

DEPARTURE CEREMONY

At Clement Manor, every resident's life is honored and remembered. A Departure Ceremony is offered to recognize and celebrate a resident's life, provide a moment of reflection, and accompany the resident on their final journey with dignity, compassion, and respect.

What is a Departure Ceremony?

- A brief religious ceremony held following a resident's passing
- A commemorative quilt, made by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, is placed over the resident
- Prayers and spiritual reflection are offered in honor of the resident
- Staff, family, and loved ones may accompany the resident as they leave the unit
- A respectful farewell that honors the resident with dignity, compassion, and reverence

Why Is a Departure Ceremony Important?

- Honors each resident's life and legacy
- Reflects our commitment to dignity and respect
- Provides comfort and closure for families and staff
- Creates a meaningful moment of reflection

When Are Departure Ceremonies Held?

- Departure Ceremonies are typically conducted Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. During these hours, we are able to gather an appropriate number of staff members to participate in a meaningful and respectful ceremony.
- While we strive to provide a Departure Ceremony for every resident, a formal ceremony may not always be possible outside of these hours. Regardless of the time of passing, every resident will continue to be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect.

Respecting Your Wishes

- If you or your loved one does not wish to have a Departure Ceremony, please notify a member of the care team, social worker, or nurse at any time. Your wishes will be honored and respected.

Questions

- If you have questions or would like additional support, please contact the Pastoral Care Director (414) 546-7980, Social Worker (414) 546-7354, or the Assistant Administrator (414) 546-7039