

Memorial Plaques and Headstones

Choosing the perfect permanent memorial, such as a headstone or a plaque, is an important decision. There are many considerations when choosing a memorial.

Experts say that having a permanent memorial can actually help families in the grieving process. In New Zealand, headstones and plaques are the main way we memorialise the life of a loved one.

When you are ready to begin this process, Kapiti Memorials in Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu (right next to the Funeral Home) can give you professional advice and show you examples of the products available, from ashes garden plaques to full headstones.

Kapiti Memorials work in close association with the Funeral Home and with your permission we can give them the information they require to apply for all warrants and permits on your behalf.



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Kapiti Memorials office hours are

9am—3pm Monday to Friday

After hours by appointment

***The most important
thing of all
is to take time
for yourself.***



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Kapiti Coast
Funeral Home

**The Funeral is over....
*what now?***

There are some important things that need to be done once the funeral is over and friends and relatives have left. Keep in mind that your funeral director is a great resource for you even after the funeral, able to direct you to the appropriate professionals for guidance in all matters.

Following the funeral there are often some immediate concerns and questions. We put this brochure together to answer some of the more common questions you may have.

Death Certificate and Funeral Account

Your Funeral Director will register the death of your loved one on the day of the funeral.

The New Zealand Death Certificate along with the funeral account, will be sent out to the person at the address nominated when the funeral authority form was signed. These are posted around 7—10 days after the funeral.

Ashes

Your loved one's ashes will be available to collect from the Kapiti Coast Funeral Home office approximately three days after the funeral (sooner by arrangement). We are happy for you to leave them with us for a month or so, however after two months we follow up to ensure they are not left here indefinitely. There are many options for the final placement of ashes and a brochure titled;

“Ashes” -

You choose the final resting place outlines the various options available.



This is available from our office or on our web site.

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Acknowledgement Cards

Sometimes families like to send acknowledgement cards to people who have supported them in their time of need. The Kapiti Coast Funeral Home team can assist you with providing a suitable card that can have your own personal message placed into it, along with a photo of your loved one.

We can also guide you in placing an acknowledgement and/or thank you notice for the Newspaper.

Bereavement Support

The Funeral Home has a free Bereavement Support Service. This service is by way of a bereavement support staff member who will visit usually within the first few weeks, but not in the first week (unless required) as family and friends usually still provide support during this time.



We have a brochure titled “Bereavement Support Service” which outlines this service and some helpful tips on journeying with grief. This brochure is usually sent out with the Death Certificate and Funeral Account but is also available from us or on our web site, as is a booklist of helpful books in our bereavement support library.

This Bereavement Support Service is free of charge as is the use of the support library.

Financial Assistance

There are two main forms of financial assistance from the government, following a funeral, ACC and WINZ



The ACC grant is for death by accident only. The Death Certificate and Funeral Account need to accompany this application. Your Funeral Director can assist with filling in this application with you.

The WINZ grant is for persons with funds less than the total funeral invoice and the financial threshold and conditions and amount of the grant change annually.



If you wish to apply for a funeral grant, the necessary forms can be obtained from the funeral home or from WINZ.

We can assist you with filling this in.

When applying for a funeral grant you need :

1. The Death Certificate (see Death Certificate information earlier in this brochure)
2. The Funeral Account
3. The deceased's Benefit or Superannuation number; bank books; and Community Services Card.
4. Your Benefit or Superannuation number, bank account number and tax number.
5. Identification—The applicant needs to take identification along, e.g. Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate, Driver Licence or Passport.