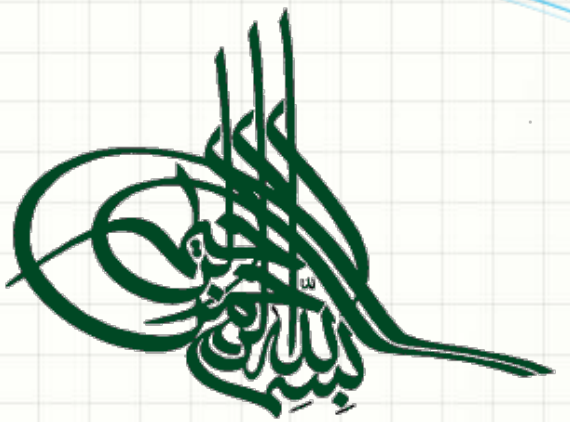
INFORMATION SESSION ON MUSLIM FUNERALS IN BRISBANE

MFS
Funeral Director &
Savings Plan Manager

MUSLIM FUNERAL SERVICES LTD

Dr.Mohammed Iqbal Sultan

Director MFS



Quran says:

"Kullu nafsin tha-iqathul maut"

Every soul shall have a taste of death

Inna lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un

To Allah SWT we belong and unto Him we shall return

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About MFS Ltd:

- ASIC registered company
- Established 2010
- Autonomous Independent of any Musjid
- Funeral Director SEQ Muslim Community
- Based at Kuraby Mosque but serve entire community of South East Qld
- Not for profit Company / Committee of volunteers
- Member QFDA (Queensland Funeral Directors Assn)

ABOUT MFS

Muslim Funeral Services Ltd (MFS) was established in 2010 to fulfil the role of the *Funeral Director* to the Muslim Communities across all of the Brisbane and Gold Coast suburbs. It is a result of joint efforts between Brisbane Muslim Burial Services Inc (BMBS) and the Gold Coast Islamic Society burial committee. These services have until now been outsourced.

The services we provide will include all the transport arrangements for the deceased which will include the pick up of the janaza (deceased) from the home, hospital or mortuary, transport to the local mosque or ghusl facility, where the ghusl (washing) and shrouding will be performed, and then the final transport to the local cemetery.

We will liaise with the local council to book the grave site for burial and complete all the necessary paperwork and regulatory requirements including registration of the death with the appropriate government department.

Our ghusl and mortuary facilities are based at the Kuraby Musjid, 1408 Beenleigh Road, Kuraby, Qld 4112, but you may choose to have the ghusl performed at any other facility.

Although we are based at the Kuraby Musjid, we are an *autonomous private company* formed for the benefit of the entire Queensland Muslim Community, and are not a part of any Musjid or Islamic society.

MFS is a accredited member of the *Queensland Funeral Directors Association* (QFDA).

MFS Directors and members:

- Yussuf Chothia (Director)
- Dr.Mohammed Iqbal Sultan (Director)
- Hussin Goss (Director)
- Riaz Gutta (Secretary)
- Abdul Kader Surtie

MFS Committee:

Directors:

- Yussuf Chothia
- Hussin Goss
- Dr. Mohammed Iqbal Sultan

Secretary:

- Riaz Gutta

Other Members:

- AK (Abdel Kader) Surtie
- Dr Fuzlahuck Moola
- Sh.Mabrouk Houadchia
- Habib Deen

The MFS Team

Dr.Mohammed Iqbal Sultan

Yussuf Chothia

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Abdul Kader Surtie

Sh Mabrouk Houadchia

Dr.Fuzlahuck Moola

QFDA Membership

Only Muslim Funeral Director member of QFDA

MFS Hearse

Services Offered:

- Full Funeral Director services
- All transport arrangements
- Grave bookings
- Pick up hospital, mortuary or home to Ghusl facility
- May use any Ghusl facility
- Liaise with Hospital, Police or mortuary
- Complete all paperwork
- Death Registration with Dept of Births, Deaths & Marriage

Other Services

- Overseas & Interstate transfers in and out
- Embalming
- Burials at Mt Gravatt, Gold Coast, Toowoomba
- Still born Burials at Beenleigh
- SMS Service

SMS Service:

- Free SMS for funerals taking place in Brisbane and the Gold Coast
- Database of nearly 700
- To get onto our database –
- email to ***admin@mfs.asn.au***
- online form
- SMS to 0412 845 786
- Now also on twitter ***@janaza786***

Other activities:

- Point of information for hospitals, police, other funeral directors
- Education of other non Muslim funeral directors in small towns thro our QFDA membership
- Presentation to QFDA Rockhampton November 2011 & to AFDA in September 2012

MFS

- Provide assistance to smaller Muslim communities across SEQ – Mackay, Rockhampton, Cairns
- Supply precut Kaffans (Shroud)
- Local Council advocacy and representation to address burial needs of Muslims
- Cemeteries in other areas / arranged Rockhampton Cemetery

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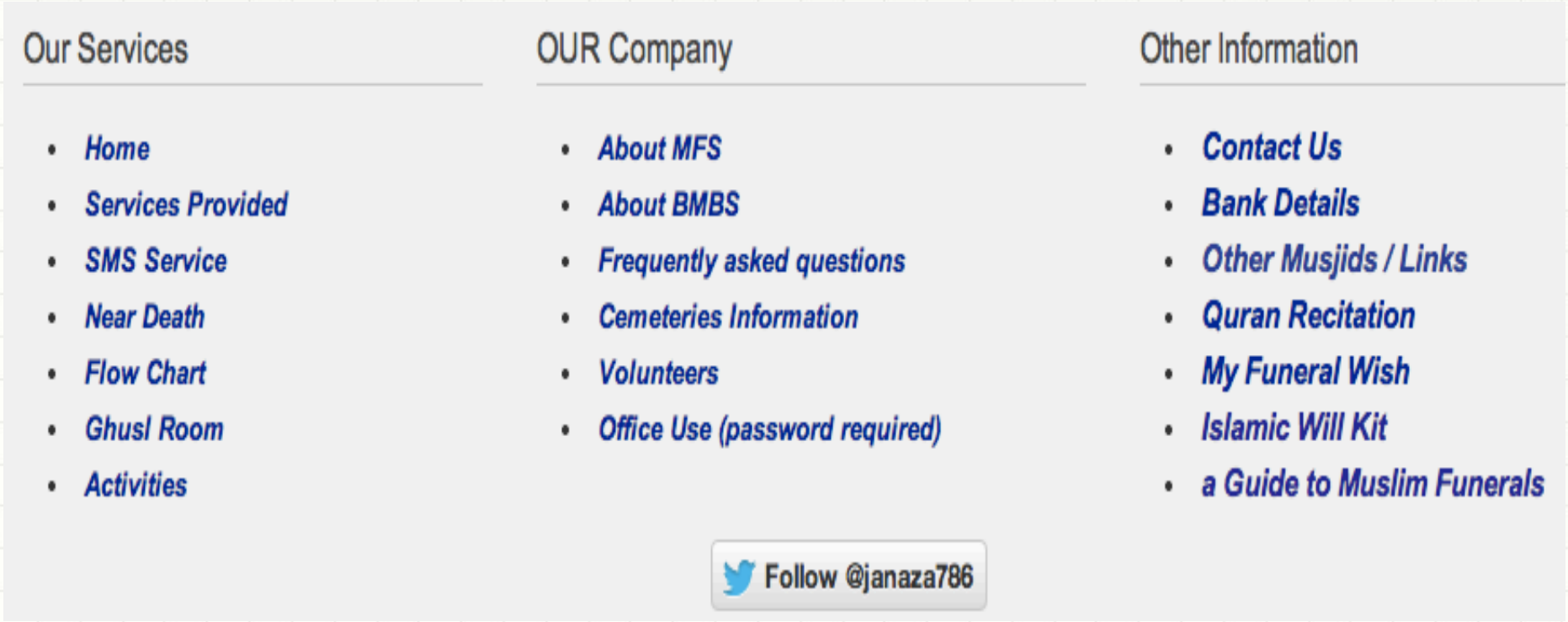

