

# COLE HARBOUR WOODSIDE UNITED CHURCH



## What You Should Know About Funeral Planning

### *Special points of interest:*

- Our Vision
- Answers to commonly asked questions
- Cremation Costs
- Form of Intent
- Celebration of Life Service
- Personal Plans
- Placing an Obituary
- Personal History for obituary
- Important Documents

**Cole Harbour Woodside United Church** has a vision where our church families and friends would be able to use the facilities of our church to host the visitation, service and reception that often happen when a loved one has died. We believe that the church is the rightful place for such events and that the church community has a ministry to offer to families who are dealing with a death. We respect the services which funeral homes and funeral directors offer but believe for people who have a connection with Cole Harbour Woodside United Church that we can provide a more meaningful and spiritual place to hold such events.

Our vision is that Cole Harbour Woodside United Church would offer the use of the Woodside Imperoyal Chapel as a place to host visitation following the death and cremation of a loved one rather than the local funeral home. The Celebration of Life Service would be held in the chapel or the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the hall if desired.

Staff or volunteers from our Funeral Ministry would be on hand to support the family and oversee the process.

Phone:  
902-434-7714

Email:  
[chwuc@eastlink.ca](mailto:chwuc@eastlink.ca)

Website:  
[www.chwuc.ca](http://www.chwuc.ca)

## **ANSWERS TO COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What should my family do when I die?**

1. Don't panic. Nothing has to be done in a rush. You have time.
2. Call Cole Harbour Woodside United Church @ 902-434-7714 leave a message or speak to staff.
3. If pre-arrangements have been made with a local funeral home/crematorium, call them and notify them of the death. If no arrangements have been made, call the funeral home/crematorium of your choice. Remember costs vary considerably for direct cremation.
4. Notify family and friends and begin to think about the obituary and the service.
5. Meet with the minister, or office staff, who will guide you through the whole process so that you do not need to be worried.

### **What about food for a reception?**

The UCW group at the church has often provided food for funeral receptions. Depending on the time of year and availability of UCW members this may be possible.

The UCW catering fee is:

Sweets and refreshments (coffee, tea, juice) \$5.00 per person

Sandwiches, sweets, and refreshments (coffee, tea, juice) \$7.00 per person

The suggested minimal donation for funerals etc. is \$200.00.

It is also possible to arrange food through family and friends, Sobeys, Superstore, Dave's or other local businesses. The church will arrange for coffee and tea.

### **What about other activities at the church?**

Cole Harbour Woodside United Church is an active place with many groups and organizations using the building. When scheduling visitations, funerals, and receptions we would do our best to minimize any disruption caused by other groups, but we could not guarantee that other groups would not be elsewhere on the premises. For example, at a visitation on a Tuesday or Thursday night, you might hear a choir rehearsing.

### **What about the obituary?**

The staff at the church can help you word and submit the obituary to the local newspaper. Information on how to place an obituary and the pricing is further in this document.

### **What about an urn?**

You are not obligated to buy an urn for your loved one's ashes. The ashes will be returned to you in a sealed box. Urns can range greatly in price depending on where they are purchased and the material they are made of. The church has a few wooden urns that cost \$300. Many people have found it helpful to make an urn themselves or have a friend make one. A simple wooden box is fine. A ceramic vase with a sealed top is also appropriate.

## What about the Cemetery?

It will be up to you to decide what you wish to do with your loved one's ashes. You can keep them, scatter them (*in accordance with current environmental regulations*) or bury them in a place of your choice. We do not have a cemetery or columbarium. Some of the smaller church-owned or rural cemeteries are less expensive than those in the city. Cole Harbour Woodside United Church has created a Scattering Garden on the property available for the scattering of our loved one's ashes.

## Direct Cremation Costs

The cost of direct cremation varies depending on who offers the service. Cremation funeral packages in Nova Scotia range from **\$1,000 to \$5,500** for a basic cremation arrangement. The following prices\* include transporting the body of your loved one, doing the cremation in a basic cremation casket, and all the appropriate paperwork related to the death and cremation.

They will provide you with your loved one's ashes in a properly sealed container for you to do with as you wish. They will also provide you with copies of The Statement of Death.

**Eirene Funeral Home Services** – <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/> - 782-482-0033 – charges \$1,900 + tax for simple cremation and \$2500 +tax for standard cremation.

