

### Our Condolences

This is a difficult time for you and your family as you mourn the death of a loved one and make plans for the funeral or memorial service. Thank you for choosing Jasper United Church as the place where we will celebrate through worship the life of your loved one.

We want to make the service as meaningful as possible, honour your memories, share the biblical story of Christian hope, and offer an opportunity for family and friends to gather together to mourn your loved one's death and celebrate their life.

### The Reality of Grief

Grief is a universal human emotion. When a loved one dies you might feel disbelief, loss, loneliness, depression, pain, anger and numbness. Shock may be experienced, particularly if the death is sudden, or even relief if there has been a prolonged illness.

Sharing feelings and memories is part of the process of grief, often the first step. Living with loss is a process that can take several months or years. It is different for everyone.

A memorial service or funeral is an important step in the grieving process that leads to healing. Surrounded by the love and support of family and friends we experience God's compassion, caring spirit, and the promise of eternal life.

### Memorial Fees and Reception Services

Our Minister's Honorarium is at the Family's discretion.

Our Church Musician's fee is \$100.

There is no fee payable for the Church Building Rental.

A time of sharing refreshment and memories after the service is very important. Our Church Congregation can provide a Reception with tea and coffee at no cost upon request. We can suggest catering services if desired.

A charitable tax receipt is issued for each donation to the Jasper United Church Memorial Fund on behalf of your loved one if you so wish.



*"In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone."*

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# Memorial Services



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## The Funeral or Memorial Service

Jasper United Church understands this is a difficult time. Death is never easy. The minister and the congregation of Jasper United Church are available to support you. We seek to plan a worship service that is spiritual, celebratory and personal. We want to work closely with your family and we encourage input and participation.

The minister will meet with the bereaved family at the earliest convenient time to offer support and arrange for the funeral/memorial service.

This will be a time to share memories of your loved one and discuss the memorial service. Remember, you are not alone. We are here to help you in this difficult time.



## At the Church

If there is a casket present at the service, it will be placed in the sanctuary. If cremation has taken place, the urn of ashes may be present and placed on a table at the front. You may wish to have a picture and other symbols of your loved one placed alongside the urn or on the casket.

You may also wish to set up a display table with photo albums and keepsakes for people to look at after the service.

A funeral service offers time to give thanks and celebrate the life of the deceased. There is also a place provided in the service for words or remembrance, often called a eulogy. Friends or family members can have an opportunity to be involved in this part of the service. This will be arranged in consultation with the minister.



## Audio Visual and Power Point

Jasper United Church has a full sound system with projector and PowerPoint Windows operating system available for presentations on the large sanctuary screen. If you wish to include a PowerPoint display in the service, please discuss this with the minister.



## Committal/Graveside Service

A committal service can take place on the same day as the church service or it can be scheduled for a later date. A short, intimate graveside committal can also be arranged as an alternative to a church service.

## Sensitivity to Scent

Many people are allergic to scents and to pollen. We suggest that you choose flowers that are low scent and low pollen. Your florist will be able to assist you. If you have questions, please speak to the minister.

