

Typical structure of a Humanist 2-part Burial Ceremony

- Entry** to be discussed during family visit
- Music 1 2 & 3** To accompany arrival of family & friends
{ up to 10 mins duration }
- All Stand. The coffin is brought in.
- A .** Words of introduction and welcome - includes brief introduction to what is the essence of a humanist funeral.
- B .** Some thoughts on life and death. The significance of life and death from a non-religious standpoint.
- Music 4. optional** { 3 mins duration - placed to suit script }
- C.** The tribute to the life of the deceased - can include family or others presentations of prose or poetry if appropriate.
- D.** The closing words , special mentions , special thanks and any announcements, incl donations to medical charities or other institutions, cemetery details, reception venue etc
- Music 3** As mourners depart to the cemetery
{ 5 mins duration }
- E.** Re-assemble around grave side
- The graveside tribute and committal (incl music ?)
- Closing words
- F.** Depart (incl music ?)