

At-Need

This booklet is a guide to help you navigate the next steps with clarity and confidence. During this difficult time, you may be faced with important tasks and decisions. This information outlines what to consider and the important steps that need to be taken.



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About Us

We are a 4th Generation family owned business serving the Red River Valley and surrounding communities since 1897. Our goal is to meet the needs of you and your loved ones while offering caring and affordable services.

We Offer

- The largest and most up-to-date facility in the region
- Remote arrangement options
- Grief support programs
- Livestreaming services
- Pre-Arranging

Services

- Traditional funeral services
- Memorial services
- Cremation services
- Immediate services
- Bequeathing services
- Veteran services
- Services involving a death away from home

Purpose of This Book

This book serves as a guide to taking care of your loved one after they have passed. It will go over information on handling your loved one's funeral arrangements, assist in closing out their affairs, and gives an overview of Boulger Funeral Home and what we can do to help in your time of need. It is our hope that you find this book to be helpful in navigating the planning portion of your loved one's arrangements, and we are happy to be of assistance in any way possible. Please reach out to us and let us know how we can best help you. At this time, count on us.

Service Details

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

Officiant: _____

Our Locations



Boulger Funeral Home - Fargo, ND

The history of Boulger Funeral Home goes back to the early days of pioneer settlements in the Red River Valley. Boulger Funeral Home was established in 1897 by John V. Boulger and Edward J. Hughes. Since that time the staff has continued to offer professional care, preplanning and affordable funeral services to our friends and neighbors in Fargo, Moorhead and surrounding areas. We pledge to continue this tradition of service far into the 21st century.

The staff of Boulger Funeral Home is available to help families in need on an emergency basis around the clock. We have been offering this service for over 100 years and pledge to continue this tradition not only today, but far into the future.

We are proud to offer the largest and most up-to-date facilities in the Red River Valley. Our chapel offers seating in a comfortable/modern environment for up to 250 people and has overflow projection and seating for an additional 150, while all being located on our main floor.

Our new Celebration of Life Center offers a spacious environment for catered luncheons with seating for 150. Each of our spaces is equipped with the latest in current technology to allow to us to meet the needs for all types of services.

Our Locations



Fredrikson-Boulger Funeral Chapel Kindred, ND

Fredrikson-Boulger Funeral Chapel was founded by Peter B. Fredrikson in 1910. Since then, the Fredrikson family has provided professional care and affordable services to all of Cass and Richland Counties. Fredrikson-Boulger Funeral Chapel pledges to continue this service into the 21st century.

Fredrikson-Boulger Funeral Chapel is committed to offering high-quality services in a comfortable environment. Our chapel in Kindred offers room

for both large formal and casual services. We have expanded the types of services we offer and have an arrangement with Boulger Funeral Home to provide funeral facilities in the Fargo-Moorhead area at no additional charge.

While times have changed, Boulger, Fredrikson, and Wildeman Funeral Homes continue the tradition of thoughtful, professional service. Taking an active part in the growth of Fargo-Moorhead and the Red River Valley has been important to Jim Boulger, Larry Boulger, and Peter Fredrikson.



Boulger Funeral Chapel Hillsboro, ND

The Boulger Funeral Chapel in Hillsboro, North Dakota, was established in 1915 by Albert L. Halverson as the Halverson Funeral Home. In 1960, the name changed to Halverson-Wildeman Funeral Home when Carl Wildeman, son-in-law of Albert, joined the business. The funeral home was on Caledonia Avenue before moving to its current location at 118 SE 3rd Street when the new Wildeman-Boulger Funeral Home was constructed in 1959.

The staff of Boulger Funeral Chapel is committed to offering the communities throughout the Red River Valley the highest quality service. We are privately owned. In 1997, we became affiliated with Boulger Funeral Home of Fargo and Fredrikson-Boulger Funeral Chapel of Kindred. This affiliation provides personal attention to each family we serve and the ability to offer a variety of options. We can provide visitations and funeral services in surrounding communities and the Fargo-Moorhead area at no additional charge.



Red River Valley Cremation Fargo, ND

Numerous local funeral homes do not have their own crematory facilities. We own our crematory. Cremations are often outsourced to distant locations or managed by third-party organizations, resulting in your loved one departing from direct care. Your loved one never leaves our care.

We take pride in offering the unique advantage of an on-site crematory. We also offer the option to hold a viewing prior to cremation, as well as the opportunity to witness the cremation. Owning our crematory provides

families with the option of a seamless, compassionate farewell through an intimate cremation witnessing in a controlled and familiar environment.

Meet Our Funeral Directors

All the members of the staff of our three funeral homes are caring and experienced professionals who believe that each family deserves to have its needs and requests honored. We consider family tradition to be of great importance.