Facilities:

- Offices at the Kuraby Musjid
- Ghusl Room
- Fully equipped
- Cold Room / Mortuary
- Hearse

40 per year
Now over 180 Funerals performed since October 2010

About 25% stilllborn

When death occurs:

1. Contact GP
2. Contact MFS
3. Arrange Death Certificate

Death expected:

- Contact MFS prior to death
- Complete online forms
- Advise Doctor, Hospital or Nursing home patient is Muslim
- Need for the death certificate ASAP
- Complete all Forms
- When death occurs contact MFS 24/7
- Do not leave hospital till arrangement for death certificate is made
- MFS will take over from this point

Steps to follow when a family member dies

Death at Home

Contact deceased's Doctor
(if NO family doctor -> contact Qld Ambulance / Queensland Police @ 10111)

Contact MFS

MFS will liaise with Police

Death at Hospital or Nursing home

Contact local Musjid / MFS
(will liaise with MFS)

Get Death Certificate from Hospital doctor

Muslim Funeral Services
will contact family
Please **advise** the funeral director as soon as the **death certificate** is available

MFS will arrange to pick up of Janaza

Proceed to GHUSL facility at the local Musjid
MFS will provide all paperwork for Burial

GHUSL and JANAZA salah will be performed

Proceed to the Cemetery for Burial

See our website **www.mfs.asn.au** for further information including contact details of your local musjid burial society.

MFS is the ONLY MUSLIM FUNERAL DIRECTOR in South East QUEENSLAND.
Some ghusl services may be provided at your local musjid.

NEAR DEATH

WHEN A MUSLIM IS AT THE POINT OF DEATH:

Family members of the dying person and his/her closest friends should be informed and should be present at his side to help him turn his thoughts to Allah, encourage him very gently to repent, remind him about all the good deeds that he did, about Allah's mercy, and Allah's forgiveness. Those who are present near a dying Muslim should do the following:

- they should be kind and patient
- they should never leave the person alone
- they should give them hope

They should prompt him very gently (encourage without insistence) every now and then to say the Shahada: "Ashadu Allah ilaha il-lallah, wa ashhadu anna Muhammadur Rasullullah", which means 'I bear witness that there is no God but Allah (SWT), and that Muhammed (SAW) is his messenger' in a very kind and sincere manner as these may be his last words.

WHEN DEATH OCCURS:

Many deaths occur in medical institutions. There is a occasionally a concern that a Muslim who dies in such an institution may not be treated in accordance with Islamic tradition especially when family members may not present at the time of death.

If death is expected, the family may contact their local funeral director or mosque at this stage to facilitate arrangements.

There have been concerns relating to how the body of the deceased may be handled and this can be quite distressful to the family, particularly when the handlers are of the opposite gender and the family may not be present.

In order to counteract these possible problems emerging, a number of guidelines are suggested and initiatives have been set up to reduce this anxiety for all concerned.

It is preferable that hospital staff wear gloves and avoid unnecessary handling of the body of the deceased.

The body should *NOT* be washed in preparation for the funeral, except for any necessary cleansing which may required.

The washing in preparation for burial is a very important duty which the deceased's family members or members of the community are obliged to perform.

When death comes the body should be handled with the utmost respect, gentleness and decency.

Forms: *(all available on website)*

1. Application & Consent Form
2. Authority to release from Hospital
3. Cemetery Application Form
4. Form for Dept of BDM to register Death
5. Extract of death certificate application

MUSLIM FUNERAL SERVICES Ltd (MFS)

Funeral Application & Consent Form

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This application form gives permission to MFS to perform the Funeral of the deceased with the consent of the Next of Kin or Authorised representative.

This form MUST be completed.

ALL of the information of the deceased, including details of the family, marriages and children is **COMPULSORY** for the registration of the death with the Department of Births, Deaths and Marriages. **Correct information is essential.**

For any non applicable information (eg. deceased is not married or has no children) please insert N/A on the form or if completed before death - for dates can insert todays date.

1. Details of the Deceased

Deceased's Full Name *

Prefix | First Name | Last Name

Residential Address *

Street number

Street name

City | State

Postal Code | Australia (Country)

Phone Number *

Area Code - Phone Number

Date of Birth *

Day | Month | Year

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Funeral Director & Savings Plan Manager

Brisbane & Gold Coast

1300 896 786 (24 hr)

"Kullu nafsin tha-iqatul mawt"
[Every soul shall have a taste of death.] [29:57]

Bismillahir rahmanir rahim
In the name of Allah,
most compassionate most merciful

ABOUT FUNERALS IN ISLAM

In Islam the funeral process is the *duty and responsibility* of every local Muslim community.

It is an obligatory act for at least 1 member of the community to perform this duty (referred to as *Fard-e-kifaya* - an obligation which if performed by 1 member of the community, then the entire community absolved from the responsibility, and if not then the entire community is sinful & accountable for this omission).

In Queensland this role has been shared between the local mosque and a local Funeral Director.

Muslim Funeral Services Ltd (MFS) was established in 2010 to fulfill the role of a Muslim Funeral Director within the Brisbane and Gold Coast communities, and we are the only Muslim Funeral Director in Queensland.

Muslims bury the deceased as soon as possible, preferably within 24 hours.

