



Price Scenarios

Price Scenarios can sometimes be helpful for you to get a feel for what the final cost of a funeral will be. We have created 10 scenarios which may give you a better understanding of what your funeral may cost. Every funeral is made up of different elements, so every funeral will be different, however the following scenarios will give you an idea of what costs will likely make up the final funeral account.



Scenario One – \$13,999.50 (GST Inc)

This family wish to have a service at our Harbour City Funeral Home Chapel followed by a reception in our chapel lounge; they are expecting about 75 people to attend.

There will be viewing at our funeral home during the days prior to the service taking place and a notice will be printed in The Dominion Post.

A celebrant will be engaged who will meet with the family to determine the structure of the service.

To reflect a love of tramping and the outdoors, they have chosen a natural eco casket topped with a natural bunch of native flora.

Following the cremation, the family intends to scatter the ashes at a special place.

- *Funeral service at our funeral home Chapel*
- *Celebrant*
- *Eco Casket– Rimu with wooden handles*
- *Professional service fee*
- *Transfer fee*
- *Full mortuary care*
- *1 x newspaper notice – The Dominion Post and placed online with tributes.co.nz*
- *Music*
- *Flowers – natural native bunch*
- *Service sheets for 75*
- *Photographic tribute*
- *Web-streamed live for overseas family and friends*
- *Hearse Hire*
- *Refreshments for 60*
- *Cremation at local Crematorium*
- *Death certificate*



Scenario Two – \$14,573.00 (GST Inc)

This family wish the ceremony to take place in their local church and be led by their minister; they are expecting about 120 people to attend and want a personalised Memorial Register available for attendees to record their memories in.

They choose a traditional raised lid veneer casket which will be carried into the church as a part of the service and then following the funeral, buried in a family plot in the local cemetery.

An organist will play pre-service, accompany the hymns and also at the recessional.

Flowers are important to this family and they have supplied a large beautiful and bright bunch made with a combination of pieces picked from their collective gardens.

Refreshments will be supplied onsite but served in the church hall by the church group.

- *Funeral service at a Church*
- *Minister*
- *Traditional raised lid casket*
- *Professional service fee*
- *Transfer fee*
- *Partial mortuary care*
- *2 x Newspaper notices and placed online with tributes.co.nz*
- *Organist*
- *Service sheets for 120*
- *Memorial register*
- *Refreshments for 100, church group serving*
- *Hearse hire*
- *Church donation and verger fees*
- *Burial in local cemetery*
- *Death certificate*



Scenario Three – \$6,105.00 (GST Inc)

This family have requested us to transfer their father from his residential address during the morning and embalm him.

The Whānau will come into the funeral home when the embalming has been completed so that they can dress him and transport him to their home Marae on the East Coast.

There will be a Karakia and prayers at the funeral home prior to leaving for the East Coast. All of this will occur during normal office hours.

They have chosen a standard Rimu casket.

They have decided not to have any notices in the newspaper as they will contact all of their friends using Facebook.

- *Funeral service at an out of town Marae*
- *Standard Rimu Casket*
- *Professional service fee*
- *Transfer fee*
- *Full mortuary care*
- *Death certificate*



Scenario Four – \$10,115.50 (GST Inc)

One of the key points for this family is that the funeral has an informal feel but is still respectful. To reflect this, they have chosen to hold the ceremony and refreshments at the local golf club; this will be advertised both in The Dominion Post and the Otago Daily Times.

A Red painted casket has been chosen to reflect that the deceased was absolutely mad about his Red 1938 Cadillac, a vintage hearse will be used on the day of the funeral service, the deceased will be at the family home for viewing for a few days prior to the service.

The funeral will be led by a celebrant and will include a photographic tribute, and service sheets for 150 people. We organise for the service to be video recorded and AV equipment and sound system hire for the venue but the refreshments at the conclusion of the service are supplied by the golf club and will include a few drinks.

They will conclude the formal part of the service by raising their glasses and the vintage hearse will leave for a private cremation following the service.