**Harbourside Crematorium** - <https://www.harboursidecremation.ca/> - 902-293-2807 charges \$1,300 + tax for a simple cremation.

**Cole Harbour Funeral Home and Crematorium** - <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/> - 902-701-4551 charges \$2547.25 for direct cremation.

**Dartmouth Funeral Home** - <https://www.dartmouthfuneralhome.ca/> - 902-466-2360 will cost \$1627.25 for direct cremation.

**Halifax Regional Crematorium** - <https://halifaxcremationservice.ca/> - 902-462-6664 charges start at \$1,415 + tax for direct cremation.

**Note:** Currently, The Green Burial Society of Canada lists no full or conservation cemeteries in Nova Scotia.

\*Confirm with whatever funeral home you contact as to whether a temporary urn is supplied and how many Proof of Death Statements, they include in their Direct Cremation cost.

**None of the above options include costs for the visitation, service, reception, or burial.**

The cost for direct cremation plus a day of visiting, the service and use of the reception room all taking place at a local funeral home can range from \$5000 to \$7000. This may not include the cost of an urn, obituary, funeral bulletins, flowers, food or honorariums paid to clergy, or musicians.

**Note:** Prices were updated 2023 and are subject to change and should be verified at individual funeral homes.

# Cole Harbour Woodside United Church

## Funeral Ministry

### **Cremation**

I have decided to use the funeral ministry available at Cole Harbour Woodside United Church. It is my desire to make use of the Woodside Imperoyal Chapel for visitation, the sanctuary for the Celebration of Life service and the hall for a reception following the service.

I will make arrangements for direct cremation with the provider of my choice or ensure that my family will do it at the time of my death.

In recognition of the mission and ministry of Cole Harbour Woodside United Church, I will support the ongoing ministry at the church by making now, or having my family make from my estate, a donation of at least \$2500.00 which includes applicable honorariums. This donation, like all donations to the church are tax deductible.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## What is included in the Honorarium?

- ❖ Use of the Sanctuary and Chapel space
- ❖ Ministerial Services
- ❖ Church choir & accompanist
- ❖ Sound technician
- ❖ Livestream of the service
- ❖ Use of picture boards and frames
- ❖ Guest book
- ❖ Bulletins
- ❖ Candle and holder
- ❖ Handmade bag for holding cards
- ❖ After care grief booklets

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### CHWUC Staff Honorarium for Funeral Ministry

Administration –	\$50.00
Clergy -	\$150.00
Custodial -	\$50.00
Music/Accompanist -	\$150.00
Sound Technician -	\$50.00

# Celebration of Life Service

I have given much thought and reflection about the way I would like you as my family and friends to celebrate my life. I hope that this will give you guidance and support during this emotional time.

## Scripture Readings

1.

2.

3.

4.

## Music

1.

2.

3.

Special Suggestions (people who might do readings, speak or offer special music)

Things I would like remembered about me.

I have made the following arrangements for my remains.

# Personal Plans

(pg 1 of 3)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Name and Contact Info (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Location of Will: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Living Will (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Power of Attorney & Contact Info (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Prepaid:       yes       no

Funeral Home or Co-op name and Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Insurance:       yes       no

If yes, with whom and contact info? \_\_\_\_\_

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Next of Kin Name & Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other family members to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Personal Plans (pg 2 of 3)*

Church Affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

- Memorial Gifts to:
- Cole Harbour Woodside United Church
  - Mission and Service Fund
  - Other church fund: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Heart and Stroke Foundation
  - Cancer Society
  - Diabetes Foundation
  - Kidney Foundation
  - Other(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery Lot Purchased:  yes  no

If yes, location and plot number: \_\_\_\_\_

Organ Donor:  yes  no

Body to Medical School:  yes  no

**Arrangements:**

- 1.)  funeral  memorial service  graveside only  no service
- 2.)  visitation  no visitation
- 3.)  open casket  closed casket
- 4.)  direct cremation  cremation after service
- 5.)  burial of body  burial of cremains  other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Elements**

Location:  church (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  funeral home



**Personal Plans (pg 3 of 3)**

**Pall Bearers:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Other Services to include:**

- Legion
- Lion's Club
- Masons/Eastern Star
- Rebekah's
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

at the funeral home       prior to service at the church

**Reception:**     yes       no       at the church  
 at the funeral home  
 other location (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Further Instructions and Arrangements:**

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***Copies of this document should be (1) filed with your minister and/or attorney, (2) placed with your personal papers, (3) given to your next of kin for his/her info and (4) given to the funeral home or co-op of your choosing.***

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**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

# OBITUARY

## PLACING AN OBITUARY

The Chronicle Herald uses Legacy.com to place all it's obituaries and all pricing is in USD funds.

