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FUNERAL DIRECTORS



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————— *Your guide* —————

*The last  
lament*





*When we first meet, there are many decisions to be made.*

*This guide shares our years of experience of the many ways a life can be celebrated.*

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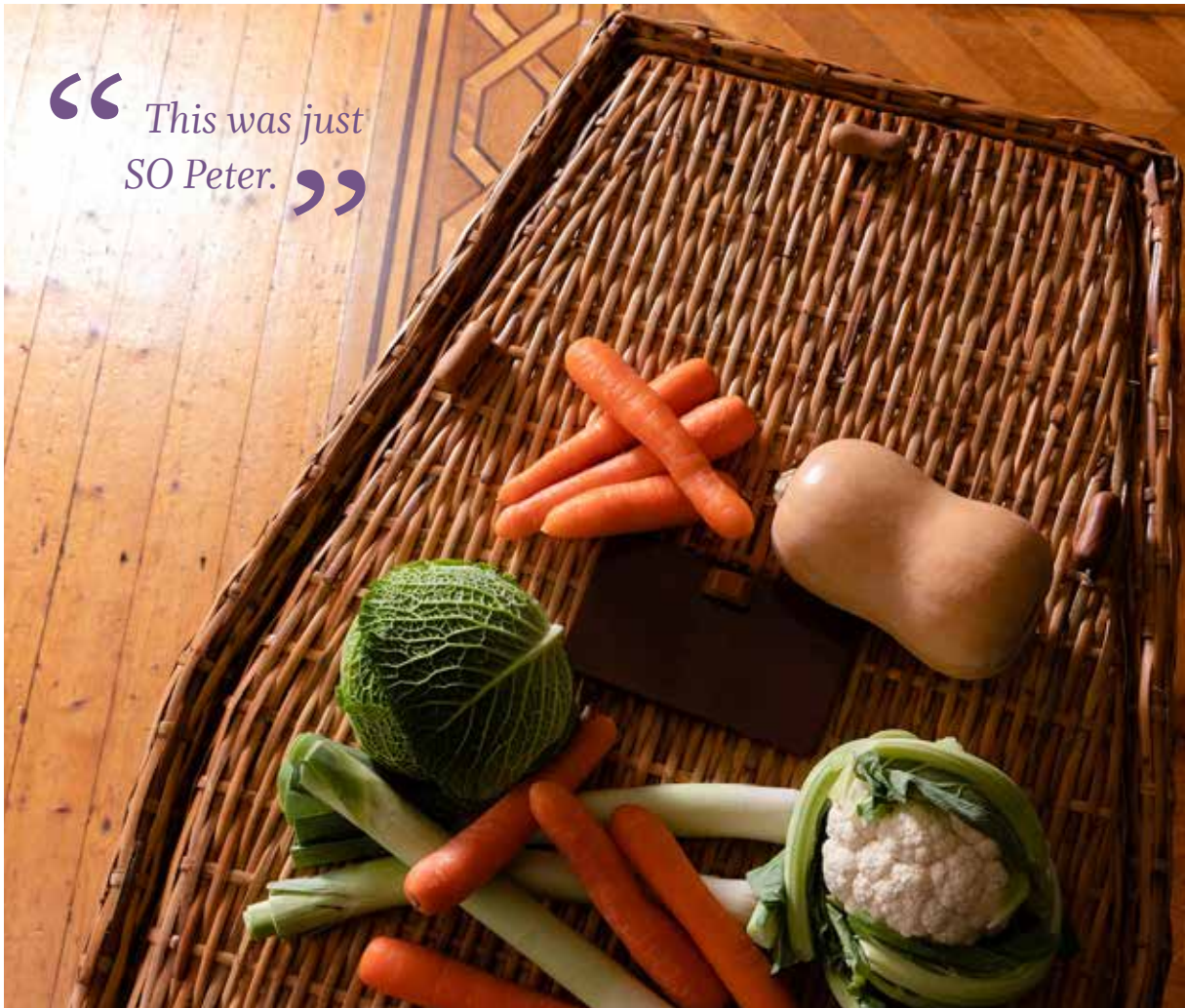
# I didn't know you could do that

## Getting it just right

Arranging a funeral that is unique and personal is what we do best. From the simplest of gestures to an extravagant event, the possibilities are limitless. Our initial arranging meeting will cover

the main elements that make up the funeral. Please use this guide for further inspiration and reflection shared from our years of experience in getting the final farewell “just right”.

