

ABOUT ME

I have a background in education and events. I love to travel and I speak French and Spanish. I have experienced bereavement and realise how very important it is to have the right person leading the ceremony. I trained with Civil Ceremonies Ltd, the UK's leading training body, and achieved the highest possible national qualification in Funeral Celebrancy in the UK – the NOCN Level 3 Diploma in Funeral Celebrancy. My training was extensive and challenging and provided me with the knowledge and skills to ensure that the funeral ceremony you are arranging will be in a safe pair of hands.

By nature I am friendly, caring and respectful. I will work with you to create the kind of service that you would like. I will be there every step of the way to support and guide you, and to help you to be as involved as much or as little as you wish.

I live in Cambridge and I am happy to work across Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex.

I am a member of the Association of Independent Celebrants, and work to an agreed Code of Practice. I will work with you to create and deliver a truly personal ceremony.

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Bespoke non-religious or semi-religious funerals
Memorial ceremonies | Pre-need ceremony creation
Scattering or interment of ashes | Tribute writing

As a qualified funeral celebrant, I offer a bespoke service that is as individual and unique as the person whose life is being remembered.
I work with sensitivity and empathy for a reassuringly personal and professional service.



FAQ's

What Is A Civil Funeral Celebrant?

A civil funeral celebrant is someone who will create and deliver a personal funeral service for you. The ceremony is driven by the beliefs and wishes of the deceased and their family or friends, not the celebrant.

What kind of ceremony do you offer?

A celebrant-led funeral ceremony is personal and unique and reflects your wishes.

The funeral can contain whatever you wish. A celebrant-led funeral ceremony can be traditional or non-traditional, formal or informal. You may prefer to have a non-religious service, alternatively you may wish to include religious content, such as a reading, prayer, or hymn, any of which can be incorporated.

Regardless of the circumstances of the person's death, or the details of their life, we can work together to create a funeral that says goodbye with thought, respect and dignity.

You can choose music, poetry and readings yourself or we can look at this together. Family, friends or colleagues may wish to be involved in delivering these and I can help them to prepare for this.

I will help you to plan the most appropriate funeral for your loved one. I bring a gentle warmth and kindness to help you during this difficult time, making one of the most difficult goodbyes into a day that truly reflects the person whom you commemorate.

What is 'pre-need ceremony creation'?

This service allows you to play an active part in planning your own funeral ceremony. The whole ceremony, including the tribute, can be planned in advance so that it includes everything that you want to be said and everything you want to happen. Once you are happy with it, the full script and details can be kept until needed.

How do we go about planning the funeral service?

Planning a funeral is a difficult task to undertake at a particularly distressing time. Working with your funeral director, I can help guide and advise you and your family during this period. You will have every opportunity to discuss all aspects of the ceremony, particularly the tribute or eulogy. The choices are yours and you may wish to include music, poetry and readings. You and members of your family, friends or colleagues may also wish to participate. Together we can plan the order of ceremony and exactly what will happen. At every stage you will be able to approve or amend the content. You will also receive a presentation script of the entire ceremony to keep afterwards.

Usually, we will meet in person to begin to plan the service. I can come to your home, or meet you at another place that is convenient for you. If it is easier, we can talk on the telephone or via Zoom. I will then draft the ceremony, email it to you so that you can check it and make any changes necessary.

Do I Need To Prepare Anything Before We Meet?

You do not have to prepare anything before we meet as I can guide you through every aspect of the planning. Some people might like to start planning straight away, and that is completely fine as well. You might already be thinking about music or poems that you would like to include, or you might want to research this. Perhaps you wish to begin to gather details of your loved one so that together we can build up a picture of their life and what they meant to you. Things such as where and how they grew up, special times, stories or memories from other family members might be also helpful.

It is only natural that you, your family, or others involved in arranging the ceremony may have some questions. Therefore, do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

