
ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH



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Funerals at All Saints Church

It is most appropriate that whenever a Christian dies, his funeral and burial should be conducted under the auspices of the Christian community of which he was an active member. Sometimes, however, this is not possible and other times the person who has died is not a member of a church family. Should these circumstances arise, at the request of the family, the Clergy at All Saints Church will provide a Christian funeral and burial for any baptized Christian.

We offer the use of the church building itself for any such service and would prefer the service be held here. However, many times the use of funeral home chapels or simple graveside services are preferred and we certainly will assist in those cases.

Funerals held here at All Saints should include either the casket or the urn containing remains of the deceased. Music is available through the Music Ministry here at All Saints and even flowers for the altar of the church are available through the Altar Guild of the church. The service will be conducted using the Burial Office of the Book of Common Prayer (p. 324*ff.*).

This information is meant to give you a basic understanding of what we can do for in the event you wish the Clergy here to handle the funeral and burial of your loved one. Please contact our Rector, Fr. Erich Zwingert, at the church office (828.891.7216). He can guide you through the process and fill you in on all the details of having a funeral here or elsewhere.

If you are a member of All Saints, we expect your funeral will occur here at the church. The funeral for an active participant in the life of this parish will always include a celebration of the Holy Communion. This is commonly called a Requiem Mass.

All Saints is blessed to have a cemetery on the property which can be used for casket, urn, or “sprinkling” interment. Members of the parish may wish to avail themselves of the use of the cemetery. The People’s Warden of the church is the primary contact for when the church’s cemetery is used.

Contact Fr. Erich for any questions you may have or even if you would like to pre-plan for your funeral.