The process involves three essential steps:

Washing & Shrouding the body
The Funeral Prayer
The Burial Process

About Islamic Funerals

- Why do we have an organisation like MFS?
- *Fard-e-kifayah* – an obligatory act which if performed by a one member of a community, absolves the entire community of the responsibility, and if not then the entire community is sinful and accountable
- Family and community involvement

- Burial as soon as possible – usually within 24 hours
- Death Certificate ASAP
- No Cremations
- No need for embalming (exceptions)
- Post mortems discouraged
- No Coffins
- Burial directly on ground

3 Steps

1. Washing and Shrouding the deceased (Ghusl & Kaffan)
2. The Funeral Prayer (Janazah Salah)
3. The Burial Process (Al Daffan)

Ghusl & Kaffan

- Most now done at the Kuraby Mosque facility / have a cold room
- May be at any other local Mosque which has a Ghusl facility

Janazah Salah

- May take place at the mosque or at the cemetery

THE GHUSL ROOM

This page will detail the essential requirements for a GHUSL room at any facility.

It will assist a regional centre to establish a Ghusl room in your town insha-Allah.

The GHUSL Room is usually a designated area at the local Islamic centre or mosque or if this is not available you may make arrangements with the local Funeral Director to use their facility. MFS is a member of QFDA and we would be happy to establish this relationship with one of our funeral director colleagues on your organisation's behalf.

GHUSL ROOM Equipment and minimum accessories:

- The GHUSL room
- Washing Table - usually stainless steel. These are available commercially or may be made to specification and it may be fixed or portable, with a water outlet which may be plumbed in or have a container to collect and dispose of the used water
- Warm water supply
- Bucket and jug
- Disposable latex gloves - S,M,L,XL
- Disposable Plastic aprons
- Cotton wool
- Cloth disposable wipes or towels
- Face Masks should be available
- Soap (Liquid or bar)
- Camphor
- Scissors
- Attar
- Scissors
- Kaffan - this may be a roll of white calico or cotton fabric which may be cut as required or you may purchase ready cut and pre-packed kaffan

THE GHUSL PROCEDURE (WASHING AND SHROUDING)

When a Muslim dies, it is the responsibility of his family or other Muslims within the local community to wash him according to the Islamic rites of washing the deceased. Usually at least three to four people will be involved with the actual ghusl (washing and shrouding).

The persons who may wash the deceased should :

1. be an adult Muslim, honest and trustworthy person
2. be of the same gender as the deceased ie if the deceased is male, then ONLY males should wash him
3. for a child, either males or females may do the ghusl
4. know the Islamic way of washing the deceased and be able to carry out the ghusl
5. it is recommended that those who performed the washing should make wudhu (ablution)

PLACE OF WASHING :

The deceased's body should be washed in a clean, secluded, and private place where clean water and soap are available. Gloves must always be worn (if not available pieces of cloth to wrap around the hand are needed).

The body of the deceased should be washed with water and, if available, lotus leaves, or camphor (to be used in the final wash).

The steps of the washing should be done at least three times any more odd number of times as necessary to cleanse.

Always be mindful of infection control and protecting the person performing the Ghusl.

Our Ghusl facility provides disposable gloves, aprons and face masks. Bins for general rubbish as well as Hazardous waste bins for any contaminated waste removed from the body. Only used the hazardous bins for contaminated waste as their is additional fees incurred to dispose of this separately.

STEPS OF WASHING:

(Privacy for the deceased is a crucial and important requirement at all times during the ghusl)

- the body of the deceased should be placed on a table or alike, the deceased's clothes should be removed , and the body should be covered with a sheet of cloth
- the head and the upper body should be raised slightly to insure the washing water with exudations from the body flows down and does not run back to the body
- the Aura (private parts) of the deceased should be covered with a sheet of cloth (The aura of a male is from the belly button to the knee in the presence of males, for the female is the same in the presence of females)
- remove any items or objects not already removed. These include watches, hospital or mortuary ID tags, wound dressings, IV lines, peg tubes, artificial limbs. If there is any active bleeding or wound discharge then that may be padded and dressed
- the washer should start washing by saying: "Bismillah" (*In the name of Allah)*
- the washer wears gloves or winds a piece of cloth around his hand, and with this he cleans away any impurities from the body using water. Then he should dispose of the gloves
- the washer should take another pair of gloves, press lightly the stomach of the deceased so as so to expel, if possible, any remnants from it, and then wash the body of all impurities using water. Then he should dispose of the gloves
- the washer should take another pair of gloves, and wash the covered private parts, then dispose of the gloves
- the washer should perform wudhu (ablution) for the deceased without inserting the water in the nose and in the mouth. May use a piece of wet cotton wool in a small roll to clean nose and front teeth
- the washer should clean the body with water and soap (if available), starting from the head (hair, face and beard in men), then the upper right side of the body then the left side, after that the lower right side then the lower left
- In the case of a female, her hair should be loosened, washed, combed, and be braided in three braids, and placed behind her back
- the washing should be done three times, or five times, or seven times, as needed, providing that after washing the head, wash the right side before the left, and the upper parts before the lower ones
- in the last wash, the washer may use camphor, or some perfume with the water
- after that the body should be dried with clean towel
- then the body should be covered with a white sheet
- get ready to start the shrouding

AL-KAFAN (SHROUDING THE DEAD MUSLIM)

Shrouding should start immediately after washing the body of the deceased. It is recommended to use white sheets from inexpensive material. Extravagance is not recommended in the Kafan (Shroud). All measurements may vary depending on the stature of the deceased.
The material of the sheet should not have any stitching, not be silk, nor should any gold be used.

Our MFS Facility has pre-cut and packed male and female adult kaffans. These are placed and folded in the order of use and so when the pack is opened and unfolded it is already ready to be used in the correct order.

We also have a roll of fabric available should you need to cut a specific size.

THE KAFAN OF A MALE

The Kafan of a male should consist of three white wrapping sheets, and 4 tie ropes

- Outer sheet - Lifafah
- Second sheet - Izaar
- Third sheet - Qamees (shirt)
- 3-4 ties
- 2 smaller sheets (satar) used cover the private parts one before and the other after ghusl

STEPS OF SHROUDING:

- The wrapping sheets should be opened and spread out one on the top of the other (if using one of our pre-packed kaffans, this is already done or you)
- Roll up the front half of the top sheet towards the head - Qamees(shirt)
- The deceased, covered with a sheet (satar), is lifted and laid on his back on this top sheet (Qamees)
- The Qamees is then unrolled over the front of the body and once the body is covered then remove the satar (covering sheet)
- Some scent or perfume or sandal wood paste may be put on those parts of the body upon which one rests during prostration, that is the forehead, nose, hands, knees, and feet
- If it is possible the deceased's left hand should be placed on his chest, then put his right hand on the left hand like the way in the Salat (Prayer)
- The edge of the next sheet (Izaar) is then folded over the deceased right side, then the other edge over his left side.
- Then the last sheet (Lifafah) should be folded the same way.
- These sheets should be fastened with a piece of cloth (tie ropes), one above the head, another under the feet, and two around the body
- This completes the shrouding for the male

