

Arrangements for Funerals - information for your next-of-kin

In France, funerals will normally be held within 6 days of a death - more quickly than is the custom elsewhere. Cremation can take place within 3 days of death. Please note that in the case of cremation, written evidence is required from the next-of-kin, executor or other responsible person, that this was the wish of the deceased.

After a death, the first contact should be a doctor, who will sign the death certificate. Then the Funeral Director (*Pompes Funèbres*) is the next port of call. They will transport the deceased to either a mortuary or home location, and are responsible for arranging the cremation or burial. If there is to be a religious ceremony (in church, at the graveside, or at the crematorium), this needs to be made very clear to the Funeral Director from the outset. This is particularly important in the case of cremation since, once the time has been set, it is very difficult to change.

In cases where a religious ceremony in church is desired, the local priest (*or Curé*) will need to be informed. A representative of the Anglican Chaplaincy will also need to be contacted, and this should be done before the Funeral Director has set the date and time for the burial/cremation.

Next it is important to inform the town hall (*Mairie*) of the death as soon as possible. This is a service which can be provided by the Funeral Director.

The British Consulate in Bordeaux is very happy to help in the event of a death and will provide practical advice and counsel. Telephone: 05 57 22 21 10 or Email: gb@bordeaux.fco.gov.uk

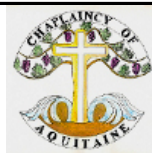
Do remember to ensure that if you have any really important wishes about your funeral or your estate, they are properly recorded in your will.

Also remember that the disposition of property (houses, buildings, land, etc.) is subject to French law. If this might be a problem, seek advice from your Notaire, or lawyer with a knowledge of French law.



Your family, friends, or executors will have to make important decisions quickly. This form is designed to assist you to make your wishes clear to them so that their task is easier.

When it is completed, store it with your private papers, or keep it with your will.



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The Chaplaincy of Aquitaine



What if I should die in France?

Funerals in France are organised quickly. This form will help you think through your wishes, and leaves a record of them for others who might need them.

The Chaplaincy is part of the Anglican Diocese in Europe and works in association with the Intercontinental Church Society.

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Name:

Address:

Name and Address of Next-of-Kin:

Have you made a will?

If so, where is it kept? (Give details)

Name and address of solicitor:

(If provided, this information may be of some help)

DETAILS OF FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

1. Do you wish your funeral service to be conducted according to the rites of the Church of England, Roman Catholic Church, Eglise Réformée or another Christian denomination? (Please specify any of these)

2. Would you like a service in church? If so, where would you prefer?

3. Do you wish to be cremated or buried?

4. Do you wish the ceremony to be held in France? Where exactly?

If elsewhere, where?

5. If you wish to be cremated in France what do you wish to be done with your ashes?

THE FUNERAL SERVICE

1. Are there any special hymns you like? (Suggest three)

2. Any special Bible Readings? (Suggest two)

3. Any other readings?

4. Any other special requests (music etc.)?

Name:

Signature :

Place :

Date :