

What are Some Common Flowers Used at Funerals and What Are Their Meanings?

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Using flowers at a funeral service or to decorate your loved one's grave is a common tradition. These days flowers can be natural or silk. Silk flowers, while not allowed in all cemeteries, allow the flowers to remain longer at the gravesite. There are many options and styles of floral decor. Wreaths, bouquets, pillows, or sprays are all common. Wreaths are used to symbolize life, death, and the immortality of the soul. Flowers however have their own unique meanings.

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1. Rose (red) - Passionate love
2. Rose (pink) - Friendship
3. Rose (yellow) - Zealous
4. Rose (white) - Purity
5. Poppy - Consolation - Also symbolic for veterans
6. Calla Lily - Marriage, and fidelity
7. Sunflower - Adoration
8. Peony - Healing
9. Zinnia - Thoughts of friends
10. Daisy - Innocence
11. Hydrangea - Perseverance
12. Gladiola - Strength of character
13. Carnation (red) - Flashy
14. Carnation (pink) - Gratitude
15. Carnation (white) - Remembrance
16. Larkspur - Beautiful spirit
17. Orchid - Delicate beauty, Innocence
18. Chrysanthemum - Loyalty, Love
19. Freesia - Passion, Joy
20. Iris - Royalty, Faith
21. Lilac - Tranquility, Passion
22. Peony - Romance
23. Tulip - Love, Confidence

There is no wrong choice in choosing flowers, but if you need help, our funeral directors will be able to make some recommendations.