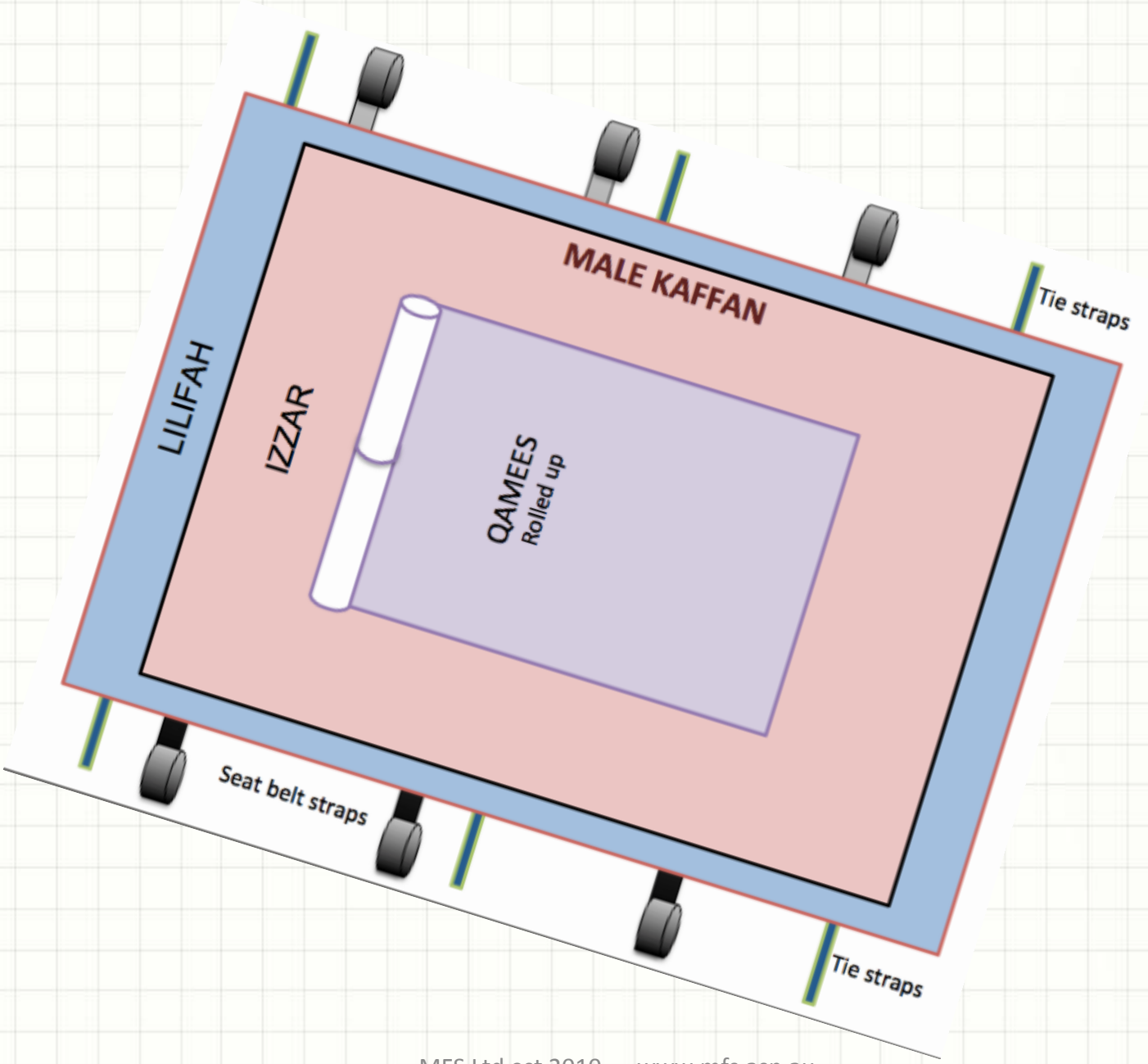
THE KAFAN OF A FEMALE

The Kafan of a female should consist of five white garments and 4 ties

- Outermost sheet - Lifafah
- Second sheet - Sinaband - to cover from under armpits to thighs
- Third sheet - Izaar
- Fourth layer - Qamees
- Last piece - Orni - to cover head and hair
- 3-4 ties
- 2 smaller sheets (satar) used cover the private parts one before and the other after ghusl

STEPS OF SHROUDING:

- All the sheets should be spread out in layers (if you are using our pre-packed kaffan this is already done as you open the kaffan)
- Roll up the front half of the top sheet towards the head - Qamees(shirt)
- The deceased, covered with a sheet (satar), is lifted and laid on her back on this top sheet (Qamees)
- The Qamees is then unrolled over the front of the body and once the body is covered then remove the satar (covering sheet
- some scent or perfume may be put on those parts of the body upon which one rests during prostration, that is the forehead, nose, hands, knees, and feet.
- the sinaband (loin cloth) is bound round (acts like underwear).
- Put the head veil
- the deceased's left hand should be placed on her chest, then put her right hand on the left hand like the way in the Salat (Prayer)
- the edge of the Izaar sheet is folded over the deceased right side, then the other edge over his left side.
- then the last (Lifafah) sheet should be folded the same way
- these sheets should be fastened with a piece of cloth (tie ropes), one above the head, another under the feet, and two around the body

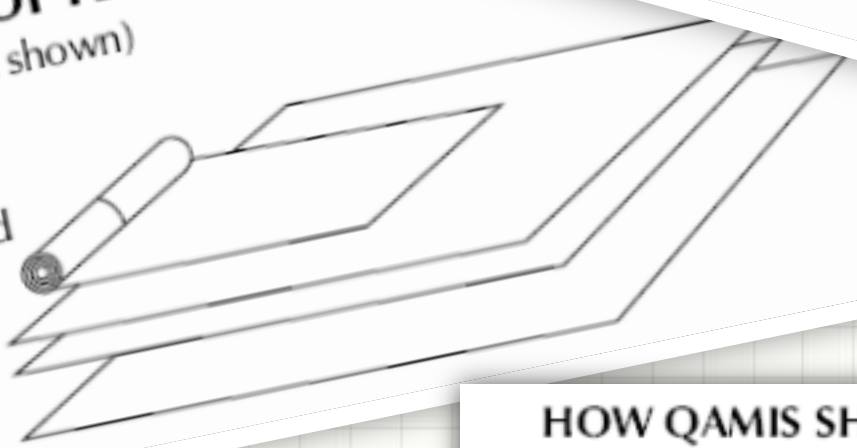

MALE KAFFAN
Tie straps
LILIFAH
IZZAR
QAMEES
Rolled up
Seat belt straps
Tie straps

ORDER OF MALE KAFN:

