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“We’re here to help you with advice and guidance.”

This brochure is designed to help you choose a coffin, casket or urn and we are here to help you with your decision. You will see from the descriptions, that some coffins may not be suitable for cremation, because of the material and local regulations at the crematorium. We also offer a limited range of designs suitable for children and we can help and advise you on this.

Some things to consider:

Including Personal Items

You may want to place personal items in the coffin, for example photographs, letters, cards, medals or flowers. If you have chosen a cremation, some items may have to be removed before the cremation takes place, as some materials cannot be cremated. We will advise you about this.

Religious and Cultural Requirements

Every coffin has a nameplate. If you want any religious or other symbols on the coffin we have a wide range available, including Asian and non-Christian symbols. We have cords and tassels for traditional Scottish funerals.

Care of the Ashes

After a cremation you will need to decide the final resting place of the ashes. You can keep the ashes in an urn, scatter them or bury them. You don’t need to make a decision straightaway.

If you would like to place the ashes in an urn, we have a range of urns and ashes caskets which are shown in this brochure. We can help and advise you.

Memorials

Memorials are a way to remember our loved ones and can range from headstones at a grave to a simple flower in a garden of remembrance. Memorials provide comfort for many people, giving them a place to visit to remember the person who has died.

When choosing a memorial it is important that you have time to reflect on your decision and understand the different regulations that may affect your choice. We can help you with your choice of memorial after the funeral.
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Our Coffin & Casket Range

The Glen Coffin
Finished in a Sapele mahogany effect with a white taffeta interior.

The Consort Coffin
Finished in a gloss teak effect with a white taffeta interior.

The County Coffin
Finished in a gloss walnut effect with engraved side panels and a white taffeta interior.

Please note that we reserve the right to change the specification of all our coffins, caskets or urns. For prices, please see our separate price list.
Responsibly made in Britain

The majority of Dignity coffins are British made in our manufacturing facility in Hutton Cranswick, East Yorkshire.

In choosing a coffin we are aware that caring for the environment is an important consideration for many of our clients.

Our aim is to provide you with excellent quality and service whilst looking to reduce any impact on the environment.

The Herald Coffin

Finished in a light gloss oak effect with decorative side panels and a white taffeta interior.

The Priory Coffin

Finished in a light oak satin veneer with brass effect handles and white satin interior.

The Balmoral Coffin

Finished in an oak veneer with moulded panel lid, solid wood handles and brass effect fittings with a white quilted satin interior.
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The Cathedral Coffin
Finished in a gloss mahogany veneer with engraved panels, distinctive solid wood and silver effect fittings with a white quilted satin interior.

The Sentinel Casket
Finished in a gloss oak veneer with panelled sides, eight swing bar handles and a hinged lid with a white quilted satin interior.

The Traditional Coffin
Made in solid oak with double panels and raised lid, brass effect metal handles with a satin interior and an extra deep frill. A version of this coffin is available for cremation.

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The Opal Coffin
Made in solid oak with a high gloss finish, this coffin has six antiqued bronze effect cast metal handles and a tufted superior satin interior suite, with lace edging. It may not be suitable for cremation.

The Royale Coffin
Made in fine solid oak with a hand polished finish, this coffin has antiqued brass finish handles and a tufted superior satin interior suite, with lace edging.

The Last Supper Coffin
A solid wood construction with moulded panels depicting The Last Supper. It has cast metal handles and a tufted superior satin interior suite, with lace edging. It may not be suitable for cremation.
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The Sapphire Coffin
A solid hardwood construction with a high gloss mahogany finish. This coffin has six antiqued bronze handles and a tufted superior satin interior suite, with lace edging. It may not be suitable for cremation.

The Autumn Oak Casket
A solid oak construction with an Autumn oak satin finish. The coffin has wooden swing bar handles with a rosetan crepe interior. It may not be suitable for cremation.

Metal Casket
Metal caskets are also available. For more information on them, please ask our arranger. This casket is not suitable for cremation or certain cemeteries.

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Our Urns & Ashes Caskets Range

The Imperial

The Richmond

Mardale

The Riverside

Child’s White

Child’s Mahogany

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The Dignity promise

Every Dignity funeral director is rigorously monitored to ensure that its client service, premises and vehicles are of the highest standard. By choosing a Dignity funeral director you can be confident that:

We are compassionate and caring:
- We never forget that this is one of the worst times in someone’s life. We always treat people with compassion, respect and care.

We are open, honest and straightforward:
- We help our clients by providing clear and straightforward information that enables them to make informed choices. We are transparent about our fees and there are no hidden extras.

We spend as much time as the client needs:
- We spend as much time with our clients as they need, whether it’s when they first contact us, during the arrangements for the service, or choosing a memorial or funeral plan.

We pay attention to detail:
- We know that for our clients every detail is important. We take care and time to make sure we get every detail right.

We keep in contact:
- We keep in regular contact with our clients. They always understand what is happening; who is looking after them and they are confident that we understand their wishes.

Dignity ~ The ultimate funeral professionals

Dignity is a British company that has funeral homes in towns and cities across the UK. We strive to set the highest standards for the funeral profession in terms of client service and care for the deceased.

At Dignity we are funeral people – it’s all we do. Dignity funeral directors have a rich heritage. Our oldest funeral home was established in 1812 and the majority of our businesses have been serving their local community for generations.

Our funeral directors and arrangers come from the cities and towns they serve or families that have been in the funeral profession for generations. This means they understand local traditions and can help our clients every step of the way from registering the death to explaining all the options so that families can have the service they want for their loved one.

A Dignity funeral director provides a complete service and there are no hidden extras. We are completely transparent about our pricing, providing a price list and written quotation for each client at the time the funeral is arranged, so you know exactly how much the funeral will cost.

By choosing a Dignity funeral director you can be sure that you are choosing the ultimate funeral professionals.
Dignity and the environment

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Our aim is to provide our clients with excellent quality and service whilst looking to reduce any impact on the environment.

To this end Dignity have gained accreditation with the internationally recognised standard of environmental best practice; ISO14001.

What does this mean?
At Dignity we aim to continually improve our environmental performance and we are therefore committed to:

• Caring for the environment and prevention of pollution.
• Operating the business to the environmental systems required by ISO14001.
• Abiding by all relevant environmental legislation and applicable requirements.
• Minimising waste, promoting recycling, reducing energy and raw material consumption, and reducing harmful emissions.
• Working with suppliers to promote positive environmental actions.

• Continually improving our environmental performance by setting objectives, actions and targets.
• Communicating our policy within our organisation and to the public.

These aims are accomplished through our Environmental Management System which is regularly audited and reviewed to monitor that it is achieving the aims of our Environmental Policy.

FSC: Forestry Stewardship Council
The majority of our coffins are FSC certified. This certification ensures that the wooden products used in our coffin manufacturing come from forests that are managed to high standards. These standards include social, environmental and economic issues.

Our FSC system ensures traceability of the wood from the forests through all stages of processing and distribution. We also have systems to monitor the purchase, handling and sales of FSC wooden products.
Dignity contact information

If you would like to find out more about Dignity or to find your local Dignity branch please visit; www.dignityfunerals.co.uk.

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