“ This was just SO Peter. ”



## *The most thoughtful gestures cost nothing*

Actions speak louder than words and we have lots of experience where a loved one's legacy is captured without



any fuss. Creative ways to celebrate a much loved personality is just a conversation away.



*“ The funeral director simply gave me a rose from the tribute to keep with me always. ”*

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# Arriving in style

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## Hearses



Our fleet is the latest Mercedes Benz in our distinctive silver colour. Alternative hearses are also available and we can also provide additional transport options for families and large groups of mourners.



Horse drawn hearse



VW bus hearse



London bus

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*“ He was a Harley man through and through so it was a no-brainer to use a Harley hearse. ”*

## Routes of significance

From start to finish, we can plan a suitable route that may include current and former family homes, local neighbourhoods, sports club, places of work, favourite spots, landmarks even “The Local”.

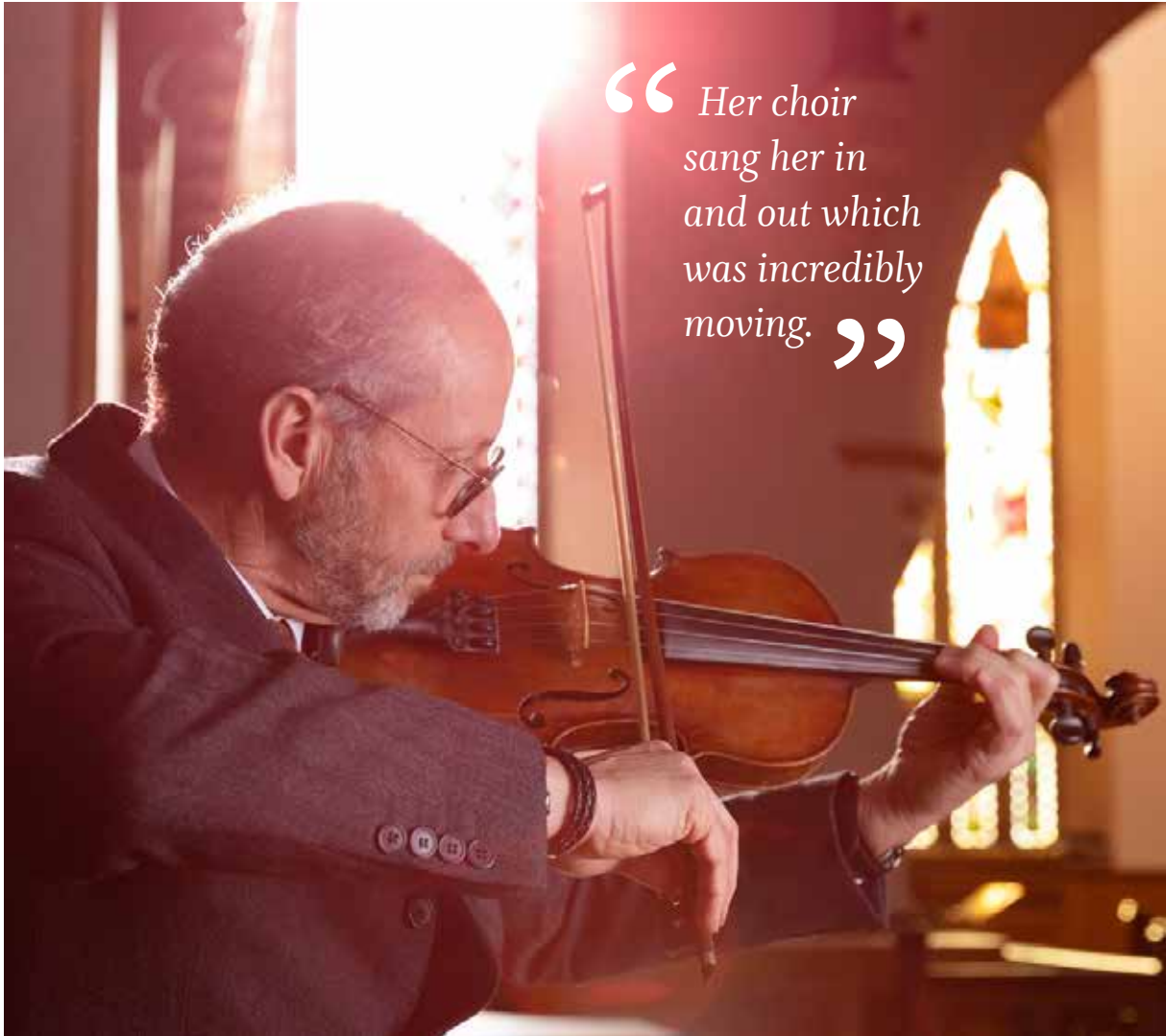
*“ The streets were lined with friends and neighbours paying their respects which meant the world to us. ”*