Qamis
Izar
Lifafah

ORDER OF FEMALE KAFN:

Orhni (not shown)
Qamis
Izar
Sina'band
Lifafah



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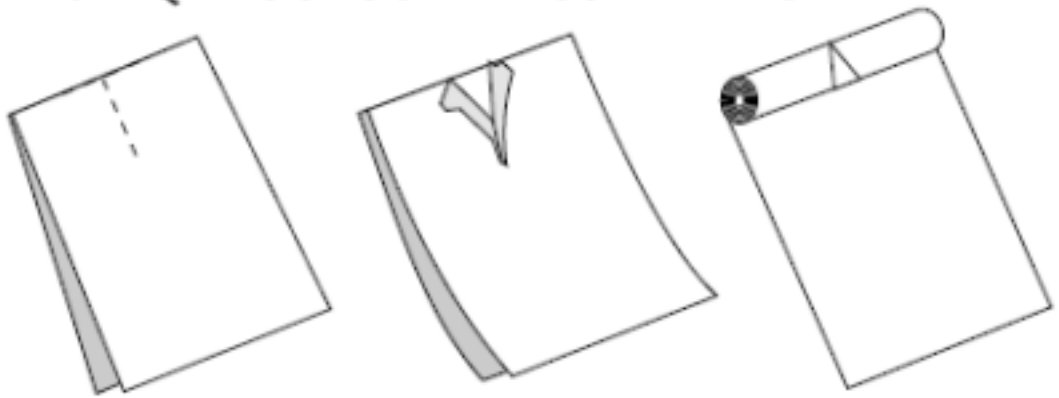


Kaffan cutting and packing

KURABY FACILITY

SALATUL JANAZA (THE FUNERAL PRAYER)

A divine service is held over the dead body of every Muslim, young or old, even of infants who have lived only a few minutes. When the soul leaves the body, preparations are made for bidding him the last farewell.

It is highly recommended that, after washing and shrouding the body of the deceased, the body not to be kept long, but rather taken quickly, prayed for, and then buried.

Salatul Janazah is required to be performed in congregation to request pardon for the deceased and all dead Muslims.

It is preferable that Salatul Janazah be performed outside the Mosque or the Musalla (Prayer room), like in the Mosque activity rooms or courtyards.

Salatul Janazah is a collective obligation. A Muslim should not hesitate to participate in it, whether or not the deceased or his relatives are known to him.

Salatul Janazah is said silently, except the Takbeer and Tassleem. All conditions for regular Salat are required in Salatul Janazah such as Tahara, Wudu, clean body and clothes, neeyah (intention), and facing the Qiblah.

There are specific times when it is prohibited to perform Salatul Janazah, unless it becomes necessary, due to the condition of the body, to perform it quickly and then bury the body.

These prohibited times are:

- From sunrise until the sun is fully risen
- At the zenith of the sun (the sun at meridian), until it passes the meridian
- From when the sun pales before sunset until it has set.

CEMETERIES:

Adult & Children Burials:

- Mt Gravatt
- Gold Coast – Southport
- Toowoomba
- Coming soon – Mackay & Rockhampton

Stillborns:

- Beenleigh Cemetery – non denominational

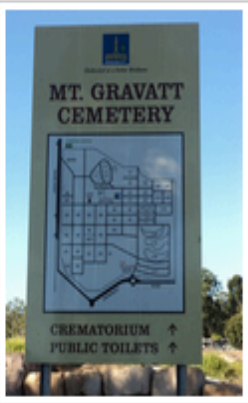
CEMETERIES INFORMATION

There are only three cemeteries in South East Queensland with with a designated Muslim section in the cemetery .

In Brisbane this is at the Mt Gravatt Cemetery, whilst on the Gold Coast Coast, it is at the Southport Cemetery and the third is in Toowoomba.

Whist we use either of these for all funerals, we use the Beenleigh Cemetery for "stillborn" funerals.

The Beenleigh cemetery has a designated "stillborn" section which is for all faiths. The fees for the stillborn funerals at Beenleigh is at a substantially reduced rate. However, if you would like to use either the Mt Gravatt or Southport cemetery for a stillborn baby funeral, it is possible but the fees will be substantially higher



