



Meridian Baptist Church
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Funeral Policy of Meridian

Everyone, sooner or later will find themselves dealing with the grief that comes from the passing of a loved one in death. Our church family stands ready to assist anyone who needs our help and counsel.

Officiating Minister:

1. A member of Meridian Baptist Church's pastoral staff will be available to officiate at the funeral/memorial service.
2. The family is welcome to select an outside minister to officiate, if desired. Outside clergy require the approval of the pastor.
3. It is the family's responsibility to make contact with the minister and communicate arrangements with him/her.

Service Music:

1. Meridian Baptist Church does not have paid staff musicians. All musical arrangements (pianist, soloist, etc.) must be taken care of by the family.
2. If needed, Meridian Baptist Church has a collection of recorded hymns, instrumentals, and other appropriate music that can be played during the service.

Funeral Costs:

1. The Sanctuary is available at no charge to active members of Meridian Baptist Church for the purpose of holding a funeral/memorial service. If desired, a room to accommodate a meal for family members following the service can also be reserved at no cost.
2. All food items for the meal will need to be provided and arranged for by family and friends. Meridian Baptist Church will be happy to supply the necessary paper products.
3. There is a no facility rental fee for non members for the use of the Sanctuary for a funeral/memorial service. However, a nominal fee of \$100 will be requested for miscellaneous costs including printed programs, and a Meridian Baptist Church sound technician as all church equipment must be operated by Meridian Baptist Church personnel.
4. Non members wishing to have a meal following the service are also provided with a room at no charge, but a \$50 fee will be requested to cover the costs of the necessary paper goods and table coverings. All food and beverage items will need to be provided by family and friends. Clean-up of items and room will be the responsibility of the guests using it.

5. There is no fee for a Meridian Baptist Church minister; however, it is customary to give an honorarium to the officiating minister. Checks should be made payable to the individual minister. If the family has made arrangements with an available musician and/or soloist, typical honorariums for musicians and soloist range from \$75 - \$150 per person. Checks should be made payable to the individual musician(s) or soloist(s).