Jim Boulger
Owner and
Licensed Funeral Director
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Jim attended and graduated from Fargo South High School in 2003. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management in 2007 from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, followed by a Bachelor of Science in Mortuary Science from the University of Minnesota in 2008. Jim comes from a long line of Boulgers in the business, officially taking over ownership in 2016.

Jim is active in Fargo Downtown Rotary, Selected Independent Funeral Homes, his local church and is on the Sanford Health Foundation Board. Jim enjoys golfing, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends.



Larry Boulger
Licensed Funeral Director
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Larry grew up in Fargo and graduated from Fargo North High School before earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Mortuary Science from the University of Minnesota. In 1978, he purchased the funeral home from his father, Jim, and proudly owned and operated it until 2016, when he sold the business to his son, Jim. While Larry is now semi-retired, he continues to come into the office most days, working behind the scenes and offering his experience and support.



Jeff Baer
Licensed Funeral Director

Jeff has been a funeral director with the Boulger Funeral Home for over 45 years. He is a Fargo native and a graduate of Shanley High School. He attended college at NDSU and graduated from the College of Mortuary Science at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis in 1975. He is a member of the Roughrider Kiwanis and the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Fargo. Jeff is a licensed funeral director in ND and MN and an insurance agent. His goal is to provide caring and compassionate service to every family. He takes great pride in helping families plan a final tribute fitting to the memory of their loved ones.



Marty Baumgartner
Licensed Funeral Director
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Marty joined the staff of Boulger Funeral Home in 1991. He is a 1990 graduate of Rothsay High School, a 1994 graduate of Concordia College Moorhead, and a 1995 graduate of the University of Minnesota Minneapolis. Marty is a North Dakota and Minnesota licensed funeral director and a North Dakota licensed insurance agent. He serves as a funeral director for both the community in Fargo and in Hillsboro. He is the organist at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN. In his free time, Marty enjoys playing the piano and organ, gardening, and spending time with friends and family.

Meet Our Funeral Directors



Tia Lopez

Licensed Funeral Director
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Tia is a Fargo native, graduating from West Fargo High School in 2010. She attended Northern State University and received a bachelor's degree in biology in 2014, while playing soccer for four years at the collegiate level. Tia then continued her education at the University of Minnesota where she received her bachelor's degree in Mortuary Science in 2015. She enjoys weightlifting, gardening, and spending time with her family. Tia is a North Dakota and Minnesota licensed funeral director and is a North Dakota licensed insurance agent. Tia started with the Boulger team in 2017. She is excited to be back in Fargo and is privileged to be serving the families from the community in which she grew up.



Nick Kinnen

Licensed Funeral Director
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Nick has lived in the Fargo/Moorhead area his whole life and is an active member at Glyndon Lutheran Church. You can also find Nick performing with Undiscovered Country Productions in town. Nick is an ordained minister through Christian Global Outreach Ministries with a BA in Biblical and Theological Studies from Regent University. He spent six years working in end-of-life care and a year and a half working as a crematory operator and sexton for a local cemetery. He loves to read anything that pertains to theology or a good mystery and can often be found spending time engaged in outdoor activities.



Breanne Cudney

Licensed Funeral Director
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Breanne graduated from West Fargo High School in 2018, continuing with her bachelor's in business administration at North Dakota State University in 2022. She then moved to Ohio to complete her associate degree in Mortuary Science at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 2023. Breanne is now back home and ready to give back to the community as part of the Boulger staff.



Hollin Irgens

Licensed Funeral Director
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Hollin graduated from Musselman High School in 2021 and earned her Associate degree in Mortuary Science from the University of Cincinnati in 2023. She completed her Bachelor's at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 2024. Now back in Fargo/Moorhead, Hollin is eager to connect with her community, volunteer locally, and serve the area with care and compassion as she begins her internship.



Isabelle Peterson

Licensed Funeral Director Intern
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Isabelle moved from Minnesota to Mandan, North Dakota, in 2006. After graduating from Mandan High School in 2019, she studied at Bismarck State College before transferring to North Dakota State University, focusing on Health Services. She interned at Boulger Funeral Home, which led to her opportunity at DMAC for her mortuary degree. Eager to grow, Isabelle is excited to call Fargo her new home.

Our Grief Support Program



Sonja Kjar
Grief Support Coordinator



Ann Jacobson
Grief Support Coordinator

Experiencing the death of a loved one is one of the most difficult things we face in life. Even if you feel loved by friends and family or supported by a faith community, there may be a time you simply need someone else to listen to the story of your loved one, or you may be in need of resources regarding the many aspects of grief. Boulger Funeral Home is available to assist you through our grief support coordinators.

Sonja Kjar and Ann Jacobson are Boulger Funeral Home's Grief Support Coordinators. They have years of experience walking with people on the journey of life, through the valley of the shadow of death, and through the joys and sorrows that are a part of living in this world.