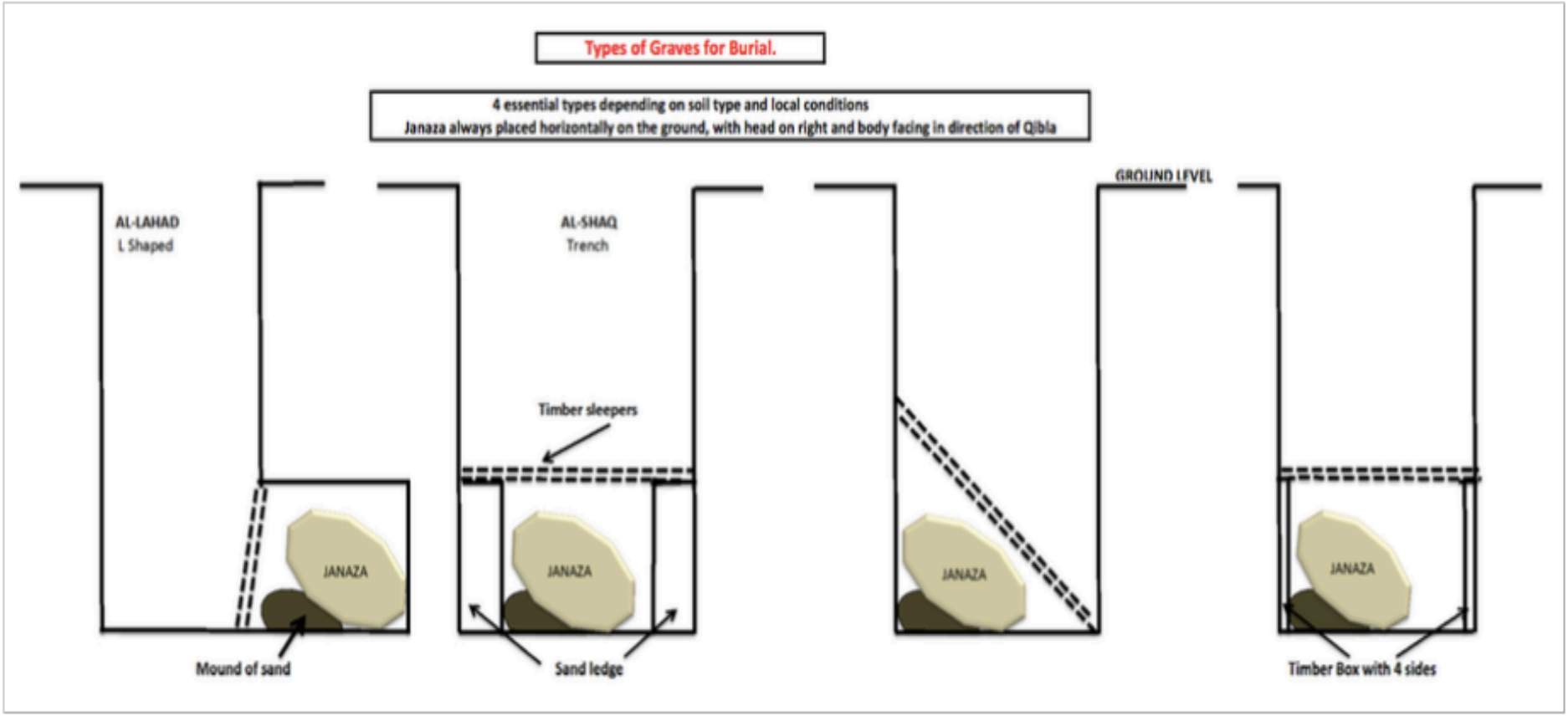
Internal Box for Grave

Grave being prepared

Box in Grave

Grave covered

Types of Grave shapes



Type used varies depending on soil type and local council regulations

AL DAFFAN (THE BURIAL)

Islam has a unique style of building graves and cemeteries that is characterized by humility, simplicity and economy in costs and that avoids glorifying the dead with elaborate monuments.

It is of great importance that a special cemetery be devoted exclusively for the use of Muslims. Muslims may not be buried in the cemeteries of non-Muslims, nor can non-Muslims be buried in a Muslim cemetery.

The deceased should be buried in the locality in which he lived. It is undesirable to take the body to the person's own country or to another city.

In Muslim cemeteries, there are two types of graves :

Al-Shaqq : is to make a deep vertical hole in the ground.

Al-Lahed : is to make a deep vertical hole in the ground, then in the bottom make a side horizontal hole big enough to cover the whole body.

Both types are used, but it is preferable to use Al-Lahed if the land is solid.

However there may be some variation in different countries depending on local soil type and local conditions.

The burial should be done as soon as possible after death, but the following times should be avoided: Late at night, from sunrise until the sun is fully risen, at the zenith of the sun (The sun at the meridian), until it passes the meridian, when the sun pales before sunset until it has set.

During these times burying is prohibited unless there is an urgent necessity, according to the Hadith of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) that was narrated by (Muslim).

STEPS OF BURIAL :

It is important to observe workplace health and safety rules both for the family, friends and funeral directors.

Family members entering the grave to lower the body in, are advised to use a step ladder to enter and exit the grave.

Kindly note that carrying the janazah and lowering into the ground is an Islamic requirement and that MFS Ltd is not responsible for any injuries sustained during this process by family, friends or volunteers>

A grave is dug deep enough to totally hide the body of the deceased, in Brisbane about 1.7m deep

Funeral Costs (Total)

ADULT:

- Brisbane $ 5150
- Gold Coast $5950
- After Hours and weekends additional council fees $750 - $1400
- 2/3 of fees local council

STILLBORN:

- $595 Beenleigh

Funeral Savings Plan:

- MFS Savings Fund Manager
- Monthly, quarterly, annual or lump sum contribution
- What you put in is what you get out
- No fees and charges
- Family still responsible for any shortfall
- Individual or Groups

FUNERAL SAVINGS FUND

Muslim Funeral Services Ltd (MFS) has established and manages a Funeral Savings Fund.
The fund has been established as a savings fund for members of the Muslim community. Anyone applying to join the Funeral Savings Fund will also become a signed up member of MFS and will make a contribution in the form of a subscription into the fund, towards the payment of the cost of their funeral either in part or in full, depending on the amount contributed into the fund and the cost of the funeral at the time of death.
Members may make a lump sum contribution or quarterly contributions as arranged.

Under all circumstance the financial liability of the company and its directors will be limited to the total amount contributed into the fund by the member.
The cost of the funeral in South East Queensland will change periodically depending on the fees and charges from the local councils and those of the funeral director. These council fees also differ between the various local councils.
Members may contact MFS from time to time to get an estimate of these fees and any changes periodically.
The average fees quoted will at all times be based on the Mt Gravatt Cemetery fees as levied by the Brisbane City council.
Any deficit between the cost of the funeral and contribution made into the fund at the time of death will have to be paid to MFS at the time of the funeral by the next of kin of the deceased.

The member may also nominate a family member as a beneficiary of the fund if the death of the nominated beneficiary precedes that of the principal member.
There will be no fees and charges for the management of the fund except in the case of any charges incurred for costs applied by your banking institution for establishing a debit order or such like payment method.
In the event of the death of the member occurring outside of the South East Queensland area, then the amount of the subscription contributed into the fund will be paid to the nominated next of kin or into the estate of the deceased.

First Name/s:			Last Name:				
Date of Birth:			Gender:		Title:		
Address:							
			State	Qld	Code	4	
Tel:			Mobile:				
Email Add:							
Other beneficiary:	1						
	2						
	3						
	4						
Next of Kin:	First Name:			Last Name:			
NOK Telephone:		Mobile:		Relationship:			
Contribution:	Lump sum:	$		Quarterly:	$ per qtr.		

It is the responsibility of the member to advise MFS of any changes to the details provided. The member agrees to be contacted by MFS Ltd or its nominated representative using the details above.

It is also the responsibility of the member to ensure that there adequate funds available in the nominated bank account, in the case of the quarterly debit orders.

The suggested lump sum in 2010 would be $5000 for burials taking place at the Mt Gravatt cemetery.

The suggested quarterly contribution would as follows at present:

20-30	$75	30-40	$100
40-50	$125	50-60	$150
60-70	$175	Over 75	$ 4500-$5000 once off

Quarterly payments will occur via a direct debit order

Any remaining funds in the members account after payment of funeral expenses incurred at death will be reimbursed to the nominated next of kin of the deceased.

The member may opt to donate these remaining funds to MFS to be used charitably to pay for the funeral of a Muslim who is financially disadvantaged and cannot afford to pay for their funeral.

Would you like to exercise this charitable option?

Yes		No	

At any point should the quarterly contributions made by the member into their account have significantly exceeded the estimate of the funeral at that point in time, then the member may if he/she so wishes discuss this with MFS and mutually agree to suspend contributions for a specified period of time, whilst at all times understanding that the liability of MFS or its directors will be limited to funds available in the members account when necessary.

MFS Ltd is a public company limited by guarantee, established to operate as a funeral director and to manage a Funeral Savings Fund.

Your next of kin will make decisions regarding the Ghusl facility and Cemetery when necessary.

The Fund is a Savings Fund and it is not an Insurance plan of any sort.

Any changes to this agreement will only be effective if made in writing.

