

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S RULES AND PROTOCOLS

Attendance at Funerals

Arrangements are made with a member of the family or an official representing the group in charge. The Governor General occupies the front left-hand pew and is attended by the ADC. The immediate family would normally be placed in the front pew on the right.

The Governor General should arrive five (5) minutes before the casket in order to be met by the officiating clergy.

If the casket is carried out at the end of the service the members of the family of the deceased should follow immediately after the casket. The Governor General comes next. The Governor-General will not normally go to the cemetery.

The Governor General does not act as an honorary pallbearer at a funeral.

Representation of the Governor General at Funerals

An ADC may be requested to represent the Governor General at funerals. If he/she is a uniformed officer he/she should conform to the following:

Service dress, with medals, aiguillettes, and mourning band should be worn to the service;

At the service the ADC will sit in the first row on the left, and will leave following the chief mourners (he/she assumes the Governor General's precedence).

The ADC will not follow the procession to the cemetery.

The above is the only occasion on which the Governor General is "represented" at any function, although requests come from time to time that this be done.

Attendance at funerals of relations or friends of great intimacy is of course a personal matter and no ADC attends the Governor General, but proper arrangements for seating should nevertheless be made with a member of the family.