

# JUSTIN STANDFIELD

Independent Funeral Celebrant

"Ceremonies that honour every life, exactly as it was lived."

### What is a funeral celebrant?

My role is to make the ceremony part of the process feel calm, organised and supported. Every ceremony begins with listening. I'll spend time with you and your family, learning about the person who has died: their life, their character, their values and the relationships that shaped them.

Some ceremonies are quiet and reflective. Others are full of laughter and shared stories. Many include a mix of both. My aim is always to create something balanced and personal, honouring a life as it was lived.

I'm not there to give a generic speech (my ceremony words are *never* one-size-fits-all). I'm there to help you shape a farewell that feels meaningful for those who loved them.

I can also include elements that reflect particular beliefs or philosophies when they feel fitting. These can bring a sense of calm and connection without needing to follow any formal faith tradition.

I will lead with steadiness and care, ensuring it flows smoothly and respectfully.



### What happens when you get in touch?

Most families find me through their funeral director, but you can contact me directly if you prefer. However you reach out, the first step is always a simple conversation.

You don't need to have any firm ideas. Many people don't, and that's completely normal. My role is to listen, ask gentle questions and help you find the words, stories and tone that feel right.

#### We'll talk about:

- the person's life and character
- important relationships and moments
- any themes or elements you'd like included
- music, readings or reflections that hold meaning

From there, I write a bespoke ceremony script that weaves everything together in a way that feels sincere, respectful and human.

## About me

As a celebrant, trained and certified by the Academy of Professional Celebrants, I bring the skills I've used in a career that encompasses public speaking, training and coaching: listening carefully, finding the right words, and helping people feel seen and supported.

I'm not there to make speeches; I'm there to help you shape a ceremony that feels true to the person you've lost and to what they meant to you.



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