

# Using the **Let's Talk About Funerals** pictures

- These pictures will help you have conversations about: funerals and memorials (including what someone might want at theirs); and remembering people who have died.
- You can use the pictures with anyone, at any time. People do not need to be ill or dying to use them.
- You can find more guidance on how to use the pictures on [www.victoriaandstuart.com](http://www.victoriaandstuart.com), including demonstration videos.

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## Tips for using the pictures:



**The person using the pictures can go through them all or just pick one that they want to talk about.**



**Be led by what the person wants to talk about and what the pictures mean to them.** You might just need to listen, rather than share what you are thinking about.



**It is best to use open-ended questions like:**

- What is happening in this picture?
- How do you think they are feeling?
- Why do you think they are ...?
- What do YOU think about ...?



**Let people know that they can choose not to talk about any topic.** You could have a box, bin or envelope they could put a picture in, so that they are in control of this.



**If someone gets upset, don't rush them, but listen and give them time to explore these feelings.**



Turn over





**To record someone's views or choices, you can use My funeral cards** (available from [mariecurie.org.uk](http://mariecurie.org.uk)) or write down their wishes and share them with relevant people.



**If someone is unable to tell you what they think, you can ask the people who know them well** (e.g. family, carers): 'What do you think the person would say, if they could tell us?'

**We'd love to hear from you!**

## Did you find these pictures useful?

If you have feedback, please complete the short survey using this link

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or this QR code:



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## The story behind these pictures

These cards were co-produced by Kingston University London. Find out more at [www.victoriaandstuart.com](http://www.victoriaandstuart.com). They're available as printed resources with support from Marie Curie. **For free information and support, call the Marie Curie Support Line on 0800 090 2309 or visit [mariecurie.org.uk](http://mariecurie.org.uk)**



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Pictures to support conversations about funerals and planning ahead

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