Group sessions are held throughout the year to provide grief support, or they are available to meet individually. Sonja or Ann can be reached at GriefSupport@boulgerfuneralhome.com or call Boulger Funeral Home at 701-237-6441. The schedule for grief support offerings can be found on our website.

Grief does not follow a schedule. Some days will feel manageable, others unexpectedly heavy. We remain available to you long after the service is complete.



"Mourning is one of the most profound human experiences that it is possible to have ... The deep capacity to weep for the loss of a loved one and to continue to treasure the memory of that loss is one of our noblest human traits."— Shneidman



Who Needs to Be Notified?

At the time of death, it is the responsibility of the deceased's next of kin to notify certain organizations of the passing. Death certificates may or may not need to be provided to each, as they will all have differing policies. Photocopies may suffice in many situations.

The funeral director will collect the necessary information from you to file the death certificates. Death certificates are then certified and printed by the state vital records office and will be ordered by the funeral director on your behalf.

In general, the following usually need to be contacted by next of kin at the time of passing, and may or may not require a death certificate:

Social Security

The funeral home will provide the initial death notification to social security, but cannot settle any changes to benefits. Call social security at 800-772-1213 to begin this process. Social security will notify Medicare and Medicaid of the death.

Wills and Real Estate

Contact the attorney with whom the will was drafted. If no will is in place, it is still advisable to contact an attorney to begin the process of settling the estate.

Credit Reporting Agencies

Contact Transunion, Equifax, and Experian to minimize chances of identity theft.

Veterans Benefits

Contact the Veterans Services Office of the county of residence.
Cass County – 701-241-5756 / Clay County – 218-299-5041

Transfer titles of vehicles

Banks

Insurance companies

Investments

Credit cards

Driver's License

Email and social media accounts



Funeral Arrangement Worksheet

Funeral Home: Boulger Funeral Home

Church / Clergy : _____

Service Location: _____

Burial Location: _____ Is it pre-purchased? _____

Monument or Marker Company: _____ Is it pre-purchased? _____

Musicians: _____

Family Participants: _____

Clubs or Organizations that may participate: _____

Songs: _____

Readings / Scripture, Poetry, etc: _____

Active Pallbearers: _____

Honorary Pallbearers: _____

Obituary Placement in Newspapers: _____

Memorial Contributions Preferred to: _____

Floral Arrangements: _____

Casket or Urn: _____

Other Special Wishes or Instructions: _____

Funeral Planning Checklist

Use this checklist to keep track of what needs to be done before the funeral service.

Since each service is unique, some of the items listed may apply to the service you are planning, and some you may wish to ignore. The funeral home may complete many of these tasks on your behalf.

- Contact your church and clergy
- Contact out-of-town relatives
- Think of date / time for services
- Arrange for a cemetery lot
- Music / Musician Selections
- Prepare a Eulogy / Words of Remembrance
- Food selection and the number of people to order food for
- Information and a picture for obituary
- Bring in clothing (including underclothes) if there is to be a public viewing
- Pick out flowers
- Choose and contact pallbearers
- Select pictures and poems or other details for the service folder
- Upload photos for video tribute slideshow and pick out music
- Veterans discharge papers (DD214)
- Honorariums: clergy, musicians, lunch servers
- Family participation: readers, sharing, etc
- Provide Social Security Number and other information to funeral home for death certificate filing
- Contact a monument company to order a marker or arrange for a final date lettering

- _____
- _____
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- _____
- _____

Vital Statistics

To be used to file the death certificate.

Full Name: _____

Residence Address: _____

Sex: Male _____ Female _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Marital Status: Married _____ Never Married _____ Widowed _____ Divorced

Spouse's Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Education Level: _____

Ever in the Armed Forces? Yes _____ No _____

Occupation: _____

Ancestry: _____

Race: _____

Place of Death: _____

Informant's Name: _____

Informant's Mailing Address: _____

Informant's Phone Number: _____

Disposition: (Burial, cremation, donation, removal from state, other) _____

Place of Disposition: _____

How Many Death Certificates Should I Order?

We typically recommend 5-10 certified copies, depending on the number of financial institutions involved.

Writing an Obituary

At Boulger Funeral Home we are glad to assist you by writing an obituary and then having you review it. We will make any changes you wish. We realize that some people prefer to do this themselves. Here is a step by step guide on how we write an obituary. This can easily be used by anyone who wishes to write an obituary for the local newspaper.

