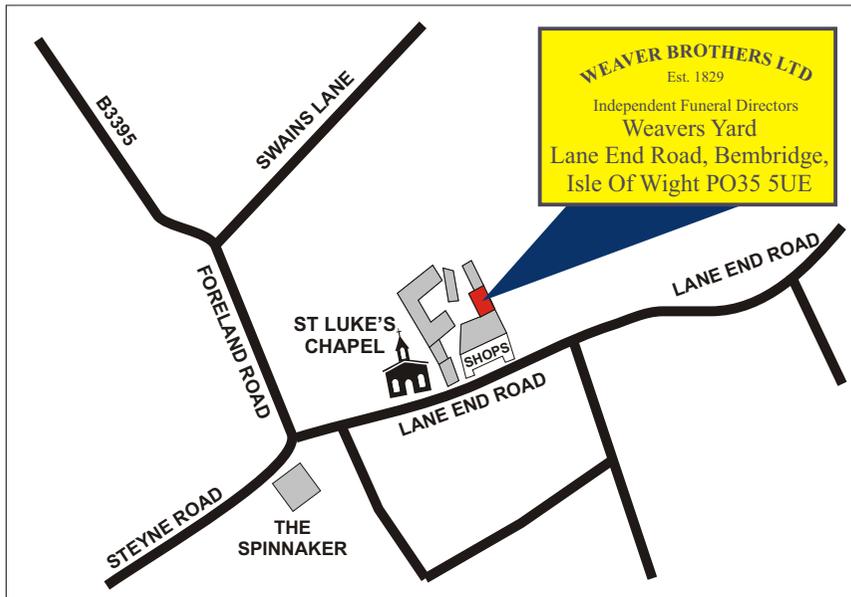


HOW TO FIND US

WEAVER BROTHERS LTD
Est. 1829

Independent Funeral Directors



Located in Weavers Yard
Lane End Road,
Bembridge PO35 5UE
We have ample parking to make your visit easier.

BEREAVEMENT ADVICE

Information on arranging a funeral

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ABOUT US

Spanning seven generations and three centuries, the Weaver family has been in business in the village for more than 180 years.

All funeral arrangements are of the utmost importance to us. We offer a very personal and comprehensive service undertaken with professionalism and experience. Whatever the circumstances, we always do our best to make a difficult time as easy as possible.

After having taken your instructions we become responsible for the entire arrangements.

Some of the services which we provide are -

- A face to face meeting to take your instructions.
- Conveying the deceased at any hour of the day or night.
- Liaison and confirmation with the clergy.
- Arranging for the completion of medical certificates (for cremation).
- Supplying and fitting the coffin of your choice.
- Providing a Hearse and Limousines as required.
- Providing necessary Bearers.
- Arranging for the preparation and purchase of a grave space.
- Arranging for removal of an existing memorial plus further instructions.
- Advice on the selection of new memorials.
- Liaison with the Police and Coroner.
- Arranging for the interment or scattering of ashes.
- Advice regarding registration and transport to the Registrar if required.
- Advice upon the selection of suitable hymns and music.
- Assistance in ordering floral tributes.
- Arranging for the production of service or hymn sheets.
- Payment of all fees and disbursements for the funeral.
- Personal supervision throughout.
- Receiving and listing donations to charities.
- Insertion of press announcements if required.
- Repatriation of the deceased both at home or abroad.

LOCAL INFORMATION

St. Mary's Hospital,..... Newport PO30 5T9	01983 524081
Earl Mountbatten Hospice PO30 2ER	01983 529511
Isle of Wight Registrars Office..... Hours Mon - Fri, 9.00am - 4.30pm (Appointments only) Seaclose, Fairlee Road, Newport PO30 2QS	01983 821000
Coroners Office..... The Juvenile Court, Quay Street, Newport PO30 5BA	01983 520697
Jobcentre Plus Office..... 150 High Street, Ryde PO33 2RE	01983 276888
Department for Work and Pensions..... Public Enquiry Office London	01207 712 2171
Citizens Advice Bureau..... 7 High Street, Newport PO30 1SS	0845 120 29 59
District Probate Office..... 4th Floor Cromwell House, Andover Road, Winchester SO23 7EW	01962 897029
St Helens Medical Centre..... Upper Green Road, St Helens Road, PO33 1UG	01983 871828

NOTES

Where the estate is small, it is sometimes possible to deal with matters without resorting to the measures mentioned, however advice should be sought from the Probate Registry Office regarding the maximum asset value applicable in these cases.

CONSULTING A SOLICITOR OR BANK

As mentioned under 'Administration of the Estate' in most cases it is wise to consult a solicitor or bank. This need not cost a great deal of money but will ensure that all formalities are complied with. For a solicitor to act he or she will require-

- A copy of the Registrars entry (sometimes referred to as a Death Certificate) and any or all of the following; deeds, share certificates, savings certificates, premium bonds, insurance policies.