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# A memorable service

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## *Played in*



“ Her choir sang her in and out which was incredibly moving. ”

Let music help make an entrance and set the tone for a celebration of life. From pre-recorded tunes to live performances, we can guide you and source musicians, choirs, or soloists. These performances can be recorded as a keepsake too.





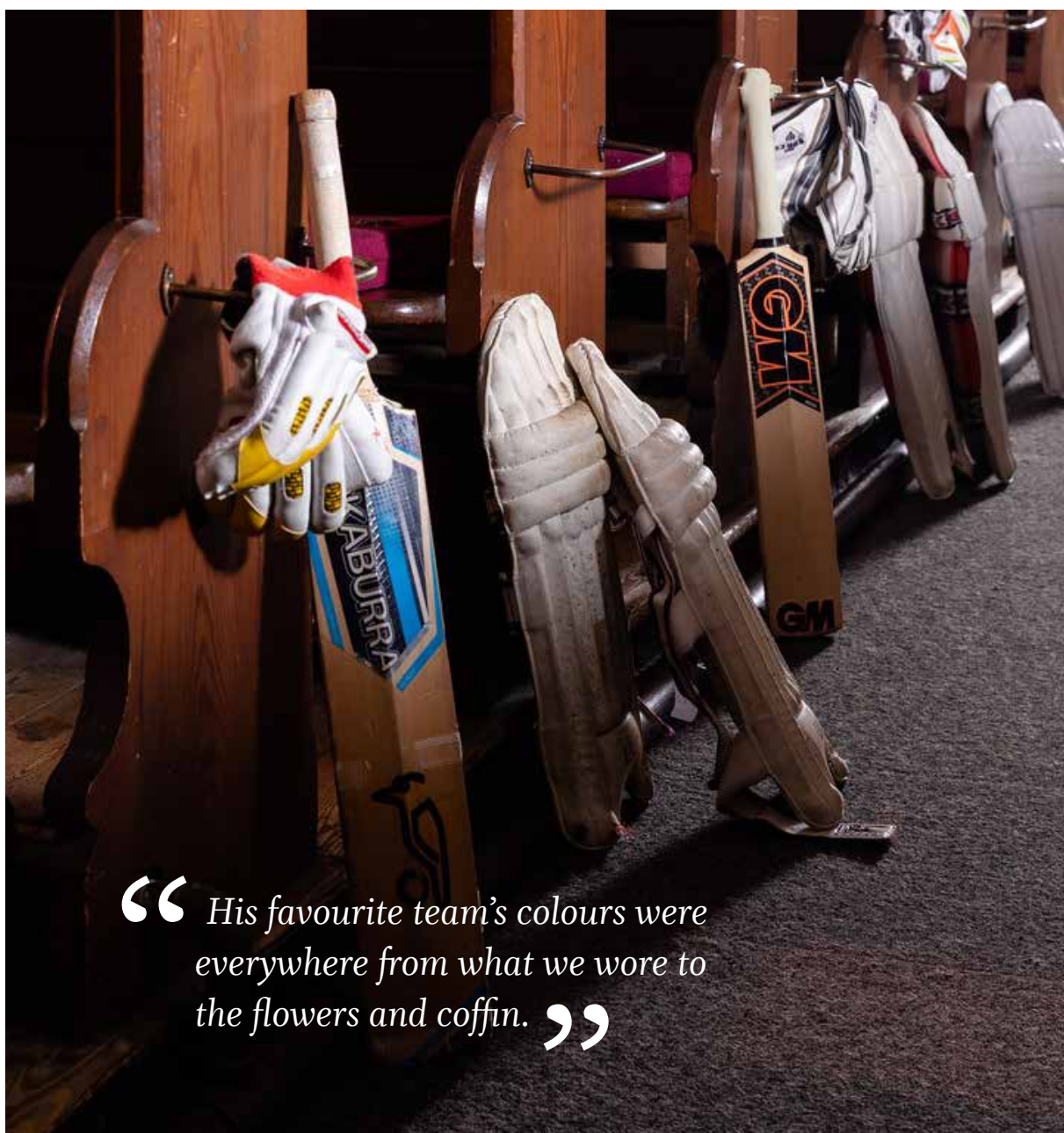
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## Dress codes

From club ties and other uniforms to a single colour representing a favourite sports team, mourners are often invited to follow a dress code.

