



El Campo Santo Burial Etiquette

Arrival time:

- ❖ *A reasonable time to arrive is about 15-20 minutes before the service starts. This allows ample time for parking and greating the deceased loved ones.*

Funeral Dress:

- ❖ *Attire should be low key and mellow. Loud colors should not be worn unless requested by the families loved one who passed. Keep in mind that the focus needs to be on the deceased and their family.*

Children:

- ❖ *Help children understand what is going on by preparing them a head of time on what they will encounter. Bringing a child or young adult to help say good bye to their loved one helps in the grieving process.*
- ❖ *All children need to be supervised at all times.*
- ❖ *Parents should educate their children that cemeteries are a place to show respect for their loved one who has passed. Running and jumping around the cemetery or graveside is not allowed.*

Cell phones:

- ❖ *Cell phones should already be on silent, if not do so immediately.*

Sitting:

- ❖ *Chairs are for the immediate family or the elderly and disabled.*
- ❖ *Be prepared to do some standing around the graveside.*

Conversation:

- ❖ *Talking amongst each other should not occur during the service.*
- ❖ *Once the burial service is done conversations can resume.*

Support:

- ❖ *Sending flowers, food or money is a sign of supporting the family in stressful event that has occurred. This gives the family a sense of comfort and that you care.*

What to say:

- ❖ *Words of comfort and support: "I am sorry for your loss" "You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers" remember simple is best.*

