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The Celebrant Foundation & Institute of North America

Celebrant Funerals: The Gold Standard for End of Life Tributes

It is a pleasure to introduce myself and our organization to you; I'm Charlotte Eulette, The North American Director and co-founder of the Celebrant USA Foundation & Institute. On behalf of our 400 North American Celebrants, we look forward to providing your cherished clientele families with the gold standard in personalized funeral ceremonies.

Certified Funeral Celebrants from our organization are dedicated to assisting and working together with Funeral Directors and Death Care professionals to provide their clientele with the finest in meaningful and personalized funeral ceremonies that pay tribute to and honor the life of the deceased.

Our Funeral Celebrant's mission is to create a ceremony that reflects the wishes, beliefs, cultural background and values – religious or non-religious – of the deceased loved one and their family. Your client is given complete choice of and final approval over the ceremony/eulogy. The Celebrant is highly trained in working with your clients to serve their needs, and nothing is ever imposed on them. Above all, a Celebrant funeral reflects the wishes of the family and the deceased. A Celebrant funeral honors death and celebrates life.

The Celebrant creates the ceremony and learns about your client's loved one in unhurried meetings. In collaboration with your client, the Celebrant will carefully craft a eulogy and create a ceremony with music, quotes, readings, unique symbols, bilingual aspects and rituals. No ceremony is delivered unless every detail of the eulogy is checked and approved by the client family. It is important to note that the Celebrant works hand in hand with the Funeral Director at all times.

Then, with compassion, sincerity and great care, the Celebrant officiates at the ceremony at the funeral home and/or the crematorium or cemetery. After the funeral, the Celebrant presents your client family with a beautiful copy of the ceremony as a keepsake with the name of your funeral home or crematorium on the ceremony document.

About Funeral Celebrants

Funeral Celebrants are life-cycle ceremony specialists who have a sound background in the history of ritual, ceremony, and funeral traditions in many cultures and religions. Our Funeral Celebrants have been drawn to this work by a



Above: (left to right) Charlotte Eulette, Gaile Sarma and Cynthia K. Reed

strong realization that every life has meaning and deserves to be celebrated. Many have experienced grief themselves. All are convinced that funerals can be a valuable source of healing. Nothing can take away the grief, but a genuine, well-prepared tribute may ease the pain.

Who Chooses a Celebrant Funeral?

Whether your clientele is secular, religious, spiritual or interfaith, or if they simply wish to express themselves in a manner of their own choosing, a Celebrant can help to create a meaningful, memorable, fitting end of life tribute.

The Celebrant Foundation & Institute is a non-profit 501c3 educational institution devoted to helping individuals, couples, families and communities mark life's milestones with dignified, personalized ceremonies. As the International Federation of Celebrant's North American Chapter, our worldwide organization has officiated at more than one million ceremonies in our 40-year history. Our life-cycle Celebrants officiate at virtually every life event, including weddings and commitments, funerals and memorials, baby namings and adoptions. With a focus on personalizing each ceremony to reflect the needs, beliefs and values of the couple or family, Celebrants are trained in the art of ceremony.

We also wholeheartedly invite you to visit our Web site's Press Room to listen to the National Public Radio (NPR) feature segment about our organization. We've also been featured in the Wall Street Journal (downsizing ceremonies); USA Today (divorce ceremonies); "CBS Nightly News with Dan Rather" (the Celebrancy profession); New Jersey public television (business launching ceremony), The New York Times (the Wedding Celebrancy profession and ceremonies), BBC Radio, Money Magazine (Best Second Act Careers we came in third out of 20, CNN News, "The Utne Reader" (The World as your Classroom & Life long Learning and the June/July 2007 issue Passion for Learning).

To locate a Celebrant near you or to learn how to become a Certified Celebrant, visit us at www.celebrantusa.org