



Neskonlith Indian Band

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Funeral Checklist for Family

- 1.) Determine who will be the main point of contact for funeral arrangements. Family Representative
- 2.) Gather all the deceased members information required for any funding requests
- 3.) Choose a funeral home
- 4.) Decide on the type of disposition (traditional burial, cremation, green burial, celebration of life, etc.)
- 5.) Set a location, time and date for the wake and service
- 6.) Sacred fire at wake location until service day. Appoint fire keepers. Arrange firewood.
- 7.) Meet with the band social development worker to initiate possible funding streams and complete paperwork
- 8.) Select a casket or cremation container
- 9.) Select a grave marker and inscriptions
- 10.) Arrange any food or beverages to be served during or after the service. Head cooks/helpers.
- 11.) Appoint someone to compile information for the obituary
- 12.) Develop Funeral Services poster that identifies location and time of funeral services and wake as well as who is appointed to collect donations. Fax/email to bands, etc.
- 13.) Choose Cemetery and plot. Arrange grave diggers or request assistance from band.
- 14.) Choose a florist and desired flower arrangements
- 15.) Pick photos to be displayed at the service
- 16.) Prepare any other displays, videos or memorabilia for use at the service
- 17.) Pick funeral music or songs to be played/sung at the service
- 18.) Select clothing for the deceased to wear
- 19.) Choose passages to be read at the service (scripture, poems or other meaningful readings)
- 20.) Purchase and compile photos for a memorial register or guest book
- 21.) Appoint someone to create programs for the service
- 22.) Choose an officiant to lead the service (religious leader, family member, etc.)
- 23.) Decide who will perform the eulogy
- 24.) Decide who will read the chosen passages
- 25.) Choose pallbearers and organize ribbons
- 26.) Arrange transportation of the body to the funeral home (or coroner if autopsy is required)
- 27.) Identify any burial benefits or services the deceased may be eligible for (veteran's benefits, military honors, religious groups, fraternal organizations, etc.
- 28.) Arrange embalming and preparation of the body if desired
- 29.) Submit the obituary to selected newspaper
- 30.) Contact RCMP for route in assistance as needed

If further assistance is required, please contact NIB's Communications Coordinator
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