

# GUIDELINES FOR EVENTS: FUNERALS

## Abbreviations and definitions:

<b>ADC</b>	Aide-de-Camp		
<b>HH</b>	His/Her Honour	<b>LG</b>	Lieutenant Governor
<b>VRC</b>	Vice-Regal Couple	<b>VRP</b>	Vice-Regal Party
<b>HHS</b>	Spouse of the Lieutenant Governor		

- ☼ HH should arrive at least 5 minutes before the service in order to be met by the officiating clergy, who will escort the VRC to their seats.
- ☼ HH should be seated in the front row on the left side (facing the front). The immediate family would normally be seated in the front pews on the right. The ADC should determine local custom in advance; if they differ from the above, the local customs should prevail. While it is appropriate for the VRC to occupy a row alone, if seating capacity is minimal, it is acceptable to seat other dignitaries or other guests in the same row as the VRC. The Vice-Regal Salute is not played at funerals, with the exception of state funerals, when other rules may apply.
- ☼ 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. HH will come next.
- ☼ HH will not normally go to the cemetery or the reception.

**Representing HH at funerals:** The ADC may be requested to represent HH at funerals. The ADC should conform to the following:

- ☼ GH will decide whether a wreath is to be ordered or not.
- ☼ Use of the official vehicle is preferable, but if it is unavailable, alternate transportation will be arranged by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.
- ☼ 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 (in churches where it is the practice for the chief mourners to sit on the left, the ADC will sit in the first row on the right) and will leave following the chief mourners as he/she assumes HH precedence. The ADC will not follow the procession to the cemetery.