

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU

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MESSAGE FROM WARD FAMILY

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What is the Real Value of a Funeral?

With all of the choices available to families today, the question of the real value of a funeral is one worth asking.

For nearly a century, our family has been the first choice of families seeking personal, compassionate assistance during difficult times.

We have learned through experience that the presence of the body, a gathering time or visitation and a service are invaluable to the grief process.

According to the book *Human Emotions*, grieving is designed to help you work through feelings of separation from what was lost and begin to rebuild your life without that person.

Grieving will need to take place, and a funeral provides you and your family with that precious time to grieve in a supportive environment.

A funeral also provides a chance to connect work life, family life and social life together. In today's fast-paced society, it is important to take the time to make those connections and honour the memory of your loved one *together*.

So the true value of a funeral is two-fold: to honour or celebrate the life of the deceased, and to provide family, friends and coworkers with a ritual to help them grieve.

At WARD your memories matter, and however you choose to honour the life of your loved one we will always treat you with care and integrity in our services and pricing - providing you with real value.

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HOW PLANNING TODAY HELPS YOUR FAMILY

One of the most caring, loving things you can do for your family is to leave detailed information, which permits them to make the funeral or cremation service a personal tribute to honour your memory.

Making funeral arrangements at the time of loss is extremely difficult for those left behind.

When you arrange your funeral, most of the decisions have been made sparing your family the uncertainty and confusion at a time when emotional stress may make decisions difficult.

You can choose to pay now or later, and our friendly preplanning experts will meet with you to get you started.



WHAT'S NEW FOR YOU?

Telling the Story of a Life

Each of us is different and unique. Since no two people are exactly alike, it is reasonable that each memorial should be a little different to reflect and commemorate the special life that was lived.

During our decades of service to the families of Brampton, Oakville, Weston and Woodbridge, we have developed many service selections that help make funerals, celebrations of life and memorials relevant, personal and meaningful. We can assist in creating a meaningful event that acknowledges the life of the person who has died, applauds it and rejoices in the fact that they lived.

We believe every individual has a special life, filled with dreams, beliefs and challenges. There are places, people and activities that are important – things they love, things that have brought them joy.

A Celebration of Life Memorial shares all of these things, all these memories with both family and friends.

Our Funeral Directors are specifically trained to help understand the needs of a family and we ensure that there is a wide array of choices available. As experienced event planners we can manage all aspects and guest needs, regardless of the location selected.

While some event firms may be able to run an event, as trained funeral professionals we have the ability to assist with the complex emotions and family dynamics that happen during any event that honours a life.

In addition to the implementation of a personalized theme to honour the memory of your loved one, and all of the event elements and services that you would expect from a top-notch event planner, we can coordinate special activities such as:

- Balloon or Dove releases
- Candle Lighting Ceremonies
- Providing Suggested Readings and Poetry
- Musical Tributes both recorded and through live performance
- Video presentations
- Memorial Mementos and Keepsakes
- The creation of Memory Books

These creative services can take place at a family home, in the funeral home, at the graveside or any other suitable location.

Over the past 100 years the WARD family has listened to the needs of our communities and provided services to meet them, while maintaining our standard of care. This means that we have the experience and outstanding service to honour the life of your loved one with care and integrity. With our integrity pricing advantage, it also means we guarantee great value.

So no matter where, or how, you choose to honour the life of your loved one, at WARD Funeral homes your memories matter. Contact us today to find out how we can serve you.

MEET OUR TEAM



Chris Rumsey

Manager Brampton Chapel

Every time I have been asked what drew me to funeral service I have answered "I have no idea". When I was applying for college I thought it might be an interesting career, and when I completed my college education, I had the great fortune of coming to work for the Ward family.

Thirty years later I still don't know why I started in this profession, but I know exactly why I stayed.

Working with people and in our community is absolutely the best part of my job.

When families come seeking personal and compassionate assistance, often at a most difficult time, I am honoured to meet with them. To get to know them, offer them choices, and provide service with integrity and value is very satisfying. Funerals, Memorials and Celebrations of Life are all very special events and here we treat them that way.

Over the last three decades the Ward family has supported my work in the community with the Board of Trade, the Santa Claus Parade, the Brampton Downtown Development Corporation, Carabram cultural festival and much more.

As a funeral director it is very rewarding to assist family members with organizing events, helping them to manage logistics and provide guidance in creating a meaningful service for them. Getting involved in planning events for our community, watching them grow, and building a circle of friends is extremely rewarding for me.

I might have happened on funeral service by chance, but I stay in it by choice.

