

# The Role of a Funeral Director

The role of a funeral director is to provide a very special service and ensure the wishes of the family and the deceased are filled. A funeral director advises on and arranges all the details that make up a funeral services.

Arrange all matters requested by the family taking into consideration the legal, social, cultural and religious considerations relating to the deceased and to the mourners.

Transportation of the deceased from the place of death to the mortuary.

## **The responsibilities of a funeral director include:**

- ✓ Preparation of the deceased
- ✓ Collation of certificates from hospital or doctor's surgery
- ✓ Completion of statutory requirements
- ✓ Preparation and insertion of newspaper notices
- ✓ Contact with clergy or funeral celebrant
- ✓ Organise bookings at the venue, church, cemetery and/or crematorium
- ✓ Officially register the death
- ✓ Obtain copies of the death certificate
- ✓ Organise all details of the funeral service, including the supply of vehicles and pall bearers
- ✓ Advise on religious and ceremonial requirements in relation to the funeral service and to visitation and other customs prior to, during and after the funeral.
- ✓ Many of these items will be included as part of the funeral director's professional service fee.