Cremation Without Ceremony
Cremation Without Ceremony from Co-op Funeralcare is for those who would prefer a simpler choice for their funeral. It’s an alternative to a traditional funeral as there is no funeral service and no one present at the cremation. Regardless of how you’d like to say farewell, our caring team treat everyone with the same level of professionalism, integrity and care.

We’ve been doing right by families for generations, so you can trust us to do right by your loved one and right by you.

It’s who we are, it’s what we do.
What is Cremation Without Ceremony?

Why choose Co-op Funeralcare?
Each funeral is different, and every person unique. This belief is at the centre of what we do, and the way that we work. We take great pride in offering a professional, caring and sensitive service, taking care of loved ones and their families at their time of need.

What is Cremation Without Ceremony?
Cremation Without Ceremony from Co-op Funeralcare is for those, who for lots of reasons, prefer not to have a funeral service. This option of a simple, straightforward cremation is now being chosen by a growing number of people.

Cremation Without Ceremony is a funeral without the traditional service; we’ll arrange for the person who has died to be taken into our care and then for an unattended cremation at a crematorium of our choosing. The ashes can then be collected or scattered at the crematorium or we can arrange for them to be delivered to you. This type of funeral gives you the freedom to remember someone in your own way, whether that’s a quiet moment of reflection or a celebration of life at a time and place to suit you.

How do I decide if Cremation Without Ceremony is the right choice?
Today funerals are still celebrated as they were 100 years ago. But things are starting to change as we create more unique ways to say goodbye. There are many reasons why Cremation Without Ceremony may be right for you, such as:

- You want to have a separate remembrance or celebration of life away from a church or crematorium
- Family or friends live abroad or have poor health, which would make attending the funeral difficult
- A religious or traditional funeral is not in keeping with the principles of the person who has died
- It’s about fulfilling the wishes of the person who has died

Call one of our support team any time on 0800 029 4590.

If this service isn’t for you
If Cremation Without Ceremony isn’t what you’re looking for at this time, we can help you arrange a different type of funeral that does include a service that your friends and family can attend.

We can guide you through the options and explain everything at every step. Just contact your local funeral home, or find us online www.coop.co.uk/funeralcare
What does Cremation Without Ceremony cost?

Cremation Without Ceremony from Co-op Funeralcare costs £1,395*. Although Cremation Without Ceremony may cost less than a traditional funeral, you will still receive the same caring and compassionate service from us. All the cremation costs and fees are included, unlike other providers who may charge extra for services such as collecting your loved one out of hours, from home or a nursing home.

If you’re in Scotland the cost is £1,230 because laws around doctor’s certificates are different.

The payment must be made in full before the cremation can take place, but we can start to make arrangements before that.

Our professional Cremation Without Ceremony includes all the essential services you’d expect:

- Our professionally-trained team attend to all the necessary arrangements and guide you every step of the way
- We’ll arrange for the person who has died to be transferred in to our care
- Care and preparation of the person who has died
- A simple wood coffin, fully lined and fitted with a white interior
- A suitable vehicle to the crematorium
- Cremation fees for an unattended committal at the crematorium of our choice
- We won’t charge extra to collect the person who has died from a private residence or nursing home, or for a larger coffin if we need it

The crematorium will take care of the ashes, which you can collect, or we can arrange to have them scattered at the crematorium’s Garden of Remembrance. Alternatively if you’d like the ashes delivered to you, there’s a charge of £95. We would arrange a day and time which is convenient to you. The ashes will be placed in a grey eco-friendly scatter tube.

*price shown is for England and Wales, this service is not available in Northern Ireland.

It was just a god send to know that the Co-op could do exactly what my husband wanted. The funeral directors were excellent and kept me in the loop. I’d certainly recommend it if you only have a small family or no family.

Lynne, Sheffield
Important information about choosing Cremation Without Ceremony

There are some restrictions with Cremation Without Ceremony and we want to be clear about what’s not included so you know what to expect.

- As part of this service once we’ve brought the person who has died in to our care family and friends will not be able to visit the deceased

- It’s not possible to choose what date or time you would like the cremation to take place but we’ll always let you know what day it will be

- The location of the crematorium is of our choosing

- No mourners including family or friends are able to attend the crematorium on the day

- No additional extra products and services can be added to this choice of cremation other than arranging delivery of the ashes

Mum had said ‘I don’t want any fuss, I just want to be cremated and you can scatter my ashes with dad’.
The Co-op listened… it was simple, tender, caring, thoughtful and speedy. It couldn’t have been more appropriate.

Kathy, Colwyn Bay
You want the funeral to feel right and fitting for both the person who has died and for the ones who are left behind. No matter your choice of funeral, we’re with you every step of the way.
Step-by-step guide

How does Cremation Without Ceremony work?
Everything you need to know about arranging a Cremation Without Ceremony.

1. Let’s talk.
Our team of trained professionals are here to guide you through every step of the way. They’re available anytime, any day on 0800 029 4590. You can also visit the website coop.co.uk/cremation or, pop into one of our funeral homes local to you.

2. Cremation Without Ceremony choice.
We’ll explain to you in detail what the Cremation Without Ceremony includes so you can be clear if this is what you expected and would like to proceed.

