

Producing a Video Slide Show

Many of Brisbane's Cemeteries, Crematoriums and Churches have DVD facilities for the playback of memorial videos during funeral services. This is becoming a popular option when paying tribute to the person who has died. If the venue you have chosen for the funeral does not have video equipment available Anton Brown Funerals can provide a DVD Player and projector.

These days, with the quality and ease of use of the home computer, many families opt to produce the DVD video themselves, if you cannot do it yourself and would like our staff to produce it for you that can be arranged.

Self Produced:

If your computer has a DVD Burner installed there is a very good chance that you have the software required to produce a video slide show with music. The most common programmes found on computers include Cyberlinks Power Producer and Nero's Nero Vision. These are simple to use and produce a professional looking presentation. Photos will need to be scanned onto your computer, or to a disc or memory stick for use with these programmes, you will also need the music you would like to be played with the photos to be on your computer as well. It is best to combine the music and photos together so that they run to the same time. Both of the programs mentioned above allow you to set the time the photos are on screen to match the length of the music. A four minute song would want between 30 and 40 photos.

Hints and Tips:

- Ensure that the disc you produce is a **DVD disc** that you can play in your DVD machine at home. Creating a DVD rather than a powerpoint presentation makes the use in a Church or Chapel much easier. If your presentation will play in your DVD player at home then it should play in the equipment in the funeral venue. Powerpoint presentations require the use of a laptop computer and additional sound equipment and are sometimes difficult to integrate successfully in to a funeral service.
- Use the video tribute as the reflection time during the service.
- Do not make it too long, or try and put in too many photos. A normal song of about 3 to 4 minutes is normally suitable for a presentation, if it is much longer then peoples attention starts to wain, between 30 and 40 photos will have them up on screen long enough for people to appreciate them.
- Avoid the use of too many special effects. When assembling the presentation you may be tempted to add special effects between photos, these can include spinning boxes, curtains, waterfalls etc, try and limit what you use. In most instances a simple fade between pictures is enough. Sometimes the special transitions distract the viewer from the real meaning of the presentation, the aim of the presentation is to show memories of the past, not show off the wonders of modern technology.
- Always include a Menu page that can be shown on the screen during the service. This can include a photograph of the person, their name and date of birth, age etc, again keep it simple and do not clutter it too much. This menu would also include the "button" that plays the actual presentation. Doing this makes playing at the funeral much easier and by having a menu screen up the operator can see the disc is loaded and ready to go, rather than having a black screen until the time the presentation starts.
- If time permits, contact the venue and see if you can go and test the presentation on their equipment. This will help put you mind at ease that all will work right on the day. If you are using our supplied equipment please drop the disc to us the day before the funeral so that we can test it.

Please feel free to contact our staff if you have any questions about producing you Tribute DVD.

Video Tribute Planning Form

Please complete this form if you would like us to produce your Video Tribute.

Name of Deceased : _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____ Age: _____

Date / Time of Funeral: _____ Funeral Venue: _____

Require hire of Anton Brown Funeral Video Equipment

Number of Photos: _____ Music (Title and Artist): _____

Photos supplied on Memory Stick _____
Cd / DVD _____

Number of Photos to be scanned: _____ Scanning of photos: 50c per photo

Photograph Number to use as Menu Screen:

This photograph will be seen on screen as a background image during the service. _____

Please meet the following requirements to assist us in producing your video tribute:

- All photographs and music to be provided to us by 9am the day before the funeral.
- Photographs to be in jpg format on a cdrom,dvd disc or memory stick.
There will be an additional charge for scanning of paper photographs if necessary.
- Photo file names to be numbered as 001.jpg 002.jpg 003.jpg etc in the order that they are to appear. If you are providing paper photographs that need to be scanned then please number them on the back 001, 002, 003 etc. If there is no particular order that you need the pictures in then there is no need to number them.

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