Obits may be placed online through

<https://www.legacy.com/obit-desk/place-obituary-in-the-chronicle-herald-halifax-nb/>

by sending an email to: [postanobit@legacy.com](mailto:postanobit@legacy.com)

or calling customer service @ [tel:\(888\)823-8554](tel:(888)823-8554)

Available 7 days a week 9AM-9PM Atlantic Time

Starting at \$50.00

The deadline to submit an obituary for publication is **5PM the day before by which time obituary needs to be proofed by you (by email) and prepaid with Visa or MasterCard.**

### The Chronicle Herald – Obituary Package

**One day in print**

**10 lines of text**

**There is a cost for additional text**

**Cost for photo \$70.00**



A quote can be provided ahead of publication if you supply your full contact information (name, address w/postal code and a telephone number), the name of the funeral home or crematorium handling the remains so death can be confirmed and the place the individual was living. An exact cost cannot be given until the actual obituary is submitted.

Pricing is not based on the number of words, but by the length it takes in the newspaper.

## ***Personal History for Obituary***

*(pg 1 of 2)*

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Birthplace:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Birthplace:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Marital Status:**  single       married       widowed       divorced       common law

**Spouse/Partner's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date & Place of Marriage:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's names and spouses/partners** *(if applicable, including current community):*

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**Siblings names and spouses/partners** *(if applicable, including current community):*

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**Predeceased by:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Personal History for Obituary (pg 2 of 2)**

**Occupational Information** (including military service, political service, etc):

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**Educational Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Church Involvement:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Service Clubs and Organizations:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Awards, honours & special achievements:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Flowers:  no flowers  family flowers only  in lieu of flowers memorial donations

**Memorial donations to:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Other information, special thanks, etc.:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signed**

**Dated**

# INSURANCE

Each company requires a certified copy of the death certificate when application is made for life insurance benefits

## Life Insurance Policy List

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Company	Policy No.	Amount
Phone No.	Primary Beneficiary	
Double Indemnity <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Waiver of Premium <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Disability Income <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Phone No.	Primary Beneficiary	
Double Indemnity <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Waiver of Premium <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Disability Income <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Phone No.	Primary Beneficiary	
Double Indemnity <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Waiver of Premium <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Disability Income <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## Disability and Health Insurance

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Company	Policy No.	Amount
Phone No.	Primary Beneficiary	
Double Indemnity <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Waiver of Premium <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Disability Income <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## Property Insurance

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Company	Policy No.	Amount
Phone No.	Primary Beneficiary	
Double Indemnity <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Waiver of Premium <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Disability Income <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Company	Policy No.	Amount
Phone No.	Primary Beneficiary	
Double Indemnity <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Waiver of Premium <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Disability Income <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

# DOCUMENT LOCATION, BANK & CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have the following documents located:  
(Name)

Bank Deposit Books _____	Property Ins. Policy _____
Company Pens. Plan _____	Disability & Health Ins. _____
Birth Certificate _____	Marriage License _____
Children Birth Cert. _____	Will _____
Military Discharge _____	Stocks & Bonds _____
Mortgage _____	Deeds or Notes _____
Automobile Title _____	Income Tax Returns _____
Valuables _____	Life Insurance _____
Cemetery Cert. _____	Cert. of Funeral Arr. _____
Citizenship Papers _____	Income Tax Returns _____
Safety Deposit Box Bank: _____	Number: _____ Key: _____
Other: _____	
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**Banking Information**

Bank and Location

\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Account \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Bank and Location

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Type of Account \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Bank and Location

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Type of Account \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Charge Accounts & Credit Cards**

*(List company and account numbers)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

# INVESTMENT INFORMATION

## ***Stocks, Bonds, GIC's, Mutual Funds, RRSP's, Etc.***

Investment \_\_\_\_\_

Held By \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Investment \_\_\_\_\_

Held By \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Investment \_\_\_\_\_

Held By \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Real Estate Investments***

*(Residence, Business, Cottage, Investment Properties, etc.)*

Type of Property \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of Mortgagee \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Property \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of Mortgagee \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Property \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of Mortgagee \_\_\_\_\_