



GUIDELINES, March 30, 2020

We believe that gathering and supporting one another at a time of loss is important. This is what we have practiced for 100 years.

In an effort to curb transmission of COVID 19, the State of MS and the CDC have placed into effect a gathering of no more than 10 people. We will stand by this 10 person limitation **firmly**, limited to immediate family. As it pertains to service offerings, we encourage personalization to help celebrate life, even in these tough times.

What's different?

Current limitations are mostly related to numbers of persons present at a gathering.

We at Riemann Family Funeral Home will abide the CDC and government guidelines to ensure the safety of our personnel and your family. We ask that those at risk or those not feeling well stay home and encourage the community to reach out to the family via the memorial webpage at www.riemannfamily.com or by other virtual means.

The following are the temporary service options offered by Riemann Family Funeral Homes:

SERVICE OPTIONS:

1. A private family viewing for 90 minutes maximum and limit the guests to 10 family members. If this is selected, we will allow ONE minister to be present to conduct a service with the ten family members present.

Virtual options are available for those not present to watch the service. This is a great alternative that connects all of the family and friends. The deceased cannot be viewed virtually on Riemann Family Funeral Home equipment. Although virtual options are available, they are subject to WIFI and cellular internet connections and those connections and quality are NOT guaranteed.

Graveside service options are available as long as the gathering is limited to 10 family members. Public beaches and other public places are limited to 10 people by officials, so being outside does not eliminate that guideline.

As normal, we will process to the cemetery from the funeral home when allowed and will lead the procession with the hearse. The minister can drive his/her own car to the cemetery and the family can do the same. The family will be responsible for parking their cars in the procession under the direction of the funeral director.

With regard to graveside services, virtual options are also available. Internet quality and connections cannot be guaranteed.

Tents can be used but no chairs will be placed so as to promote social distancing.

From the beginning of this pandemic, we made the decision to find ways to help our community celebrate life. We are happy to schedule a memorial service for a later date so that the public can share the support for the family while celebrating a life lived. Many times, we have only a few days to arrange a personal celebration under normal circumstances. This postponed memorial will allow us to truly collaborate with the family to create a personal and meaningful celebration.

There will be no additional charge for this postponed memorial service. Any service fees will be paid at the time of arrangements as normal.

2. If there are more than 10 family members, we will split the visitation into 45 minute intervals, allowing 10 family to be present for the first 45 minutes. After the first 45 minutes they will be asked to leave the building, it will then be sanitized, and then we will invite the next 10 family members to visit for 45 minutes. We will not allow any more than 20 total family to view. If this type of viewing is selected, NO formal ceremony will take place now because all cannot be present at the same time. We are happy to schedule that formal ceremony for a later date at no additional cost..

Graveside services, under the same guidelines as above, are permitted.

3. Looking back 50-60 years, many families chose to have visitation for their loved one in their homes. We encourage this type of visitation. We can bring the casket or urn to the family home, set up for family visitation, and return to lead the 10 family members to the cemetery where allowed.

Please advise family members that are at risk or not feeling well to stay home. Please educate those in attendance on best hygiene practices (washing hands, covering coughs, etc.). We have hand sanitizer, antibacterial soap, and tissue for your convenience.

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OUR MISSION:

CELEBRATE LIFE CREATIVELY! ...while protecting your family and our team.

Thank you for your understanding. These and other local guidelines are subject to change without notice. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a cremation schedule during this time. That schedule is subject to change at a moment's notice, and scheduled cremations may be delayed or moved up due to infectious disease and other contributing factors.

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Please know we are giving everything we have to you and your family during this difficult time. We are taking every precaution to prevent transmission of this deadly disease. We are very aware that if our team gets sick, there's nobody to take care of the deceased.

Please take care, be safe, and let's celebrate every life,

Chad Riemann