We can also help style the service space with flowers of items that reflect the same themes.



“ His favourite team's colours were everywhere from what we wore to the flowers and coffin. ”



# A memorable service

## Decoration

Whilst coffins today can be printed in different patterns, colours and styles, we can personalise these with flags, sports equipment, books or a few of their favourite things. And these can be interactive too just like a post-it coffin we did reflecting someone's well known habit for having reminders all over her house.

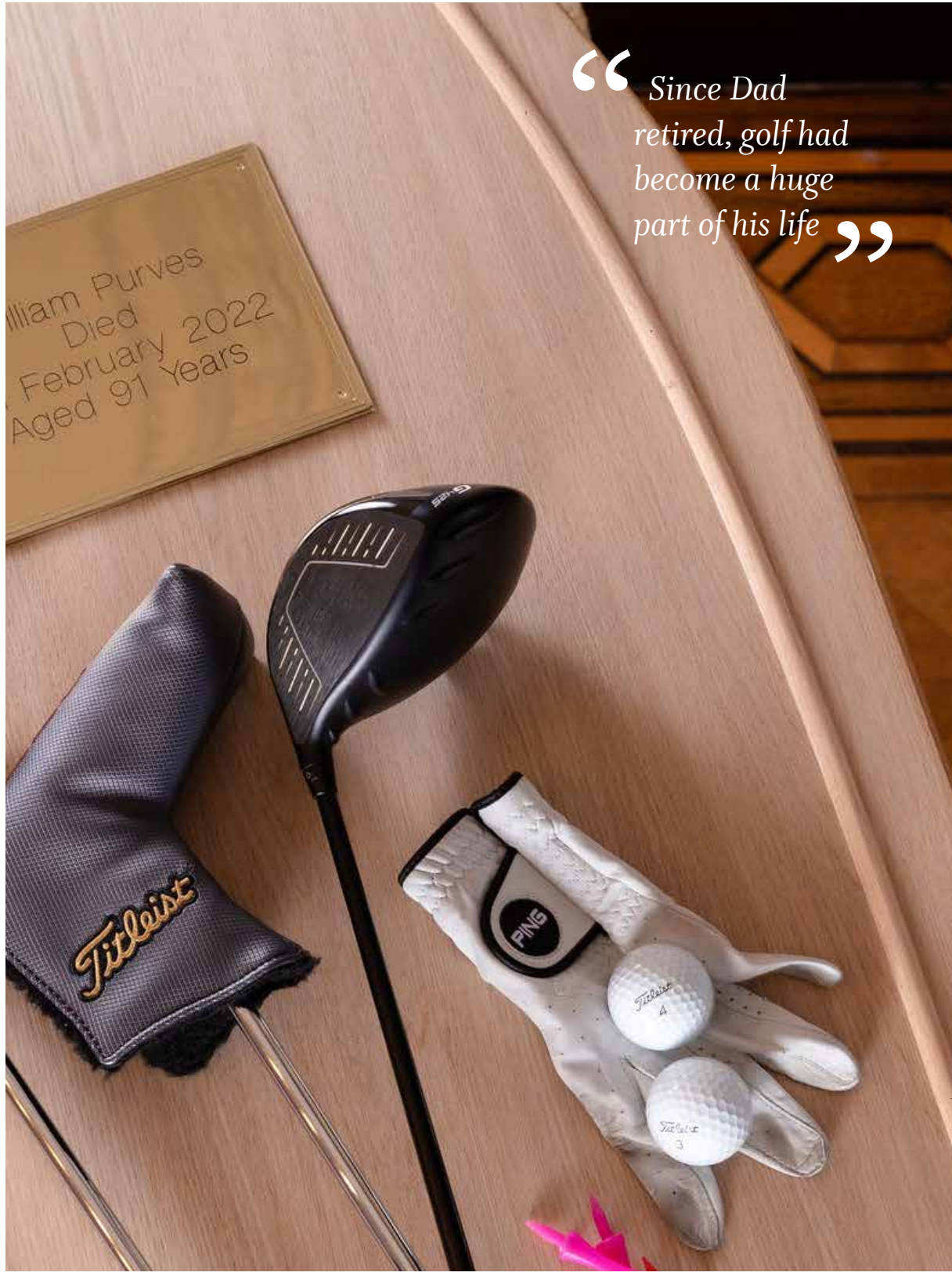
“ She had post-it notes for everything. The funeral director suggested we use them to say farewell at the church. ”