COMMUNITY CORNER

BRAMPTON AREA

Events

Brampton Track Club Outdoor Season - Mon. Tues. and Thurs. 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Chinguacousy Track www.bramptontrackclub.com

May 24/25/26 - *Rotary Rib and Roll* - Brampton Rotary Club Gage Park Brampton, Local "Ribbers" and Entertainment

May 27 - *Healthy Lifestyle Tips For Cancer Prevention* - 2:30-4:00 p.m. Join the Mississauga Halton/Central West Regional Cancer Program for a FREE presentation on healthy lifestyle tips for cancer prevention and screening. Register 905-615-3207 www.sq1oac.com

June 1 - *Brampton Folk Club Annual Showcase Concert* - 7:30-10:00 p.m. - St. Paul's United Church, Sanderson Hall, 30 Main St. South www.bramptonfolk.ca

June 4-Aug 27 - *Inspirational Music in the Park* - Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Gage Park www.inspirationalmusic.org

June 15 - *Brampton Day and Flower City Parade* - Downtown Brampton

June 22-Oct 12 - *Brampton Farmers Market* - Saturdays 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Main St. and Queen St.

July and Aug - *Films in Garden Square* - Saturdays 9:00 p.m. - Garden Square Rose Theatre Brampton, 1 Theatre Lane Brampton Schedule: www.rosetheatre.ca

July 13 - *Lucas Holtom Carnival Day* - North Bramalea United Church, 363 Howden Blvd., Brampton

July 18-20 - *Classic Cars and Legendary Stars* - Gage Park and downtown Brampton

OAKVILLE AREA

Events

May 4 - *Walton United Church Family Fun Fair* - 4:00-6:00 p.m. Help kids go to camp! 2489 Lakeshore Road, West, Oakville. Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Cake Walk, Games and more. Information: 905-827-1643

May 11 - *Halton Police Day* - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. HRRS Headquarters, 1151 Bronte Rd.

May 18 - *Epiphany Extravaganza* - 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Perennial Plants, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Vendors Market, Children's Activities, Fun for the Whole Family! Church of the Epiphany, 141 Bronte Rd., Oakville 905-827-2546 www.epiphanyoakville.com

June 1 - *Trinity United Church Garage Sale* - 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (rain or shine) 1250 McCraney Street, East, Oakville. New this year - Car Wash! Donations and table reservations (\$20), contact Steve Bang at 905-842-0249

June 6-9 - *Downtown Sidewalk Sale* - Downtown Business Association. More info: 905-844-4520

June 9 - St. Paul's will have a special guest speaker for worship. Thom Davies will be offering a reflection on the situation in Palestine and Israel. After worship, he will also be available over lunch to answer questions and enter into dialogue on this subject. Registration is required for lunch at no charge. Information - 905-845-3427.

June 26 - *St. John's Annual Golf Tournament* - Registration forms available at the church, 262 Randall St. Golf and Dinner \$135 per single/\$500 per foursome. Join us for a great time and support our work at St. John's and in the Community.

July 19 - *Midnight Madness in Downtown Oakville* - 6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. (Midnight) Hosted by Downtown Business Association. Information: 905-844-4520

St. Paul's United Church - Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together! Explore and experience God's welcoming love at VBS! Registration: \$10/child or \$20/family. Registration is open to those finishing JK up to those finishing grade six. Information: 2013.cokesburyvbs.com/stpaulsoakville

WESTON AREA

Events

June 9 - York West Active Living Centre is taking on the *Toronto Challenge*. Our members are walking 5 km through downtown Toronto to raise money for our centre. You are welcome to participate and help raise funds, or drop into our centre to sponsor someone on our team. Information: www.yorkwestactivelivingcentre.ca or 416-245-4395

June 19 - *Community Picnic in the Park* co-hosted by Donna Cansfield MPP and Ted Opitz, MP at the James Shaver Woodsworth Homestead, 450 the West Mall - 5:00 p.m. barbecue & 7:00 p.m. concert by the Etobicoke Community Concert Band.

June 21 - Syme 55+ Centre - "Say Goodbye for the Summer BBQ" 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in parking lot at 33 Pritchard Ave., Toronto. BBQ and ALL YOU CAN EAT ICE CREAM (within an hour). Entertainer to be announced. Information: 416-766-0388 or www.syme55.com

Humbervale United Church - "Time Together" meets the first Thursday of each month from 1:30 pm to 3 pm in the Parkwood Dining Room at Humbervale Place, 1447 Royal York Rd. On **June 6**, we will be having a *Strawberry Social*. No charge and refreshments are provided. No meetings in July or August. Information: 416-249-2821

WOODBIDGE AREA

Events

May 23 - *Charity Wine Tasting & Food Fair* - Knights of Columbus-St. Clare of Assisi Council joe@novascape.ca

May 30 - *8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament* Immaculate Conception (905) 856-2205

June 6 - *Forget Me Not Golf Tournament* - Bereaved Families of Ontario-York Region www.bfoyr.com

June 14-15 - *2013 Vaughan Relay for Life* www.relayforlife.ca

July 14 - *New Roads Classic Car Show* - Big Brothers Big Sisters of York www.bbbsy.ca

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