

## **Funerals at True North Community Church**

Please accept our most sincere condolences for your loss. We are honored that you have turned to us in your time of need and it's our pleasure to be a shoulder to lean on during these difficult days.

The following guidelines will help you understand how to proceed and what to expect.

### **Funerals for Members of True North:**

If True North was the home church of the deceased, our Senior Pastor, Bert Crabbe, will do the funeral, if at all possible. In the case of his being unavailable, Pastor Matt or Pastor Peter may preside over the funeral or Jen Hinst-White (who is a licensed minister).

The pastor will be available to meet privately with the family, say a few words at the wake and/or provide a brief service the morning of the funeral or at the graveside.

All services will take place at the funeral home. We do not do funeral services or memorial services at the church.

There is no charge for any of the above. An honorarium for the Pastor performing the service is welcome but unnecessary. Any monetary gifts can be made out to the Pastor personally. We do ask that the family pay for any travel expenses incurred by the pastor if the funeral is at a distant location. This is all usually arranged by the funeral home.

### **Funerals for the Families of Members of True North:**

If the deceased was a family member of someone at True North but was not a member of the church themselves, the funeral will most likely be presided over by Pastor Matt, Pastor Peter, or Jen Hinst-White (who is a licensed minister) except in extremely difficult circumstances (the death of a child, for example), in which case Pastor Bert would step in.

The pastor is available to meet privately with the family, say a few words at the wake and/or provide a brief service the morning of the funeral or at the graveside.

All services will take place at the funeral home. We do not do funeral services or memorial services at the church.

There's no charge for any of the above, however an honorarium for the Pastor performing the service is welcome. Any monetary gifts can be made out to the Pastor personally. We also ask that the family pay for any travel expenses incurred by the pastor if the funeral is at a distant location. This is all usually arranged by the funeral home.

### **Funerals for People with No Connection to True North:**

We are sometimes contacted by someone who has lost a neighbor or a friend without a home church and is in need of a minister to preside over funeral services. Our pastors would be happy to serve in this difficult time, pending their availability.

If a pastor is available, they would be open to meet privately with the family, say a few words at the wake and/or provide a brief service the morning of the funeral or at the graveside.

All services will take place at the funeral home. We do not do funeral services or memorial services at the church.

Since performing funeral services for people who have no connection to our church is outside the normal duties of our Pastors, we ask that the family provide an honorarium of \$200 for the Pastor presiding over the service. We also ask that the family cover any travel expenses incurred if the funeral is at a distant location. This is all usually arranged by the funeral home.

**Contact Us:**

You may call the church and leave a message in the general mailbox (631-476-3811) or you can call Pastor Bert's assistant, Angel Daley. She can be reached at 631-476-3811 ext 219.

Someone will respond to you shortly.

You can also email us at [info@truenorthchurch.net](mailto:info@truenorthchurch.net) or at [angel.daley@truenorthchurch.net](mailto:angel.daley@truenorthchurch.net)

\*\* Please also bear in mind that our offices are closed on Friday and Saturday.

May the Lord bless you and keep you in your time of mourning.