*Always a patriot*

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“ Since Dad retired, golf had become a huge part of his life ”

William Purves  
Died  
February 2022  
Aged 91 Years

Titleist

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Titleist 4

Titleist 3



# A memorable service

## Capturing their personality

Cushions from her home used to decorate the pews in church, flowers from his garden, a prized collection on display. Families can use a loved one's belongings to help decorate service spaces or dress a coffin.

“ His Lego collection was shared with everyone that came – it took a while to hand out but we spoke to every single person who'd made the time to pay their respects. ”



*Cushions from home*



*Flowers from their own garden*



*From the allotment*



*The musician*

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Our team frequently draw on the family's description of a loved one's favourite things to do and use these expressions to influence the celebration of their life. Whether they enjoyed frequent holidays or escaping to the country for a hillwalk, we'll work with families to ensure their final send-off is "just right".

Some of these ideas can also generate funeral favours for handing out to mourners such as: a packet of seeds, collection of favourite sweets, books from their library or other keepsakes.



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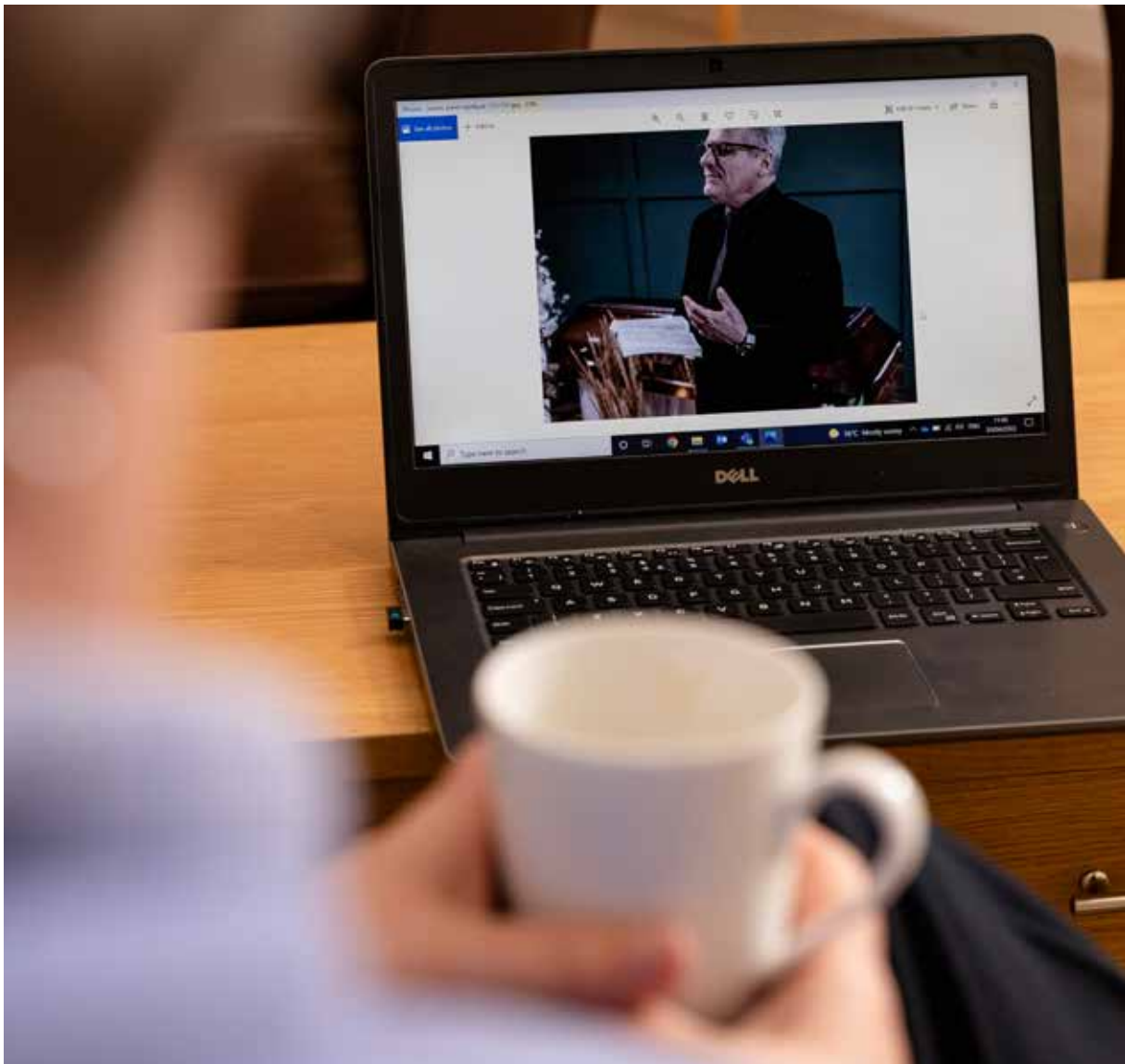
# Technology

