

TESTIMONIALS

- *Your gifts gave this grief focus and attention which it so deserved. Your gentle voice spoke of this wonderful child who came into our lives so briefly. Mary of Rainer*
- *I always have the utmost confidence when I call upon Dee to celebrate a life for a family. She has the ability to capsule a person's life in 45 min, be tactfully truthful, and adapt to the desires of a family for religious or non religious kind of service. Lyn Matteson – Crown Memorial Center*
- *I can not express to you my gratitude for what you did for us; you really did help us in our time of grief. Dad's service will always be remembered. Kevin of Vancouver*
- *Our experience is that Dee is awesome with creating a true celebration of life. We are proud to have Dee work with us and have her represent our funeral home. John and Amy Potter – Columbia Funeral Home*
- *Dee has people skills that are phenomenal. Families usually tell me that with in ten minutes they felt like she was part of the family. Her speaking abilities are unmatched. I have never encountered anyone that tells a life story like Dee does. I can hang on her every word for 45 min. and wonder where the time went. Carlos Bennett – Canby Funeral Chapel.*

GRIEF AND HEALING

- *We must first grieve before we can heal.*
- *Grief is like peeling an onion. It comes in layers and you cry a lot.*
- *We need to surround ourselves with loving family and friends.*
- *We need to remember to laugh and honor the memories.*
- *We need to celebrate the life lived.*

No one is truly gone until they are forgotten.

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CERTIFIED CELEBRANT

As a funeral celebrant, I am honored to offer my services to you and your family. Having been widowed and losing my mother in the recent past, I understand the need to eulogize, honor, and pay tribute to a loved one that has passed on.

A celebration of a loved one's life can be very healing. A gathering of family and friends provides comfort and support for one another. I believe this service should be a personal reflection of the life lived.

Every one deserves to have a service that honors their life when they die. Together we will create and present a special moment that will honor your loved ones life in a special way and bring peace and comfort for family and friends.



WHAT IS A CELEBRANT?

A Certified Funeral Celebrant is a person who works to meet family's needs during the most difficult time of their lives. A Celebrant is trained to help individuals create and present a funeral, memorial, or celebration of life that is personalized for the person that has died. □

WHY INVOLVE A CELEBRANT?

Many families today do not belong to a church. They have no family minister. Many families are choosing to have a celebration of the life lived rather than a sermon. I have worked along side ministers in their church to give a family both. A Celebrant will honor the wishes of the family and is able to do either a religious or non religious service. The family can have a service just the way they would like and be involved as much or as little as they like. This is truly their service.

HOW DO I ARRANGE FOR A CELEBRANT?

There are several ways to find a Celebrant. You can contact me directly, or ask your funeral director to contact me for you, or contact me by email Dee@celebratealife.com

HOW DOES USING A CELEBRANT WORK?

It all begins with a family meeting. This is an amazing time of remembering and sharing of stories and history. The Celebrant will gather stories and information about the deceased.

The Celebrant will then write a tribute that honors the life of the person that has died. The family decides on all aspects of the service, prayers, music, readings; whatever you would like. We can light candles or put rose petals in the casket or hand out memory cards for each person to fill out, what ever the family wants. The Celebrant can help you with ideas that will fit the deceased and the family..

On the day of the tribute, the Celebrant will officiate and oversee the celebration.

MY PHILOSOPHY

It is my true belief that every one that lives on the earth, for a short while or a life time, leaves something to be celebrated. I believe that honoring the life lived with a Celebrant gives an opportunity to personalize the service in a way that you can't find anywhere else. Each one of my services is custom fit for the person that has died. I feel so pleased and honored to do this work because I have lived through the experience of loss. I found having a celebration of life brought the comfort and closure I needed.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY LOVED ONE REQUESTS NO SERVICE BE HELD?

There are many reasons why a person might say they don't want a service, most of the time it is because they don't want to burden someone else.

The one thing to remember is that services are to help the ones that are left after a death find peace, comfort, and closure. It is important to honor the wishes of the deceased it is also important to take care of the wishes of the family as well. If you feel that having a service will help you and your family heal, then by all means do.

WAYS TO REMEMBER

Create a Personalized Memorial Folder

Display Personal Memorabilia

Play Special Music

Use Picture Boards.

Have a Time for Sharing

Light Candles

Place Rose Petals in the Casket