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5 places you could hold a funeral (apart from at the crematorium, in church or at the graveside)

1. **At home** – you'll need a reasonably spacious home on the ground floor and with good access - if you don't have a space big enough for the coffin and the mourners, you could put a yurt or marquee in the garden or you could have the ceremony with just the ashes present.
2. **At a woodland burial ground** – many have enough space to put up a marquee, yurt or gazebo for cover in case the weather is poor.
3. **In a community hall** – perhaps there's a village, community, sports, social or even a church hall near you that would allow you hold the funeral with the coffin present.
4. **In a function room** - in a pub or hotel. Make sure the access is good and separate access to the room is better. The owners are often more amenable if the funeral would take place during the quiet hours of the afternoon.
5. **The Registry Office** – some Registry Offices will now allow funerals – often they have a nice ceremony room.

The main message is, you can hold a funeral anywhere as long as you have the permission of the owner of the land and buildings and it is a reasonably private place where members of the public will not walk in on the funeral unawares. Look for enough parking space, disabled access, toilets and easy access for the coffin.



You can find more information and ideas like this in our book *We Need To Talk About The Funeral - 101 Practical Ways To Commemorate And Celebrate A Life*, by Jane Morrell and Simon Smith, available at bookshops or download from www.greenfuse.co.uk/funeralbook.htm for £14.99.

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