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## Live stream

No matter where in the world people may be, they can be part of the funeral with our live streaming and web-cast options from churches and crematoria. Where possible, we can even do this at woodland, natural burials and cemeteries.

“ *Isolation and travel restrictions were in place so no-one missed out on mum’s funeral.* ”



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## *Additional AV support*

For venues that anticipate larger numbers, we can provide external and internal screens with AV support to ensure as many people can pay their respects and be part of the farewell. We've even arranged a drive-thru funeral in a farmer's field so no-one was excluded.

## *Digital tributes*



Our technical team can help prepare digital tributes, bringing together photo, written and video contributions from any number of family and friends. Saved to a USB, they can be shared with anyone and kept as a memento of the funeral.

“ It felt like Mum was in the room, as we managed to get some video of her alongside all the tributes from the family and former colleagues. ”

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## *Leave a legacy*

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### *Somewhere to go*

Graves with memorial stones and markers as well as memorial trees, plants, plaques, benches are just some of the ways we can help you create a place to return to time after time.

“ *We wanted somewhere to go, reflect, and remember him so a seat in his favourite park was perfect.* ”



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### *For future generations*

Bursaries, prizes, an annual sporting event are just some of the ways we've helped families leave a legacy in the name of their loved one for future generations.

“ *Every year we get a thank you letter from someone who won the prize in Dad's name.* ”

# Leave a legacy

## Ashes

Ashes can be stored in urns or caskets. These can be used as objet d'art or for interment at a later date. Caskets can be from the same material as the coffin and most are bio-degradable. We have a wide variety of styles, materials and designs to choose from.

Scatter tubes also come in a range of designs and styles as well as sizes enabling families to easily disperse the ashes. For those that want to go out with a bang, we can arrange for fireworks displays, at-sea scattering, or dispersal with a difference.



