



Barbara Gubbins, CBE

# Celebration of Life Celebrant



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Born and bred in the North East, Barbara lives in North Tyneside and has two grown up sons, two grand-daughters and a devoted companion called Sweep.

Barbara spent most of her career in project management, marketing & PR before moving into the voluntary sector 20 years ago, leading two North East charities as Chief Executive and raising millions of pounds for local good causes.

In a voluntary capacity, as well as being a magistrate for 16 years, Barbara mentored young people at risk of offending and supported other local charities and initiatives. She is currently a trustee and a school governor. Local people and communities are what she cares about.

In June 2017, Barbara was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her contribution to voluntary services.

## Bespoke Memorial Ceremonies

Barbara understands that losing a loved one is the most devastating event in someone's life - no matter what the age or whether or not it is expected.

Everyone is unique and getting to know your loved one's background, lifetime anecdotes, personal challenges, passions and relationships is essential to create their story and relate that to friends, family and community members who want to say their final farewells.

The ceremony can be religious, spiritual or secular - it will be entirely bespoke according to your family's wishes and totally in-keeping with your loved one's personality, values and beliefs. Barbara will support you every step of the way to celebrate their life.

The following is included in the civil funeral/memorial package:

- Initial meeting with chief mourner(s)
- Agreeing content and format
- Individual support with choice of music and readings
- Preparation of draft script and service structure
- Performing the service on the day - leading all activities

## Pet Funerals/Memorials

Barbara knows how important pets are to family life and undertakes services to celebrate the joy and companionship they have created.

Barbara is a member of the Association of Independent Celebrants



For more information please visit Barbara's website:

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