

# Customer Information.

## A Brief History of Ronald Cogan & Sons Ltd.

We pride ourselves on being a true family owned funeral directors.

**Over 60 years of continuous service – 1964 - 2024**

Ronald Cogan & Sons Ltd is a small family owned, independent firm of Funeral Directors, established in 1964 by Ronald & Hilda Cogan. The business started from very humble beginnings and over the years has developed to become one of only a handful of true family owned and run Funeral Directors in East Yorkshire.

We are members of the National Association of Funeral Directors and the Society of Independent Funeral Directors and our membership ensures that we are informed of any changes in the laws and regulations, which may affect our clients or our business. We also ascribe to their Codes of Practice, which ensures that the operation of our business and the services we provide are of the highest standards.

In today's changing society, the old values of tradition, dignity and respect count so much during a time of bereavement. It is our policy to maintain the highest possible standards and values towards our customers and to offer the same level of service to our clients, as we would expect to receive for a member of our own family.

### The early days.

Back in 1964, Ron and Hilda purchased the small joinery and funeral business that was situated next to the old Convenience Store in the High Street. (Today, the workshop forms part of a private dwelling called "The Old Joiners Shop".) The business was for sale as the owner, Mr. Fred Piper, was retiring after serving this community for many years.

Things started slowly in the village with Ron providing joinery, painting, decorating, building and funeral-directing work in the area, Hilda stayed at home and ran the office and brought up 3 children. As the years progressed their three Sons, David, John and Christopher all left full time education and joined the family firm. This expansion meant that new premises had to be found to cater for the expanding business.

In 1988, the family secured the purchase of some disused railway land, next to the Railway Station in North Ferriby and a new purpose built chapel of rest and family home were built on the site, where they remain today. As the Funeral business continued to expand, the joinery business started to decline, mainly due to the opening of numerous DIY stores in the area. In 1993, not long after the completion of the new site, on 1st November, Ron collapsed and died of a heart attack aged 63 years. Tragedy struck again 18 months later when Hilda suffered the same fate aged only 58 years.

The business changed again after the deaths of Ron and Hilda. John and Christopher sought a change of career and it was left to David and Lynda to take over the day-to-day running of the business and continue the dedicated service that Ron and Hilda had started.

In 2024, we commemorated our 60th year of continuous service in North Ferriby and the surrounding villages, which is quite an achievement. Most firms around us have been taken over by much larger companies with multiple branches, based in Hull, but here in North Ferriby, the firm that Ron and Hilda started back in 1964 is still going strong. We run our own fleet of modern Ford Funeral Cars and we have a dedicated, professional team working for us and serving this community. We have a private chapel of rest in North Ferriby providing somewhere safe, secure and secluded to allow our customers to 'Rest in Peace'.

Ronald Cogan & Sons, proud to serve our community, proud to remain a private company.



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