3. We’ll take your loved one into our care.
We’ll arrange the transfer of your loved one in to our care, no matter the time of day you need us.

4. We’ll help with the paperwork.
We’ll send the documents you’ll need to sign and complete, this will include the agreement and an application for cremation.

In England and Wales this is the Cremation 1 Form and in Scotland this is Form A.

We can send these by email or post. If you have any queries when you receive these, you can contact us. It’s important to complete these and return them as soon as possible, along with the original certificate for cremation.

This is commonly known as the green certificate/form, or in Scotland, a Certificate of Registration of Death Form 14

Once we have all the paperwork we’ll proceed with finalising the arrangements.

5. How to pay.
Once we’ve sent all the documentation we’ll contact you to make payment. Payment can be made by using a credit or a debit card. You’ll need to pay within two working days from making the arrangement.

6. We’ll make all of the arrangements.
The date of the cremation will be confirmed, once we’ve received all the paperwork, processed payment and have your loved one in our care.

Our dedicated team of advisers will be in touch with you to confirm the date your loved one will be taken to the crematorium. This can give you peace of mind knowing that everything has been taken care of in a dignified, caring way and will give you a moment to reflect, should you wish to do so.

7. We’ll call you once the cremation has taken place.
We’ll contact you once your loved one’s ashes are ready to be collected or delivered to you. Alternatively, we can arrange for these to be delivered to you or scattered in the Garden of Remembrance at the crematorium.

Our Step-by-step guide is also available online www.coop.co.uk/cremation
Useful Information
How to register a death

Whether someone dies at home, in a nursing home or in hospital, you’ll need to arrange for a doctor to fill in a Medical Certificate of Cause of Death. This will be required for you to register the death. We can’t register the death for you, but below we’ve included some helpful information on how to do this. We’ll need the death to be registered before we can complete the final arrangements.

Who registers the death?
The person who registers the death is usually a relative of the person who has died. If no relatives are available, then the death can be registered by:

- Anyone who was there when the person died
- Someone who lives in the place where the person died
- The person who’s taking responsibility for arranging the funeral

The person who registers the death will need to visit the local Registrar, which might mean making an appointment.

What you’ll need to give to the Registrar
The Registrar will need to know some things about the person who has died.

- Their full name
- Their place and date of birth
- Their home address
- The date of death, and where it happened
- Their occupation
- If they had a pension or an allowance from public funds
- If they were married. (If they were, the Registrar will need to know their living husband or wife’s date of birth)

The Registrar will also need to see their:

- Medical Certificate of Cause of Death in England and Wales, if in Scotland this is a Form 11
- National Health Service medical card (if you have it)
- Birth Certificate
- Marriage Certificate (if they were married)
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What the Registrar will do
They’ll issue a green certificate/form, or in Scotland, a Certificate of Registration of Death Form 14. We’ll need to have the original certificate sent to us along with the other documentation we sent you. Additional certified copies of the entry of death can be obtained from the Registrar for a small charge (these may be needed for legal or financial purposes).

If the death is sudden
Things are a bit different if the death is unexpected. The emergency doctor or the police will call in a specialist to find out exactly why and how the person died. In England and Wales, that’s the role of the Coroner. In Scotland, the Procurator Fiscal does that job. Registering a death might work a bit differently if the Coroner or the Procurator Fiscal is looking into the death. If that happens, we can talk to you about it and give you advice. You can’t register the death until the coroner/Procurator Fiscal gives permission.

A doctor or the police may report the death to a coroner/Procurator Fiscal if the:
- cause of death is unknown
- death was sudden and unexplained
- person who died was not visited by a medical practitioner during their final illness
- medical certificate isn’t available
- person who died wasn’t seen by the doctor who signed the medical certificate within 14 days before death or after they died
- death occurred during an operation or before the person came out of anaesthetic
- medical certificate suggests the death may have been caused by an industrial disease or industrial poisoning
- death was violent or unnatural

The Co-op talked me through all of the options and I was so relieved when they offered a cremation only, it was exactly right for my partner and the family. We were able to celebrate his life together, without the stress of a funeral.

George, Nottingham
Useful Contacts

If you need legal advice get in touch with our Legal Services team. Co-op Legal Services can provide you with free initial guidance on dealing with a deceased person’s estate. We give clear and straightforward advice on what is involved.

📞 0330 606 9437
📧 www.coop.co.uk/legalservices

To find out about the Social Fund, from the Department for Work and Pensions:

📞 0800 055 6688
📧 www.gov.uk

For advice on bereavement support you can contact Cruse Bereavement Care:

📞 0808 808 1677
📧 www.cruse.org.uk

How to contact us

📧 cremation@funeralcarecoop.co.uk
🌐 www.coop.co.uk/cremation
You can order our literature in braille, large font or audio. Just call us on 0800 029 4590 or you can simply email us directly at cremation@funeralcarecoop.co.uk to tell us.

- Inside this pocket you’ll find the paperwork which needs to be completed and returned to us.
Our promise

Our promise is to help you arrange or plan a funeral with care, respect, clarity and reassurance. Our team of professionals is here to listen, advise and guide you through all your options. We’re available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so you’ll always have someone to talk to.

We’re here, we understand how difficult this can be and we promise to help you every step of the way.

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