call. The purpose of this call is to find out a little about the departed and what thoughts, if any, you are having about the type of ceremony you would like. We will also set up a time for me to come and visit with you and your family (if appropriate) at your home, or an alternative venue that you are comfortable with.

After our call, I will email you my Funeral & Memorial Guide For Families. This contains lots of useful information about ceremony structures, poems, readings and eulogies. Prior to my visit, it would be useful if you could look at this.



It is at this meeting when I will start to gather insight into your loved one in order to create a fitting Eulogy. We will also talk about what kind of ceremony you would like, any readings, poems, music or visual tributes. I may record the meeting, especially if there are several other family members or friends there all sharing their memories.

It may be that I also need to contact other family members or friends to gather their stories and memories.

We will also sign a contract at this meeting which clarifies our commitment to each other.



Within 4 days of the home visit (it can be sooner if things are time sensitive), I will email you the first draft of the ceremony content, including the Eulogy. This can be edited or amended as many times as you require.

I will give you a call several days after this if I have not heard from you, to talk through any changes you require.



### Liaison

Liaison with funeral directors, crematorium/burial site and/or venues. Depending on the type of funeral you are having and the location, I will be liaising with them to ensure you get the ceremony you want and everything is in place.

This could include supplying any music or visual tributes, or making sure any alternative arrangements are organised.





Throughout the whole process, I will be keeping in contact with you to provide support and any updates on the arrangements.



### **Officiating At The Ceremony**

On the day itself, I will be there to make sure everything is in place and officiate the ceremony.

### After The Ceremony

I will provide a digital and printed copy of the full ceremony, including any visual tributes. This can then be shared with family and friends and anyone who was unable to be there on the day.



## **Additional Extras**

#### Please note - venues may charge for playing music and any visual tributes

## More Alternative / Bespoke Ceremonies

If you require a more alternative, bespoke ceremony, this could incur more costs. We will only know this when we start planning.

Rest assured I am completely transparent about my charges.



### Visual Tributes

I have a background in graphic design and have produced a great many visual tributes for families. If you require photos or videos producing to play at the ceremony, prices start from £75. It all depends on how many images and videos you require.

You would need to be able to provide me with the images and videos for editing. Again, I would be completely transparent about this additional charge.



If I am being paid independently and not via a funeral director, this is how I like it to work:

#### £50 deposit paid after the home visit

#### Balance paid within 7 days of the ceremony being held.

If I am being paid via a funeral director, you would pay them my fee directly.

You can, of course, pay the full balance when we sign our contract if that is what you would prefer.





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