- *Service at Golf Club*
- *Celebrant*
- *Red Painted Casket*
- *Professional service fee*
- *Transfer fee*
- *Full mortuary care*
- *Casket to go home till day of service*
- *Newspaper notice in the Dominion Post and Otago Daily Times and placed online with tributes.co.nz*
- *Music*
- *Floral display for casket*
- *Service sheets for 150*
- *Memorial register*
- *Photographic tribute created by a family member*
- *Video recording of service*
- *Supply sound system, projector and screen hire at venue*
- *Vintage Hearse hire*
- *Refreshments to be paid by the family*
- *Cremation at local crematorium*
- *Death certificate*



Scenario Five – \$10,590.00 (GST Inc)

This family have chosen to hold a private service that is mostly for family members with a few invited friends at our chapel. Whilst they want to keep things simple, they do wish to reflect their grandfather's love of Hot Rod's, therefore his beloved car is parked up at the funeral home on the day of the funeral.

Instead of flowers it was decided that a vegetable tribute was more in keeping.

A celebrant will lead the service, keeping it low key in line with the family's wishes.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the casket will remain in the chapel and the family will head home for an informal barbecue lunch.

- *Private funeral at our Chapel*
- *Web-streamed live for overseas family and friends*
- *Celebrant*
- *Traditional flat lid veneer casket*
- *Professional service fee*
- *Transfer fee*
- *Partial mortuary care*
- *No newspaper notices*
- *Music*
- *Vegetable arrangement for casket*
- *Family own catering at home*
- *Cremation at local Crematorium*
- *Death certificate*

A lit white candle with a yellow flower in the background, set against a dark background.

Scenario Six: – \$6,238.00 (GST Inc)

The person who died didn't want a funeral. They had lived in a rest home suffering from dementia for several years and their only child lived overseas. Wanting to respect this decision the family opted for a no-service cremation. A number of friends wanted to spend time with the closed casket in our viewing room. This meant that after meeting with the family, we transferred the person from the rest home and after minimal mortuary care placed them in a very simple cremation casket. We carried out all of the legal requirements such as gathering the medical and cremation documentation and registering the death, before proceeding with the cremation. There was no viewing, no flowers, no service sheets or ceremony.

It would be our hope as professionals that despite not wanting a formal funeral service, the family would find the time to mark this life. This could be as simple as gathering together to share memories over dinner; or perhaps they may wish to organise a memorial service at a later date.

- *No service*
- *Shaped custom-wood casket*
- *Minimal mortuary care*
- *Professional service fee*
- *Transfer fee*
- *1 x Newspaper notice, local paper following the cremation and placed online with tributes.co.nz*
- *Cremation at a local Crematorium*
- *Death certificate*



Scenario Seven – \$17,681.00 (GST Inc)

This family have called us to advise us of the death of their mother at Wellington Hospital. They have requested that we transfer her back to the funeral home and would like us to embalm her and await further instructions which they will get from their family meeting later in the day.

We met with the family the following day and the family have chosen to have her funeral at the local Pacific Island Church in Newtown.

In keeping with their culture, they have come into the funeral home and dressed her, the casket they have chosen is a metal American Style casket. They would like her taken to the family home, and then transferred to the church for family services on three sperate nights, following the services in the Church each night, their mother is to be taken back to the family home. On the day of the funeral we are to transfer her to the Church and then following the service we are to take her to the Whenua Tapu cemetery where she is to be buried in a new plot which is to be prepared double depth, so they can use this plot again in the future for their father.

We are to provide a casket spray of white flowers for the last family service which will be held the night prior to the funeral service. The family have requested that we place 3 notices into the newspaper, and that we design and print 300 service sheets for the day of the funeral.