*A variety of scatter tube designs are available*



*Scatter tube*



*Newton ashes casket*



*Wicker ashes casket*



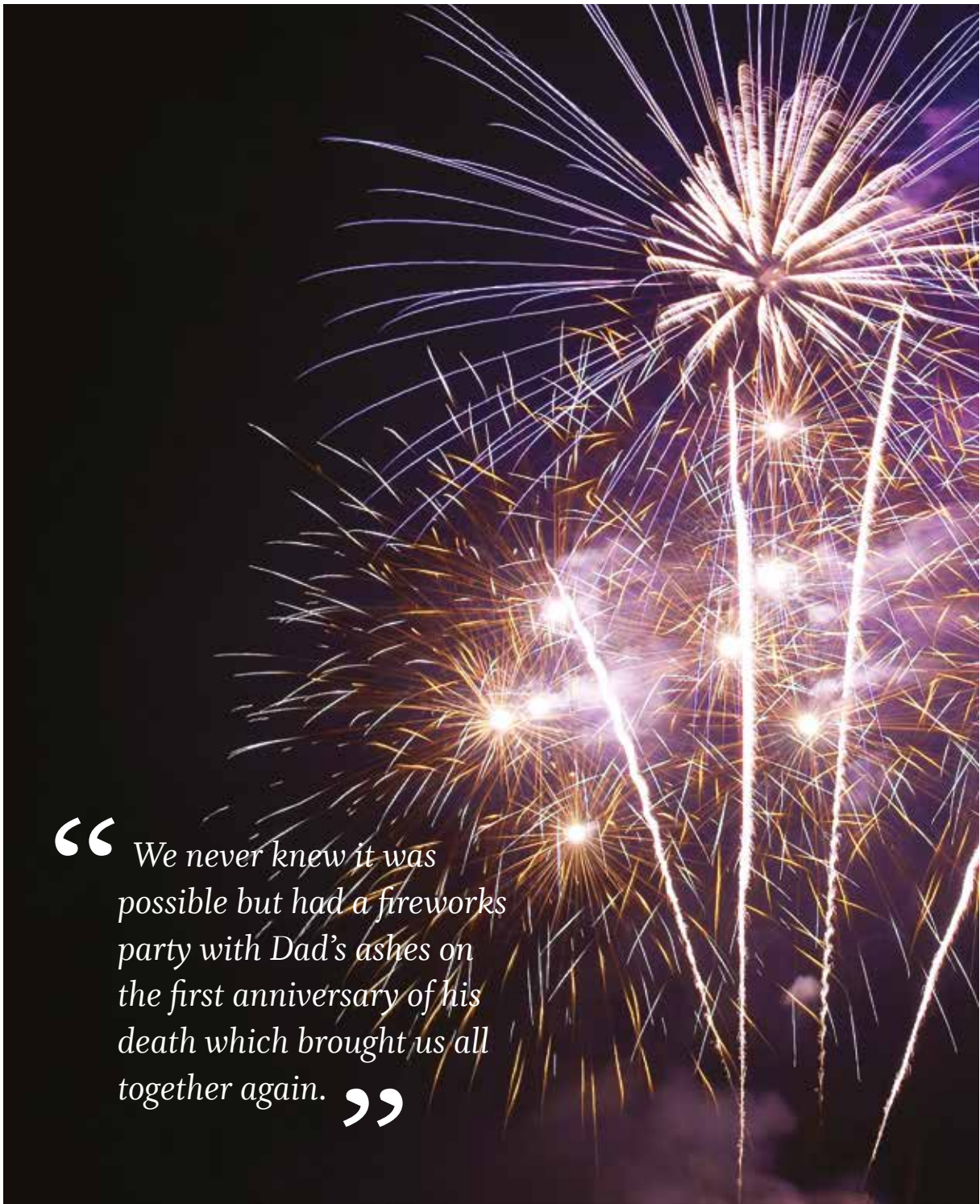
*Wool ashes casket*



*Seagrass urn*

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*“ We never knew it was possible but had a fireworks party with Dad’s ashes on the first anniversary of his death which brought us all together again. ”*

# Keep a memento

## Make it meaningful

A memento of someone special is a personal and meaningful way of sharing their legacy at a funeral.

“ She was a book worm, so sharing her collection made total sense. ”



### Meaningful personal keepsake ideas

- Cord tassels from the coffin
- A duplicate coffin name-plate
- Loved one's fingerprint as a print or in jewellery
- Loved one's cast of hand
- Ashes made into jewellery
- Ashes made into vinyls
- Personal mementos to remember someone by: seeds to plant, books from their library, or golf ball to play.



A digital tribute on a USB



A duplicate coffin name-plate



Cord tassels

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“ Twelve grandchildren and the four of us each got a piece of jewellery made from mum’s ashes to keep her close without being weird. ”

It’s possible to create jewellery and art from a loved one’s ashes: necklace pendants, rings and earrings are popular choices.

We can also take a finger print and cast this to jewellery pendants or make a cast of a loved one’s hand. Keeping them close in a dignified way can be helpful to some grieving families.



*Beautiful jewellery created from ashes*



*Finger print guitar pick*



*Art made from a loved ones ashes*



*Finger print on a pendant*



 | *A toast to...*

“ The funeral director noticed Dad’s malt collection and recommended we include this somehow in the service. What a great idea, and we said our goodbyes just as he would have wanted. ”



*Each funeral is unique  
Every funeral is special*

We love when we're asked to do something out of the ordinary.  
And we know how easily a single idea can transform a funeral  
into something unique and memorable.  
Lean on our experience when you need help the most.

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