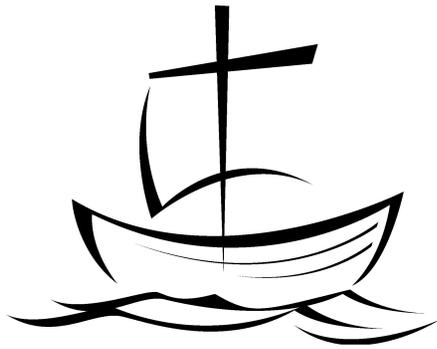


*What you
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*Funeral
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*St. James United Church, Sambro
Funeral Ministry*

Funeral Ministry Information

When a loved one dies, you will need to decide if you want a traditional casket funeral or cremation. A funeral home or crematorium will need to be contacted immediately.

1. **Casket or Cremation with full service**

This would mean visitation at the funeral home; reception; service at funeral home or church. The director will take you through the writing of the obituary and help with paperwork such as pensions, insurance, etc. Copies of the Statement of Death are provided. The cost of this service will vary depending on the funeral home you choose and what options you take. The basic cost is listed and then extras are added as requested – cost of casket/urn, the obituary, bulletins, cars, etc. A traditional funeral will cost between \$6,000–\$10,000 for a basic funeral.

2. **Direct Cremation**

This would mean cremation itself and copies of the Statement of Death. Cost for this service will vary depending on the funeral home/crematorium, between \$1,800–\$3,300. Other costs include whatever you spend on flowers and the obituary. The church sanctuary may be used for visitation the evening prior to the funeral service. Following the funeral service, St. James Hall may be available for a gathering for a fee and must be booked in advance through Kim Gray 902-868-2744.

If your decision is for full service through the funeral home, you will need to contact the funeral home of your choice and the funeral director will take you through what needs to happen.

If your option is for direct cremation with the rest of the details tended to by your church family, the following information will guide you through. Call the crematorium/funeral home of your choice and notify them of the death, stating that you wish to have direct cremation only.

Remember that nothing has to be done in a rush. You have time.

Things to think about and details to attend to

1. **Call the church office** at 902-868-2791 to obtain the minister's phone number. He/she will be able to walk you through the process and answer any questions you might have.
2. **Notify family and friends** and begin to think about the obituary and funeral service.
3. **Visitation** can be arranged at the church if desired.
4. **Flowers** can be purchased locally. If you desire family flowers only it would be best to state this in the obituary.
5. An **Urn** can be purchased through the local funeral home or local businesses, or you may prefer to provide your own.
6. **Burial** – If you already have a burial plot, you will need to notify the cemetery to have the grave opened. If you do not have a plot but would like one, contact the cemetery of your choice.
7. A **Guest Book** may be purchased at any local stationary store to be used at the time of visitation and funeral service.
8. A **Picture** may be placed next to the urn during the funeral service. Other pictures can be placed on a picture board depicting the memories of your loved one.
9. **Bulletins** (programs) for the funeral service can be created through the church office. If you use a local firm such as Staples, you will be responsible for the arrangements.
10. **Funeral/Memorial Service** – In consultation with the minister, set the date and time of the service. Other things to think about:
 - Scripture readings
 - Music (There is a cost for the church organist but there are other options, such as recorded music.)
 - People to share in the Words of Remembrance (Eulogy)
 - Other people you would like to have involved
11. **Graveside Service** – If a graveside service only is desired, please discuss with the minister.

Arranging a Funeral at St. James United Church, Sambro

If you would like to pre-arrange your funeral with the church, call the office and set up a time to meet with the minister, who will guide you through the process.

There is no charge for a funeral service at St. James United Church, Sambro. The family may wish to make a donation to the church. An honorarium may be given to the minister.

Church Office: 902-868-2791/ office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com

Writing the obituary

Template:

Smith, John Henry, aged 82, died peacefully in his home on June 10, 1982. Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia on April 1, 1900, he was the only son of the late John Smith and Jane (Jones) Smith. He was a carpenter for most of his working years and began his work at age 17 helping with much of the rebuilding after the Halifax Explosion. He was a master at his craft and always willing to lend a hand wherever and whenever needed. He was instrumental in the building of St. Somewhere Church where he worshipped until his death. Surviving are _____.

Besides his parents, John was predeceased by _____.

Cremation has taken place under the direction of _____.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 14, 1982 at 2 pm in St. Somewhere Church, Rev. Someone presiding. Family flowers only. Donations can be made in John's memory to St. Somewhere Church or a charity of your choice.