

Funeral and Bereavement – Case Studies

Mrs. Morton's husband, Fred has just died after a long illness. They had been married for 60 years and were very self sufficient. Their one son, Bill, lives in the north and will coming down for his father's funeral. He hasn't seen his parents for years.

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Jim Roberts and Jane Palmer have lived together for four years. Their two year old daughter, Rose, had been sickly since birth and has now died very suddenly. The couple and their families are all distraught and in shock.

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Mum,- Edith Long – has been the matriarch of a large family (3 daughters and 2 sons). They live with their extended families quite locally to mum and since dad's death some years previously they have 'kept an eye' on her. She has died at the age of 80 after a short illness. All intend to be present when you come to arrange the funeral.

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