

# Home Funeral Education Workshop



Home funerals and casual services with a greener or natural outlook have begun to pepper the scenery at traditional funeral homes. Families are making choices that celebrate the life of the deceased, and some are choosing not to follow traditional protocols instead assuming post-death care responsibilities customarily provided by licensed funeral directors. Regardless, the public understands funeral director assisted home funeral vigils are the most practical and logical pathway into the future.

Don Morris, pioneer Canadian home funeral educator and trainer of grassroots death-carers will walk us through a mini, experiential, [Home Fu-](#)

[neral Practicum](#). Participants will understand the why's and how's behind this fascinating and significant cultural shift rich in family-led rituals, with connection to self, nature and the environment. Don will explain how funeral directors can immediately join this movement. Interwoven throughout the afternoon are simple mental and emotional coping strategies funeral directors are asking for. The workshop introduces local, 'avant-garde' guest professionals including Toronto's Judith McGill - pioneer end-of-life Death Coach & Educator, and Maya Rose - Death Doula and First Nations Ceremonialist who will open the workshop with a sacred ceremony. Don't miss this rare event! It's well suited to the general public as well as for all end-of-life professionals.

**Where:** Riverside Funeral Home 401 Albert Street, Brussels, ON 519 887 6336

**When:** Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm (light refreshments will be served).

**Cost:** \$80 seat reserved by e-transfer to [riversidefuneralhome@hotmail.com](mailto:riversidefuneralhome@hotmail.com)  
\$55 webinar option, live streamed by Alive Learning.

## **Funeral Professionals can count these hours toward 2019 Continuing Education Units.**

**Why:** Funeral service is changing. Funeral directors, healthcare workers, and family members benefit by education and training in alternative options that strengthen self, family, community and environmental wellbeing. Home funeral vigils allow for needed time and space for love and caring to naturally enter and soften the death of a loved one.

*Don Morris is a retired embalmer and funeral director with a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Massachusetts. He is a pioneer in death education having created the Home Funeral Practicum in 2015 as well as bringing the Green Burial Council to Canada, jumpstarting Canada's first Death Café, and co-creating Community Deathcare Canada. He is an active member of the Chevra Kadisha (Jewish Burial Society), and lives with his wife in beautiful Victoria, BC.*