- *Funeral service at a local Pacific Island Church*
- *American Style Metal casket*
- *Professional service fee*
- *Transfer fee*
- *Full mortuary care*
- *3 x newspaper notices – The Dominion Post and placed online with tributes.co.nz*
- *Formal Casket Spray of White Flowers*
- *Service sheets for 300 people which cover the family service and the Funeral Service*
- *Hearse Hire for three family services and returning to the family home after the services and use of the hearse on the day of the funeral.*
- *Burial Fee's at Whenua Tapu Cemetery*
- *Death certificate*



Scenario Eight: – \$9,399.00 (GST Inc)

This person died when one of the key family members was on an extended overseas holiday. It was agreed amongst the family that the most sensible thing to do would be for us to organise an immediate cremation and then hold a Memorial Service two weeks later when all of the family are able to attend.

They decided that the family would perform this informal ceremony in their late mothers' garden and have the ashes urn placed on a table under her favourite tree during this, before having them interred at a later date in the local council cemetery.

- *Service at home*
- *Celebrant*
- *Cremation casket*
- *Professional service fee*
- *Transfer fee*
- *Minimal mortuary care*
- *Cremation at a local Crematorium*
- *1 x Newspaper notice printed and placed online with tributes.co.nz*
- *Family will supply music*
- *Service sheets for 60*
- *Family own memorial register*
- *Family providing refreshments*
- *Ashes urn for service*
- *Ash plot and interment fee*
- *Death certificate*



Scenario Nine: \$14,758.00 (GST Inc)

There is a real connection to Old St Paul's in Wellington, the deceased was married there some 50 years earlier, all three of his children were married in this historic Church setting.

The Deceased was a furniture maker. Their mother had already died a few years ago and was buried at the local cemetery in a double plot. The solid wooden casket was a nod to a person who spent many years at the workbench with a genuine appreciation of beautiful timber.

Unfortunately, one of the grandchildren lives overseas and is unable to attend, however their contribution to the service is to format the photographic tribute along with a personal video message from themselves and the service will be livestreamed. Another grandchild will create and print the service sheets and a family friend who is a florist will supply the flowers for the casket and rose petals for the cemetery.

The service is held in Old St Paul's and then on to the cemetery and then everyone meets at a local bar for a less formal farewell drink.

- *Service at Old St Paul's*
- *Celebrant*
- *Solid wood mahogany casket*
- *Professional service fee*
- *Transfer fee*
- *Full mortuary care*
- *1 x Newspaper notice and placed online with tributes.co.nz*
- *Music*
- *Family own flowers*
- *Family provides service sheets*
- *Family formatting photographic tribute*
- *AV testing of photographic tribute and video message*
- *Livestream*
- *Hearse hire*
- *Burial in pre-purchased plot*
- *Refreshments at a local bar*
- *Death certificate*



Scenario Ten – \$9,390.00 (GST Inc)

This family have called us to advise us of the death of their mother at their residence in Miramar. They have requested that we transfer her back to the funeral home and would like us to embalm her and when she is ready to dress the daughters and aunts will come in to dress her and assist in placing her into the selected casket. We have organised to collect the relevant medical papers and arranged for the Medical referee to authorise the cremation to take place in accordance with the family wishes.

The funeral has been organised to occur 4 days from when she died and will involve the deceased to be taken home on the day of her funeral for family prayers, prior to her being transferred to the Bharat Bhavan – Indian Cultural Centre in Kilbirnie. The family came to view her at the funeral home each day prior to the funeral.

The family have chosen a Raised Lid Rimu casket.

We will be organising a casket spray to be placed on the casket for the day of the funeral service.

The family don't want a notice in the Dominion Post as they will contact friends and family by Facebook and by the Indian community grapevine.

The family have requested a "witness cremation" in accordance with the Indian customs.

- *Funeral service at a local Indian Cultural Centre*
- *Raised Lid Rimu casket*
- *Professional service fee*
- *Transfer fee*
- *Full mortuary care*
- *Casket Spray*
- *Hearse Hire to take the deceased to the family home and then to the church and later to the crematorium.*
- *Cremation Fee at Harbour City Crematorium*
- *Death certificate*