

YOUR PERSONAL

# details

**Vospers Funeral Home will arrange to register the death with the Department of Internal Affairs.**

**These details are necessary for the death registration.**

**They relate to the person who has died.**

surname (mr/mrs/miss/dr etc) .....  
 surname at birth .....  
 first name/s .....  
 address .....  
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 birth date .....  
 birth place .....  
 ethnic group .....  
 descended from nz maori yes / no / don't know .....  
 if not born in nz, year of arrival .....  
 profession / occupation .....  
 father (full name).....  
 father (occupation).....  
 mother (full name).....  
 mother (maiden name).....  
 mother (occupation).....

married / single / divorced / widowed /  
 de facto / legally separated / civil union .....  
 first married / united (where) .....  
 first married / united (date) .....  
 spouse/partner (full name) .....  
 spouse/partner (birth date).....  
 spouse/partner living yes / no .....  
 second married / united (where).....  
 second married / united (date) .....  
 spouse/partner (full name) .....  
 spouse/partner (birth date).....  
 spouse/partner living yes / no .....  
 son/s (full name/s and birth date/s) .....  
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daughter/s (full name/s and birth date/s) .....  
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are you JP? yes / no marriage celebrant? yes / no .....  
 nz armed services number .....  
 which war .....  
 rank .....  
 unit / regiment .....



# choices

PRE-ARRANGING YOUR FUNERAL



**vospers**  
 funeral services

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# remember

*You may wish to record here the arrangements you would like to make.*

*You may lodge these at the office of Vospers Funeral Home, your solicitor or your next of kin.*

name .....

venue .....

funeral director .....

is the funeral pre-arranged / pre-paid? .....

preferred priest / clergy / celebrant .....

casket choice (if known) .....

music for service .....

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readings / poems .....

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hymns .....

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casket bearers .....

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preferred flowers .....

caterer .....

catering venue .....

donations to .....

burial or cremation

plot (if any) - new / reopen ashes - scatter / inter

doctor .....

solicitor .....

next of kin (and address) .....

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friends, relatives, clubs etc to be contacted .....

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# explaining

### VIEWING

Many people find that spending time with the deceased person before the funeral helps provide an acceptance of the death. This can be especially true for children.

We make every endeavour to meet the wishes of the family and friends during this period and simply ask that those wishing to view make an appointment

Alternatively, you may wish to have the body at home with you in the lead up to the funeral.

This is something that families are asking for more often these days, and it is your decision.

### CASKET SELECTION

Vospers provide a private casket selection lounge in our funeral home with a comprehensive range of caskets on display offering a choice of styles, wood finishes and colours. Your choice will balance what you can afford, what is practical and what you see as a fitting tribute. Eco-friendly options are available.

### EMBALMING

Vospers employ fully qualified embalmers to ensure hygienic preservation and natural presentation. Embalming is a personal choice and is recommended if you wish to have viewings, the deceased at home, have them transported some distance, or there is a period of delay before the funeral service.

### CASKET BEARERS

Normally four or six casket bearers are required to carry the casket at the funeral service and, if required, at the place of committal. Casket bearers are usually family, special friends, or people from organisations the deceased person belonged to.

### LASTING MEMORIALS

The funeral service may be recorded on audio, video or DVD as a lasting memorial. Vospers has a personalised memorial book available for people to sign when they arrive for the funeral service as a record of those present on the day. A photo board and easel are also available for the family to use to display at the funeral.

### FLORAL TRIBUTES

Vospers can arrange flowers to be placed on the casket and, if required, floral arrangements at the funeral service.

After the funeral, floral tributes can stay with the casket or be taken home, sent to a hospital or rest home, left on the grave or delivered elsewhere.

### DONATIONS

Where there has been a request that donations be made (in lieu of flowers) Vospers supply a donation box and all donations are collected ready to be passed on to the named charity.

### CREMATION OR BURIAL?

The deceased may already have chosen whether they wish to be buried or cremated, otherwise it is usually the family's decision.

Burial involves purchasing a plot, which includes a maintenance fee, paying an interment fee to cover the cost of preparing the grave, and buying a memorial or headstone. For many people, having a grave with a fitting memorial can be an important part of the grieving process. Burials are usually limited by law to official cemeteries or Maori burial grounds.

Cremation provides more flexibility when choosing a final resting place. Ashes can be buried in a cemetery or placed in a special ashes memorial area, scattered in a garden, at sea, or in a favourite place.

If cremation is chosen, the casket and body are cremated at a very high temperature in a cremator. The process is heavily regulated: there is only room for one casket and all the ashes are taken out before it is used again. After cremation, the ashes are placed in a simple plastic container and can later be transferred into a memorial urn. Vospers has a range of urns available to purchase for you to select from.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is also appropriate to acknowledge those who have helped you and supported you during this period. A special card or letter may be sent as an acknowledgement of kindness, words of comfort or special contributions to the funeral. Vospers can arrange to print these for you.