- The Solicitor will need to be informed of any known debts against the estate and provided that the estate is solvent, will deal with these on your behalf. Should you find yourself in temporary difficulties regarding finances, he or she can usually make arrangements for you to draw sufficient funds to meet our immediate needs, again providing that sufficient funds exist.

- If the deceased owned property it may be necessary for your solicitor to have it valued for probate or to be sold to realise the asset (convert it to cash). However no such valuation is normally necessary when the estate is to pass to the surviving spouse. A Chartered Surveyor would carry out the valuation and agree the figure with the Inland Revenue Dept. The contents of the property may need the services of a qualified chattels valuer, especially where there are items of antique furniture or jewellery which may need to be professionally valued. Once again, it is not likely for such a valuation to be needed when all is to pass to the surviving spouse.

INSURANCE POLICIES

These are most likely to be found among the deceased private papers perhaps held at a bank or solicitor. The Insurance company should be notified of the death of the policy holder and enquiries made to ensure that the policy remains in force.

H.M CORONER

Sometimes it is not possible for a doctor to issue a death certificate, the death may have been sudden or unexplained, the result of a road accident, or soon after admission to Hospital. These are just some of the reasons why a death may be reported to the Coroner.

The Coroner is a judicial officer whose function it is to determine the cause of death in all cases where a Doctor has not been able to issue a death certificate. The fact that a death has been reported to the Coroner should not give cause for undue alarm, it is simply the process by which the cause of death must be established in cases where a normal death certificate cannot be issued.

Sometimes the Coroner may be able to deal with the case by consultation with the Doctor. The Coroner may then agree that the Doctor may issue a death certificate and registration of the death can then take place in the normal manner, after the Registrar has received a form from the Coroner's Office, and the death certificate (which the Doctor will have made available to the next of kin or personal representative of the deceased).

In cases that cannot be resolved by consultation between the Doctor and the Coroner, the Coroner will require a postmortem examination, which usually shows death was due to natural causes, in which case no inquest will be held, and the Coroner will send a form to the Registrar of Deaths indicating that registration may take place, (no death certificate will be issued by the Doctor).

Where the death was not due to natural causes, for example a road traffic accident, the Coroner will hold an inquest. The purpose of an inquest is to establish the identity of the deceased, when and how the death took place, and the actual cause of death. Following the inquest the Coroner will issue a certificate for either burial or cremation, to allow the funeral to take place. He may then adjourn the inquest and reconvene it at a later date, having gathered relevant information relating to the death, and finally close the inquest.

Your Funeral Director is fully conversant with all the Coroner's procedures and can advise you fully.

A FEW THOUGHTS TO ASSIST YOU

A funeral ceremony is a very personal thing to arrange and it is likely that you will be called upon to do this at a time of stress. Whilst we are on hand to assist and advise you, our main function is to provide a service based upon your wishes, so it is of great importance that you take all the time that is necessary to form in your mind a clear picture of all you wish the ceremony to include. Thoughts come into all our minds regarding our loved ones, often after the main arrangements have been made. Many things can be changed prior to the service taking place, but virtually nothing afterwards. Our wish would be to provide a service which was complete in all respects. To this end, any notes which you may make as and when thoughts may occur to you, can be of great value in ensuring that we are provided with as much information as possible to assist us in fulfilling your expectations of our services. Please remember we are available at all times.

JEWELLERY AND PERSONAL EFFECTS

Part of our duty is to confer with you regarding any jewellery, for instance a Wedding Ring, or items of clothing remaining with the deceased when received at our premises. We will seek your instructions and ensure they are carried out.

CAN I MAKE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE

Whilst we understand it must feel strange to discuss funeral arrangements in advance of someone's death, it is not in any way unusual. For many reasons people come to us to make advanced enquiries. For example, the person likely to become responsible for the making of the funeral arrangements does not live in the area that death is likely to take place. Another common reason is to simplify the difficult period immediately following the death. We would be pleased to offer advice and to provide an estimate of all the costs likely to be incurred. Your visit would also give you an opportunity to see our facilities and form a sound impression of the service we could provide.

At the same time, you would have met and spoken with us, possibly making us aware of your wishes, which we hope would lessen the trauma of meeting with a Funeral Director for the first time following a death.

Coming to see us for a discussion would not place you under any obligation.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS MY OWN FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

More people than you might imagine wish to make their own funeral arrangements. The reasons for this are many and varied. For example, simply the desire to have their funeral carried out according to their wishes may be one or, the person may live alone and without family or another may be, the wish to minimise the stress for their family, having made the major decisions themselves.

Rising costs have led increasing numbers of people purchasing a prepaid funeral plan. Our company would be pleased to provide you with full information regarding Golden Charter which provide guaranteed and totally flexible approaches when considering prepayment.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE

In cases where the deceased has left a Will it is likely to be necessary to apply for a Grant of Probate before the assets of the estate can be distributed amongst the beneficiaries. The simplest way to deal with obtaining the Grant of Probate is to put the matter in the hands of a Solicitor or Bank who are familiar with all the procedures. Alternatively, you may apply personally to the District Probate Registry of the High Court, for the Isle of Wight (see Local Information Section).

