

Eagle Ridge United Church

Funeral Policy

Governed by: Session
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POLICY:

All funerals or memorial services carried out under the auspices of Eagle Ridge United Church, including those using the church's register are subject to the following:

1. OFFICIANTS

- All officiants will be licensed Christian Ministry Personnel.
- The minister of the congregation will normally conduct services. If the minister is unavailable, the minister or the Session can discuss options.
- In cases where there is a request for someone other than the minister of Eagle Ridge United Church to participate in the service, the Session, in consultation with the minister, may authorize the 'guest minister' to assist in, or to perform, the service.

2. EXPECTATIONS

- Those requesting the funeral must meet with the minister prior to the service for planning purposes.
- Those requesting the funeral should expect a Christian funeral service.

3. MUSICIANS

- Those arranging the funeral are free to engage independent musicians, or supply recorded music. Any fees associated with our pianist or other engaged musicians are the responsibility of the person(s) requesting the funeral. Musical selections must be approved by the minister prior to the funeral.

4. COSTS

- Because we believe that a funeral or memorial is a service of worship, and because we believe that worship services should always be free, Eagle Ridge United Church does not charge for funerals.
- When one of the congregation's ministers is not available and it is necessary to call in an officiant from elsewhere, the congregation will pay the costs of their services.