

Celebrant Ceremonies

HELPING YOU CRAFT PERSONALIZED
END-OF-LIFE CEREMONIES



What is a Funeral Celebrant?



Funeral celebrants are **ceremony specialists** who create & officiate **personalized ceremonies** that **reflect the personality** of the individual being honoured.

How Are Celebrant Ceremonies Different?

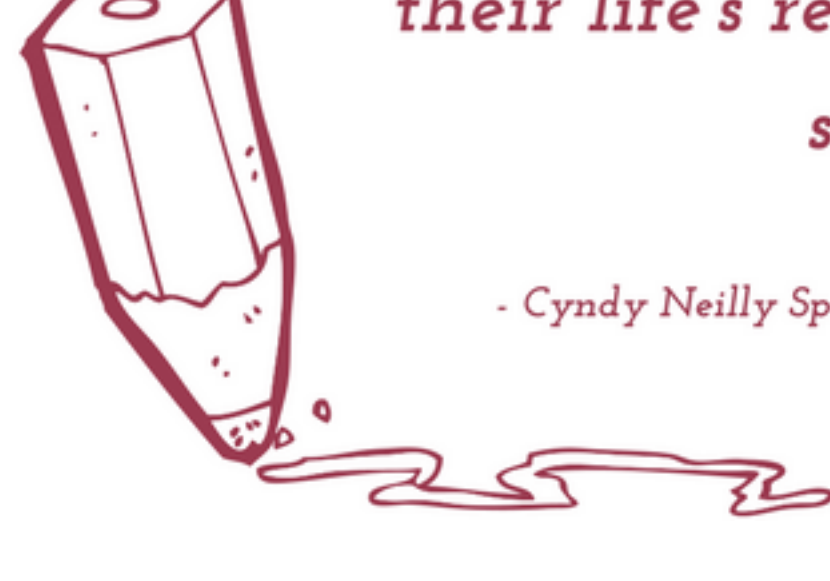
- They're **secular-toned** (non-religious).
- Focus on **collaborating** with your family to create an **individualized ceremony**.
- Pay **careful attention** to the **personalization** of ceremony elements.
- Provide you with a **sense of control** over ceremony content & knowing in **advance** how it will unfold.



What Does a "Personalized Ceremony" Mean?

A **personalized ceremony** will remind you of the little things about your loved one that made them **special**. What they found meaningful, what made them happy & what **mattered most** to them.

"It's not repeating their name, it's not reciting their life's resume, it is providing a soul sketch."



- Cyndy Neilly Spence, Master Life-Cycle Celebrant

How Does The Planning Process Work?

- Initial **2-3 hour family session** to learn about the person being honoured.
- As the ceremony outline emerges, family members may realize how they can **contribute to, or participate in, the ceremony**.
- Celebrant then **creates the ceremony** using the info shared by your family & **regularly checks in** to polish the ceremony content and ensure all details and nuances are **accurate**.

Qualities to Look For In a Funeral Celebrant:

- **Responsive** to your intentions & expectations for the ceremony.
- **Knowledgeable** about what works well & provides alternatives for you to consider – not just direction.
- **Passionate** about getting your ceremony just right.
- **Creative** and eager to find & suggest something new.



Tips for Finding a Funeral Celebrant:

- Search the **Love Lives On Business Directory** for funeral celebrants in your area.
- **Online search** for "funeral celebrant [name of your city or town]".
- **Ask the funeral home** you're working with if they have celebrant recommendations.
- **Ask friends & family** for recommendations.



5 Q's to Ask a Funeral Celebrant Before Hiring:

1. How did you **become** a funeral celebrant?
2. How do you **approach** your ceremony work?
3. How will you **review** the ceremony with us?
4. Will you incorporate a **faith** agenda?
5. Ask yourself, '**what is my gut feel?**'



"The death of someone close to you can be the worst day of your life. A funeral celebrant ceremony will remind you not of that day, but of the nuances of your loved-one and how they were special."

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