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Pagan Life Rites Funeral Services.

When a Loved One has died.

When the death of someone close to us occurs, whether sudden or expected, it is a time of great sadness and Loss.

We at Pagan Life Rites understand this sad loss and are here to offer you, your family and friends a spiritual service which is a personal and caring way to assist your loved one to continue their journey onto the next stage of being.

It is Pagan Life Rites' commitment to people in our pagan community, whether the person was a member of a pagan group, or just felt a connection to the Pagan path to divinity, to offer them a service at their and their family's time of need.

Pagan funerals are a time for the family and tribe to gather together to express their loss and love for the person who has left us. It is also a time to celebrate the life of our passed one and to remember our own personal connection and to say thank you for their contribution to our own lives.

The funeral directors will deal with the practical funeral arrangements. i.e. the opening of a grave and choosing a plot, if that has not already been done, or arranging crematorium times, casket, cars, flowers, etc.

The pagan celebrant will, with the family, arrange the service which best suits their requirements and needs. For example, we can hold a ceremony in a funeral home, a permitted woodland setting, or other permitted open air place before moving to the final resting place or crematorium.

If your loved one has decided on interment, you might choose a shorter ceremony at the graveside, and hold a further ceremony of remembrance at a venue of your choice, this might be your home or garden, a hotel, or a sacred place that your loved one was connected to in spirit.

Pagan Life Rites celebrants are trained priests and priestesses, we understand and are sensitive to bereavement and its sense of loss to families and friends. We will work closely with you and the funeral directors to ensure the arrangements are fitting to your needs. Whatever ceremony within the pagan spirituality ethic you choose, is

entirely up to you. We will be happy to guide and advise you at this sad time to make the ceremony a fitting tribute to your loved one and family.

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The service offered by our funeral celebrants is as follows:

- We will meet with the family and/or friends who are most closely connected with the person who has died. This is done in order to learn more about that person and ensure that the funeral service justly captures their life and personality.
- We will incorporate your loved one's spiritual beliefs and ethos into the ceremony.
- We will make ourselves as available as possible, should you have any queries with regard to the funeral service.
- We will, where appropriate, advise on practical matters, such as options for the committal, or the amount of time available for the ceremony at the crematorium, and ensure that the funeral service we have created with you does not exceed this time.
- We will listen to and incorporate your ideas on music and/or readings and provide suggestions if needed, although we do recommend music that was part of the loved one's life.
- We will share our ideas with you and your loved ones, and draw on our experience when appropriate
- We will act as a liaison with all those involved in the ceremony, for example, if you have requested that someone read a tribute or a poem or an appropriate piece of prose, they will be ready at the allotted time in the ceremony.
- Together with you and your memories as a guide, we will create a unique ceremony that is an absolutely fitting remembrance and celebration your loved one's life.
- We will be a calm presence on the day, leading the ceremony with warmth and dignity.
- We will give you a presentation copy of the final script of the funeral ceremony.

When you want to make arrangements for yourself while still living.

We don't think about our own death often, particularly when we are feeling healthy and alive. But it can do no harm to occasionally think about it and what arrangements you would like to put in place, so that your family know what you would personally like.

There are more options open to us now in terms of what to do and the costs can vary considerably. For example, there are green burials and water cremations as well as ordinary cremations and burials in County Council cemeteries.

The first thing to do is to clarify in your own mind what you would like, and get it down in writing. Make sure you have your wishes clearly stated.

In order to make this easier, you can go to your local funeral director and discuss the options and costings.
It is important to make sure that your next of kin are aware of your wishes, as it is they who will be handling the practicalities.

We at Pagan Life Rites would be very happy to discuss with you, your final wishes and will hold then in trust for you until they are needed, making sure that one of our clergy is available to carry them out for you.

Water cremation- Resomation Pure Reflections, Navan, Co. Meath
https://www.purereflections.ie/

Green Burials
Woodbrook Natural Burial Ground, Killane, Co. Wexford
https://www.greengraveyard.com/

Knockma Woodland Burials, Tuam, Co. Galway
https://www.knockmawoodlandburial.com/