Signed at		this		Day of		20

Member name:		Member signature:	

Witness name:		Witness signature:	

MFS Member:	Signature:

A copy of a photographic identity document must accompany this application eg. Driver licence or passport.

For office use only:	Date received:		Approved:	
Membership No:				
Payment received:	Chq / Cash / EFT / Quarterly Debit Order:			

Mixed Marriages:

Discuss with family and advise family or spouse of your wish to be buried as a Muslim

Our experience has shown that the family goes out of their way to honour the wish of the deceased

When dealing with the diverse cultural backgrounds we all come from every funeral we do is so different. We make every effort to accommodate our brothers and sisters at this difficult time.

New information website

Islamic Will Kit

My Funeral wish

Quran Recitation

A complete Funeral Guide Booklet

My Funeral Wish

Over recent years many sisters in mixed marriages in particular expressed their concerns about whether their burial wishes to be buried as Muslims will be fulfilled. Their requests for a document of some sort which records their wish has led to us adding this service.

To assist in addressing this MFS has designed this document to record their wish about their funeral and burial process.

This is of particular significance in the case of mixed marriages, where there is concern that the surviving partner may not fully understand your wish.

Kindly sign a statutory declaration confirming details of your wish and leave with close family, lawyer and send a copy to Muslim Funeral Services.

Please see our website for further information @ http://www.mfs.asn.au/my-funeral-wish.html

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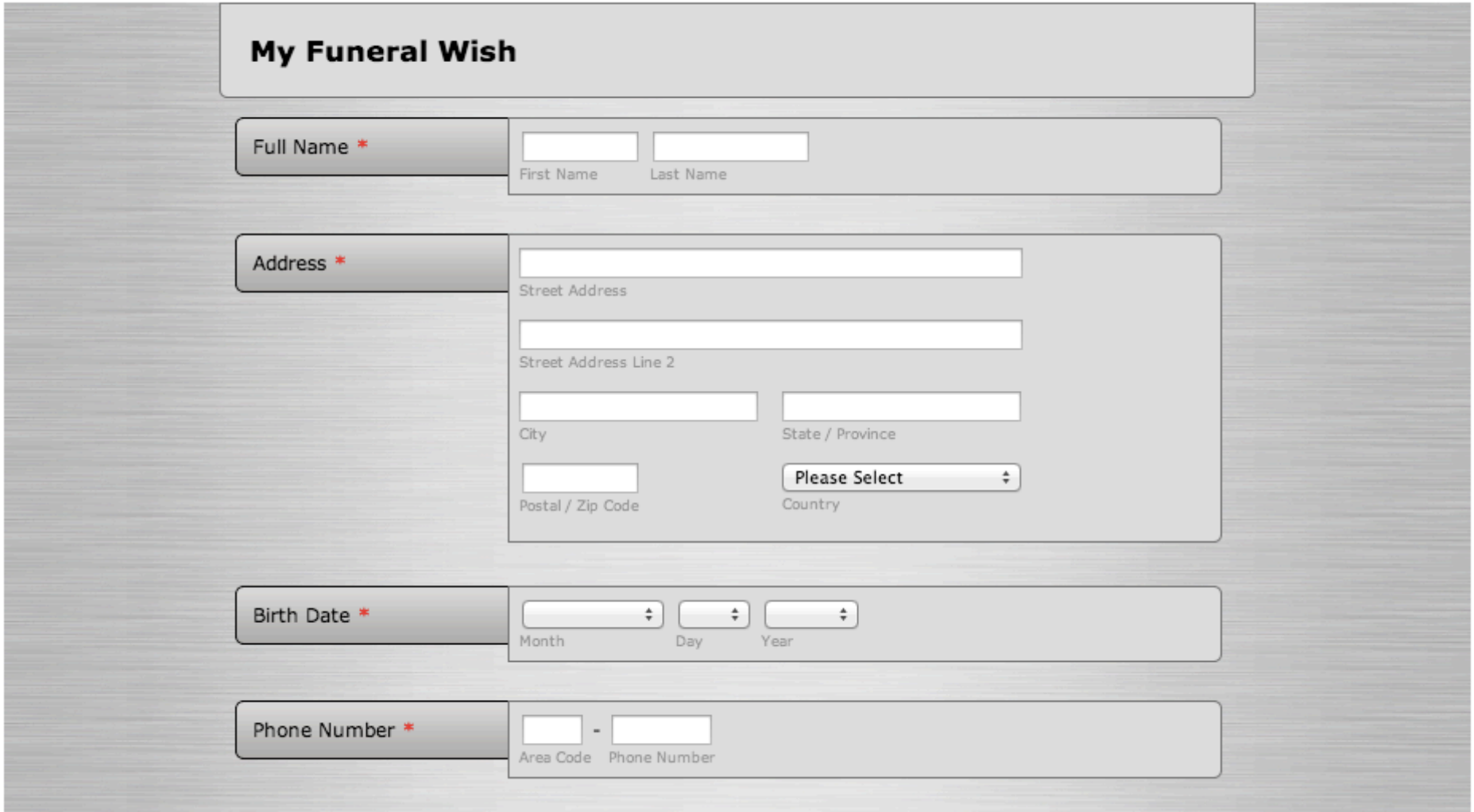


QURAN RECITATION

Some audio file of chapters of the Holy Quran which you may find useful during these difficult times Insha-Allah.

Surah Al-Fatiha (Ch 1) is the first Chapter of the Holy Quran, also referred to as *The Opening*.

Surah Al-Ikhlas (Ch 112), *Surah Al-Falaq* (Ch 113) & *Surah An-Naas* (Ch 114) are the last three surahs of the Quran.

It is said that reading the *Surah 112* three times is equivalent in reward (blessing or sawab) to that of reciting the entire Quran. This can be read at any time and in particular with the intention of the reward going to the deceased.

Surah Yaseen (Ch 36) is often referred to as the *heart of the Quran*, and eases the pains of death, and may therefore be recited when someone id close to death.

For *Non-Muslim* family & friends if no one is available to recite then just playing the audio of these verses, will also be very beneficial to the ill or deceased (especially at Surah Yaseen at the time of death, and all at any time even at the grave side at anytime).

00:00 00:00

Sura Fatiha (Ch1)

00:00 00:00

Surah Al-Ikhlas (Ch112)

00:00 00:00

The Islamic Will

We have had several requests for an Islamic Will.

Mr. Iqbal Lambat has been instrumental in developing an Islamic Will Kit compatible with Australian Law.

MFS has included details of the Will Kit with his permission.

Both MFS and Mr Lambat recommend that you should always seek legal advice regarding your individual circumstances.

PDF copy of the ***ISLAMIC WILL KIT*** is available on our website @ **http://www.mfs.asn.au/islamic-will.html**

A Guide to Muslim Funerals

in Queensland

Every soul shall have a taste of death

Dr Mohammed Iqbal Sultan
Muslim Funeral Services Ltd

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Some of the questions we've been asked so far are listed below.