Should the deceased not have left a Will he or she will have died intestate, and the question of who will administer the estate will arise. Here again application has to be made to the Court, normally by the next of kin or failing this, anyone who can satisfy the Court as the validity of their claim. The Court will then issue a document "Letters of Administration" appointing this person to administer the estate.

GOLDEN CHARTER PRE-PAID FUNERALS

Funeral prepayment plans are an increasingly popular way to deal with the costs in advance but, as with most things, it pays to shop around. Not all plans are the same: not all have the same levels of security, some are much better value than others, and some do not even tell you who the funeral director will be until after you have paid.

Each plan includes a realistic contribution towards necessary expenses, such as crematorium or cemetery fees.

- You choose what kind of funeral you want instead of your family having to guess.
- Total security.
- The service is provided by an independent funeral director with an established reputation. If you leave the Island you can transfer your plan, through a network of professional firms across the UK.
- Your relatives will be spared a major expense at the time of the funeral.
- You can purchase the plan with a once-only payment or by installments -which ever suits you best.

If you would like further information about Pre-paid Funeral Plans, in confidence and with no obligation, please telephone or call in to our office, we are always pleased to offer help and advice.

CHECK LIST

- Collect death certificate from Dr
- Make appointment to register death (take death certificate)
- Obtain extra copies of death certificate from registrar (as needed for administration)
- Give green certificate to Funeral Director

- Advice and arrangement for those who wish to discuss funeral arrangements in advance.
- Advice and assistance with claims from the social fund.
- Private viewing of the deceased.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A DEATH OCCURS

When a death occurs at home you should first contact the deceased's Doctors, or whichever Doctor is on duty. The Doctor will need to certify that death has taken place.

If the deceased has been seen by the Doctor within the last fourteen days a death certificate can normally be issued, and the Doctor will advise as to the availability of it.

After the Doctor has visited, it may be your wish that the deceased be taken to your chosen Funeral Director's Chapel of Rest. This can be arranged by telephone at any hour, day or night. If the death has occurred in a Hospital, Nursing or Residential home, most of the procedures mentioned will have been carried out, and with your consent, the deceased taken to the Funeral Director's Chapel of Rest. A member of staff will be able to advise you upon the availability of the death certificate.

In all cases the death certificate must be taken to the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Death.

REGISTRATION OF A DEATH

By law, a death must be registered in the district in which the death occurred. Your Funeral Director will advise you of the whereabouts of the Registrar's Office and the times of attendance. Transport can also be provided for you, if required.

When visiting the Registrar, it is helpful if you can take with you the deceased's medical card, although if at the time you cannot find it, this will not prevent your being able to register the death.

Who can register a death ?

1. Any relative of the deceased.
2. Any person present at the death.
3. The occupier of the house where the death occurred.
4. The person arranging the funeral (not the funeral director)

The registration of a death is a simple procedure.

The Registrar will require you to provide the following information:

1. The date and place of Birth and Death.
2. The full name of the deceased
3. The deceased's home address.
4. The marital status of the deceased.
5. The occupation (if any) of the deceased.
6. If the deceased is female, her maiden name and her husband's full name and occupation.

The Registrar will issue a GREEN CERTIFICATE in most cases, which you should hand to your Funeral Director as soon as possible.

Copies of the Registrar's entry (sometimes called death certificates) can be obtained from the Registrar upon payment of the current fee. You will need these for; Insurance claims, Probate (if the deceased has left a will), Bank Accounts, Pension Schemes, National Savings, Premium Bonds, etc. Special copies are issued for Friendly Societies.

PENSIONS AND SOCIAL SECURITY BOOKS

Pensions and Social Security Books should be returned to the local D.W.P Office.

APPOINTING A FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Your choice of Funeral Director may be determined by many factors. For example, previous experience or, the advice of friends or perhaps a professional adviser. We always advise an Independent Funeral Director, as we feel they will offer the best service.

MOTOR INSURANCE

Insurance cover on a motor vehicle ceases upon the death of the policy holder and arrangements should be made for the transfer of such insurance should this be applicable.

The vehicle registration documents should be returned to D.V.L.A. Swansea, SA99 1AR for transfer, and the deceased's driving licence will need to be returned to the same address for cancellation.

OUR CHAPEL OF REST

We use St Luke's Chapel in Bembridge for private viewings, and we are very happy to accommodate these should you wish.

MONUMENTAL MASONRY

We are able to offer advice and supply memorials in various materials. Please ask us for more information and brochures. we will be pleased to help you.

We are fully conversant with all regulations applicable to local authority cemeteries and Church burial grounds. We are able to offer you a complete service.

FLOWERS AND DONATIONS

We are able to advise on any type or style of floral arrangement. Should you specify donations in lieu of flowers, we would gladly collect and list all monies passed to ourselves on behalf of your chosen beneficiary.