

Coffin Bearing Options



Option 1 – Wheeling Your Loved One into Funeral Service.

This can be done by our staff bearers or family or friends. If it is our staff bearers, we will do this as standard, note we do not carry or shoulder bear. The maximum number of bearers for wheeling the coffin into the place of service is six, or if the coffin only has four handles, then it would be four.

In some circumstances wheeling the coffin is a necessity, such as at certain venues, however the Funeral Director will clarify this. Wheeling a coffin is when your loved one is placed onto a bier, with wheels, and this enables your loved one to be safely led into the service venue.

Option 2 – Carrying Your Loved One into Funeral Service

If you wish to carry your loved one into the place of the service, this will have to be carried out by a minimum of four family members/friends.

The maximum number of bearers would be either four or six dependant on the type of coffin you have chosen for your loved one. Please check with your Funeral Arranger on the coffin specifications, to clarify the number of handles.

Carrying the coffin involves the family members/friends being assisted by the Funeral Director, to safely lift your loved one out of the hearse, and into the venue, by holding a coffin handle and the underneath of the coffin and walking side by side waist height with the other bearers to ensure safe transport of your loved one into the service venue.

Option 3 – Shouldering Your Loved One into Funeral Service

Carrying your loved one into the place of service is a traditional, and sometimes military method. Due to the health and safety aspect that comes with this method we do not shoulder as standard as a company, and we would discourage it by family or friends as not all venues have suitable heightened entrances. Should you wish to carry out shouldering of the coffin we do require disclaimers to be signed by all of the bearers in advance of the funeral.

A minimum of 6 bearers are required and ideally around the same height. We would advise the bearers who are participating are of good health with no joint issues and sensible footwear.

Please inform your funeral arranger of your choice
for your loved one's final journey...