In the first paragraph we include the following information:

Full Name _____ Age _____
City, State of Residence _____ Date of Death _____
Place of Death _____

In the second paragraph we include the following information:

Date of birth _____ Birthplace _____
Parents' names _____
Education _____
Military service if applicable _____
Which war or conflict they served in _____
Where stationed if overseas _____
Marriage/s _____
Residential history _____

Next paragraph:

Post High School Education _____
Degrees Earned _____
Licenses Held _____

Next paragraph:

Work history and work affiliations _____

Next paragraph:

Church membership and organizations within the church _____
Civic Membership _____
Fraternal Memberships _____
Club Memberships _____
Hobbies _____
Other interests _____



Writing an Obituary

Next paragraph:

Survivors, include spouse of survivor in parenthesis, and city and state of residence

Spouse _____

Children _____

Grandchildren _____

Great-Grandchildren _____

Great-Great-Grandchildren _____

Parents _____

Grandparents _____

Brothers _____

Sisters _____

Nephews _____

Nieces _____

Cousins _____

Friends _____

List family that proceed him/her in death, usually spouse, parents, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters

Next paragraph:

Service, include day, date, time and place of service (Name of officiant and their title)

Visitation information including day, time and place of visitation(s) _____

Vigil or Prayer Services being held (include day, time and place) _____

Memorial Services held by others (include day, time and place) _____

Place of burial or entombment _____

Next paragraph:

Listing of any memorial funds that may have been established and for what cause(s) or organization(s)

Mention of any people or groups you wish to publicly thank for care given to the deceased

What Happens Next?

When a loved one passes away, emotions can run high, and the decisions to be made may feel overwhelming. Understanding the critical steps that occur in the **first 48 hours** can provide clarity and ease during this challenging time. We are dedicated to offering compassionate support and will guide you through every step of the process.



Here is what to expect in the first 48 hours:

- **Call us 24/7:** Our team is always available to assist you, day or night.
- **We coordinate the transfer:** We handle all necessary arrangements for the transfer of your loved one.
- **We file the death certificate:** Our staff ensures that all legal documentation is completed efficiently and accurately.
- **We notify Social Security:** We take care of informing Social Security to relieve you of this responsibility.
- **We guide you through every step:** Our compassionate team is here to support and guide you at every stage of the process.

By entrusting us with these responsibilities, you can focus on what truly matters — honoring the memory of your loved one.

What to Bring When You Meet With Us

- Social Security Number
- Date and place of birth
- Parents' full names (including mother's maiden name)
- Veteran DD-214 (if applicable)
- Insurance policies
- Cemetery deed (if applicable)
- Recent photo

Transparent Pricing. No Surprises.

We are one of the few funeral homes that openly publish our General Price List online.

You can scan the QR code for a price list or view all of our service pricing at:

boulgerfuneralhome.com/general-price-list/



We believe families deserve clear information ahead of time so they can make informed decisions without pressure or unexpected costs. We are proud to offer this level of transparency.

- Life insurance assignments accepted
- Prepaid funeral funds if previously arranged
- Credit card / check options

If life insurance is available, we can often help families assign those funds toward funeral expenses.

Every Funeral is Personalized

Some families prefer a simple cremation, while others want a full service with visitation and burial. We work with every family to design services that reflect their wishes, traditions, and financial considerations.

1 Funeral Home Professional Services

These include the services provided by our funeral directors and staff, such as:

- Coordinating arrangements
- Filing death certificates and permits
- Staff and facilities for services
- Preparation and care of your loved one
- Transportation and logistics

2 Merchandise

These are items families may select, such as:

- Caskets
- Urns
- Memorial folders
- Register books
- Acknowledgment cards
- Vaults or outer burial containers

3 Cash Advance Items*

These are third-party expenses paid on your behalf.

- Cemetery charges
- Clergy honorariums
- Newspaper obituary notices
- Certified death certificates
- Flowers
- Musicians
- Luncheon or catering
- Crematory permits and medical examiner fees (when applicable)

**These items are set by outside providers and are not controlled by the funeral home.*



Personalizations

Families often default to traditional because they don't know what's possible.

Funeral home personalization has become an essential aspect of honoring a loved one's life, allowing families to create meaningful tributes that reflect their unique stories and cherished memories. Consider including the following options:



Memory Tables

Display photos and mementos that encapsulate a person's life, giving attendees a visual representation of their most treasured moments.

Video Tributes

Combine images and music to celebrate the individual's journey, creating an emotional and impactful way to remember them.

Custom Service Folders

We can create personalized funeral programs that include your loved one's photograph and reflect their life in a meaningful and beautiful way.

Live Streaming

Live streaming services enable friends and family, regardless of their location, to participate in the ceremony remotely, ensuring that everyone can share in the experience.

Memorial Jewelry

Memorial jewelry offers a meaningful way to carry a piece of the loved one with you, often incorporating ashes or a lock of hair into beautiful designs.

Veterans Honors

For veterans, honors such as flag presentations and commemorative ceremonies pay tribute to their service and sacrifice, recognizing their contributions with dignity and respect.

Themed Services

Whether centered around interests like lakes, farms, sports or faith—allow families to create a memorable service that truly embodies the spirit of their loved one.



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