Sun Rising

Natural Burial Ground and Nature Reserve

Lower Tysoe, Warwickshire

Quick Reference for Funeral Directors

Here are the basics for busy arrangers and directors coming to Sun Rising, our prestigious nature reserve burial ground in South Warwickshire. Whether it's a full funeral service, a simple burial or a committal after church, we hope this guide will be useful.

More Information and Prices

1. Check our website: https://sunrising.co.uk
   On the home page, you'll find our A4 brochure which can be downloaded and printed.
2. Our price list can be found on our Prices and Forms page.

3. **Call us**: **01295 688488**.
   This number will reach us wherever we are. However, we are a small organisation - please do leave a message if you reach the answerphone and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Booking a Funeral at Sun Rising

1. Call us and we'll be happy to put a date into the diary. We can do funerals Monday – Friday, usually 10 am to 2.30 pm. During the summer, we can do up to 3.30 pm.
2. **TWO Forms** are needed. They can be found on our Prices and Forms page:
   a. our Application for Interment
   b. our Grave Booking Form.
3. Our **Cemetery Regulations** must be read by families before they sign our Application.
4. **Securing the Future** explains the mandatory contribution to our charity.
5. We will complete our **Order Form**, for which we'll need from you the full contact details of the family member making the arrangements.

Please note: paperwork (including the Green Form) needs to be with us ***at least 3 working days before the funeral*** or the funeral may not be able to proceed.

NB: **Coffin sizes**: it is crucial to let us have the lid size (with any fixed handles), clearly written on our Grave Booking Form. Do not add anything to the exact lid size: we will add 5" to the measurements provided. Give all measurements: we dig to coffin or casket shape. If a coffin lid is more than 30" wide, please enquire: it may be necessary to allocate two plots, and extra charges may be payable.

Arranging a Funeral at Sun Rising

1. **Embalmed** bodies are not permitted for burial at Sun Rising. There are a few exceptions, such as for a repatriation: please enquire.

2. **Coffins** must be fully biodegradable and non-toxic. We accept cardboard, willow, other woven materials, and unvarnished pine. Veneered coffins, varnished wood and plastic coffin furniture are not permitted. Crem film or other plastics within the coffin are not permitted. If you have any doubt, please contact us before ordering a coffin.
3. **Clothing:** if the deceased is to be dressed, please ensure that all clothes are of natural fibres, such as cotton, wool and linen. Acrylics, polyesters, nylons (including standard 'shiny' nightgowns and shrouds) are not permitted. Calico shrouds are recommended.

4. **Plots**: families are welcome to choose the exact plot and any memorials. Please encourage the family to get in touch; they will need to make an appointment to meet a member of our staff who can explain the various options.
5. **Longhouse, Roundhouse or mown areas**: most families use our oak-framed Longhouse for services, where guests can be seated. Some use the smaller open Roundhouse or remain outside. We simply need to know 3 working days before the funeral.
6. **Coffin Bier**: as many graves are a little way from our car parks, our coffin bier is recommended. This is a four-wheeled bier with off-road motorbike wheels, suitable for our landscape. Metal trolleys do not work on our stone tracks and grass.
7. **Timing**: funerals are booked for 60 minutes, with our gravedigger backfilling after 90 minutes. If booked in advance, it is usually possible to have more time for a longer service or for refreshments at Sun Rising afterwards. Please ask.
8. **Music**: with prior arrangement, we can provide music using our own PA system.
9. **Flowers**: all floral tributes must be fully compostable. Any floral tributes in oasis and plastic, dyed flowers, tributes with ribbons or glitter cannot be left at the burial ground. Cards should not be in plastic sleeves or on plastic holders.
10. **Numbers**: a maximum of 80 may attend a funeral at Sun Rising.
11. **Parking**: our south car park will fit 20 cars, the north car park will fit 30. If both car parks are required, there is a surcharge payable. Parking on the lane is not permitted.

12. **Donations**: The Friends of Sun Rising is our registered charity that will care for and protect the nature reserve into the future. Families laying a loved one to rest at Sun Rising may wish to consider The Friends as their chosen charity for donations.
13. **Invoicing:** once the family has chosen a plot, the date and any other details have been agreed, we are happy to send you an invoice. Payment can be by cheque on or before the day, or by BACS.

On the Day of the Funeral

1. **Directions**: please ensure the hearse and limousine drivers have the correct address for the natural burial ground and know which entrance they will be using. Check our Directions page.
2. **Committals**: if you are coming from a service elsewhere, your team ***must call*** with an estimated time of arrival if they are going to be late and/or when they are en route.
3. **On arrival**, one of our team will be at the gate to greet you. We suggest your director introduces him/herself to us. We can then show them where the service will be held, the grave location, and the route to be taken.
4. **Any floral tributes** in oasis or plastic will need to be taken away by your director or the family at the end of the funeral.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries. Let us know if you're doing a recce before the funeral date: we'd be happy to show you around. We're here to help.

Emma, Liberty and Harriet