The circumstances around each family and the death of a loved one is unique and different. If your question is not answered below or you need*any* information please contact us, so that we can be more specific.

In Islam the entire funeral process is a community responsibility, so you will note significant close family and community assistance for the process and the family may do as much or as little as they prefer. The entire process is intended to be very simple, with plenty of support from family and friends.

GHUSL = washing and shrouding process

KAFFAN = white wrapping shroud

JANAZA = Body of the deceased

JANAZA SALAH = Funeral prayer for the deceased, takes place after ghusl and before the burial process

DAFAN = Burial process

- What do I do if death is expected?

If there is a family member who is ill or is expected to die soon, it is recommended that you contact MFS to get adequate information in preparation for death and the funeral process. There is some information on the near death page which will also be useful for the hospital, doctor or nursing home.

Discuss this information with the doctor or hospital, so that they are made aware of your beliefs and also so that they understand the urgency in making the 'cause of death certificate" available

- Are there any forms I need to complete?

You may complete the application and consent form, before death so that we have adequate information to do the necessary grave bookings as soon as death occurs. There are additional forms which the next of kin is required to complete and sign, some of which may also be completed before death. See the Forms page.

- What do I do when death occurs?

Contact MFS as soon as possible even if this is out of office hours or on a weekend. Ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to get the cause of death certificate available as soon as possible. This is crucial because we cannot proceed to make all the arrangements without this document.

GHUSL FACILITY

- New Ghusl Room
- Hearse parking
- Cold room
- Store room

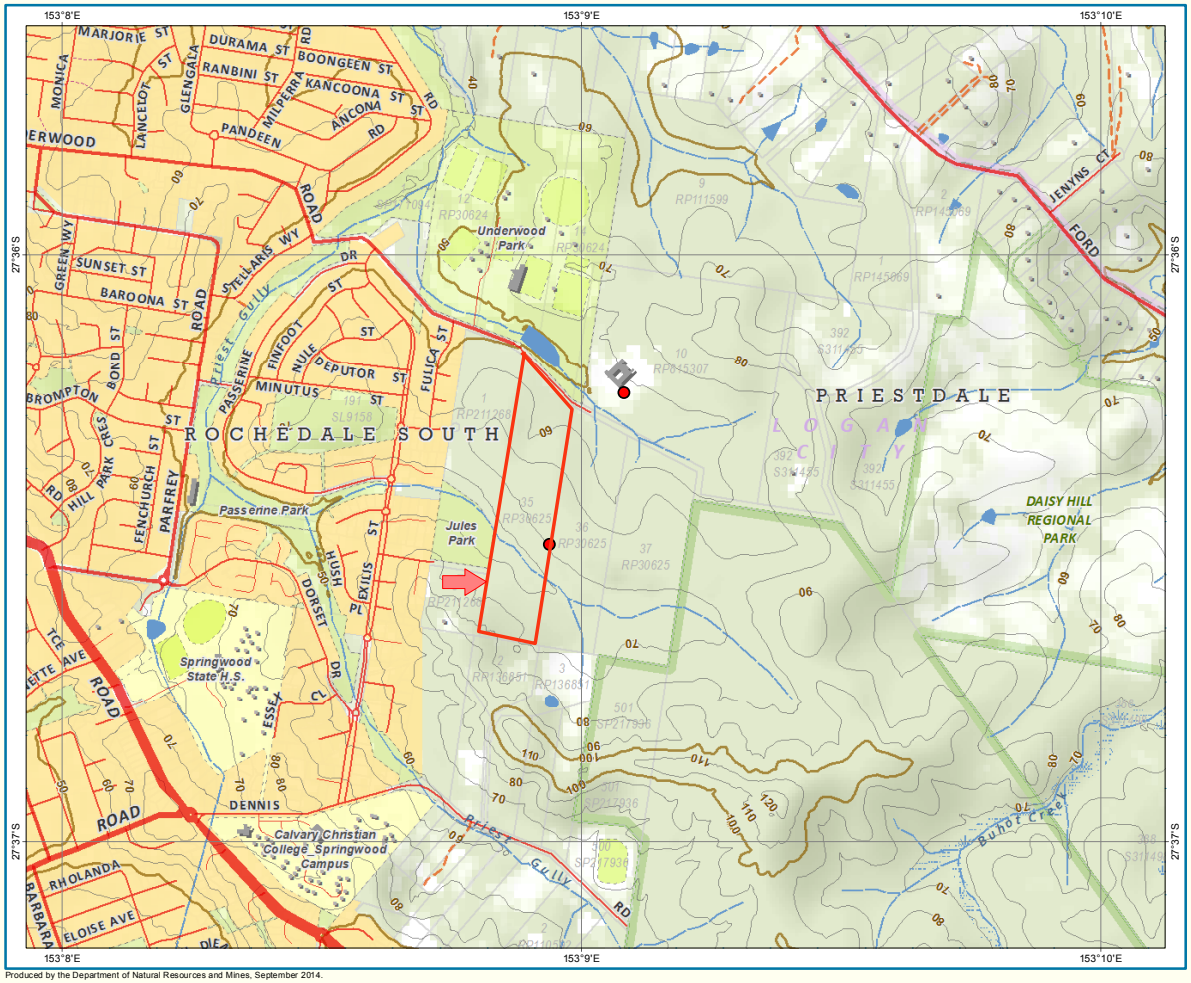
- All under one roof
- Based at Kuraby Musjid

Future Project:

Insha-Allah

- Private Muslim Cemetery
- Number of available graves limited

NEW CEMETERY PROJECT



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CEMETERY Lot 35 of RP 30625

Scale 1:18,084

0 0.25 0.5
Kilometres
(approximate only)

Coordinate System: WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere
Projection: Mercator Auxiliary Sphere
Datum: WGS 1984
Units: Metre

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Client Mapping Services (Spatial Data & Mapping)
Land & Spatial Information
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
GPO Box 2454, BRISBANE QLD 4001

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Land Details

- Purchased block 19/09/14
- Size 37 acres
- Cost $800 000
- To apply for DA approval to Council

Fund Raising options:

- Settlement for purchase
- Options of finding significant donors to settle by donations or long term loans
- After settlement will apply for DA insha-Allah
- Additional cost for DA
- All donors will be allocated 1 grave plot for every $5000 paid

ALHAMDU-LILLAH WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY

Make Dua Allah (SWT) guides us and gives us the ability to continue to provide this service for the benefit of the Ummah of SEQ

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Lots of information available on website

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- Crescents of Brisbane – *Treasurer*
- Brisbane Islamic Centre – *Vice President*
- Lockyer Valley Islamic Association - *Treasurer*

Thank you

Remember us all in your Duas

Questions Welcome