
Witness to the Resurrection

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant,
with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Ridgebury Congregational church seeks to be present to serve and support in times of death.

A service of witness to the resurrection marks the end of a person's earthly life. It is a time when family and friends come together to express grief, even as they celebrate life, and to entrust the deceased into God's eternal care.

A person does not have to have been a member of the Ridgebury Congregational church for his/her memorial service or funeral to be held at the Meetinghouse. If you are interested in planning for your own service or the service of someone you love, we are here to support you.

Please call the Rev. Dr. Deborah Rundlett directly at 203.748.2806. She will schedule a time to meet with you, either at your home or the church, to plan the service.

Memorial Services at the Meetinghouse

I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord.

Whoever believes in me shall never die.

—John 11:25-26



Advanced Planning

The church encourages everyone to consider making a plan for their end of life directives.

Should a person desire, we will keep such plans on file in the safe. Following are the details we suggest you gather and seal in an envelope with your name on the outside:

Service Details

- Scripture
- Other Readings
- Hymns
- Music
- Prayers
- Participants

Important Papers

It is helpful to gather the following documents together, in advance:

- Last Executed Will, dated (located)
- Last Health Proxy, dated (located)
- Durable Power of Attorney, dated (located)
- Safe Deposit Box, dated (located)
- Other Valuable Papers
- Armed Forces (dates of service, series number, discharge certificate)
- Lawyer's Information
- Clergy/Church Information
- Preferred Funeral Director
- Pre Planning: Organ Donation, Burial/ Cremation

Call List

An important way to prepare is to have a "call list" with names and phone numbers for the time of death. This is especially important if you live alone. Members of your family and close friends should be aware of the list and know where you keep it.

People to include: Family and friends, clergy, funeral home, and your attorney.

Reception in Shields Hall

Should the family desire, Shields Hall is available as a gathering place following the service.

Honorarium & Fees

The fees for non-contributing members and friends are as follows:

- Typical Honorarium for Pastor: \$250.
- Music Director: \$175.
- Soloist/Instrumentalist (if used): \$100.
- Custodial fee: \$150; if Shields Hall is used, \$300.
- Shields Hall: \$200.
- Donation to Ridgebury Congregational Church for use of the Meetinghouse: \$200.

Note: Meetinghouse and Hall fees are waived for financially-contributing members.

Memorials

As an alternative to flowers, you may ask mourners to designate gifts. The memorial fund of Ridgebury Congregational church is used to further the mission of the church.

A Word on Caskets

Due to the architectural structure and size of the Meetinghouse, it is not possible to have a casket in the sanctuary. However, for those cremated, their ashes may be placed on the communion table. during the service.



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