

### Overview: Forest Hills, Queens

This area of Queens, NY is home to a predominantly upper-middle class. Although historically a Jewish area, it now caters to all faiths and features multiple funeral homes and cemetery options in close proximity.

### Funeral Homes

If you plan to have a traditional funeral service with the body present (regardless of whether you choose to bury or cremate the body afterwards) you must work with a funeral home to make your arrangements. Most in this area are family-run and can work within your budget.

Name	Rating	Price Level	Religion(s)	Location
Fox Funeral Home, Inc.	Highly Recommended	Medium	All Faiths	Forest Hills
Glascott Funeral Home	Recommended	Low	All Faith	Forest Hills
Hillebrand Funeral Homes Inc.	Recommended	Medium	All Faiths	Rego Park
Leo F. Kearns, Inc. Funeral Homes	Recommended	Low	All Faiths	Rego Park
Michael's Funeral Home	Recommended	Medium	All Faiths	Middle Village
Schwartz Brothers-Jeffer Memorial Chapel	Recommended	Medium	Jewish	Forest Hills

### Crematories

The choices below are direct cremation companies and tend to be less expensive than working with a funeral home.

Name	Typical Price
All Faiths Burial and Cremation	Low
Bergen Funeral Services	Low
New York Cremation Service	Low

### Cemeteries

You will work directly with the cemetery to arrange for a plot and the burial, but many of the details like buying a casket and body transportation will be coordinated by the funeral home you choose.

Name	Rating	Price Level	Religion(s)	Location
Calvary Cemetery	Recommended	Low	Catholic	Queens
Cypress Hills Cemetery	Recommended	Medium	Non-Denominational	Brooklyn
Mount Hebron Cemetery	Recommended	Medium	Jewish	Queens
Saint John Cemetery	Recommended	Medium	Catholic	Queens
Woodlawn Cemetery	Recommended	High	Non-Denominational	Westchester

## Funeral Homes – Complete List

### Recommended Highly

#### **Fox Funeral Home Inc.**

9807 Ascan Avenue  
Forest Hills NY 11375  
(718) 268-7711  
[www.foxfuneralhome.com](http://www.foxfuneralhome.com)

This truly exceptional funeral home run by the Baxter family works with families of all faiths. There are multiple chapels, which are spotlessly clean and have been recently renovated in a tasteful manner. The Baxter's are highly professionally and work tirelessly to ensure a positive experience for all families.

#### **Hillebrand Funeral Home**

6317 Woodhaven Boulevard  
Flushing, NY 11374  
(718) 639-5511  
[www.hillebrandfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hillebrandfuneralhomes.com)

Located right on Woodhaven Boulevard, it's not surprising that this is a favorite funeral home among the locals. The directors at this location, Tara and Ted, are incredibly welcoming, knowledgeable and happy to assist families of all faiths in their time of need.

### Recommended

#### **Glascott Funeral Homes Inc**

102-03 Metropolitan Avenue  
Flushing, NY 11375  
(718)268-4466  
[www.glascottfuneralhome.com](http://www.glascottfuneralhome.com)

The staff at this funeral home works with families of all faiths and is dedicated to creating memorable tributes at affordable prices. This location has been family-run and serving the community since 1926.

#### **Leo F. Kerns Inc. Funeral Home**

61-40 Woodhaven Boulevard,  
Rego Park, NY 11374  
(718) 441-3300  
[www.Kearnsfamily.com](http://www.Kearnsfamily.com)

Conveniently located on Woodhaven Boulevard right off Dry Harbor Road, this is a large family-owned and operated funeral home. We were impressed by how their inclusion of child-friendly areas; they had rooms next to the chapels for the children and a play-area downstairs equipped with games and a television.

**Michaels Funeral Home Inc**

7922 Metropolitan Ave  
Flushing, NY 11379  
(718) 894-5500

[www.michaelsfuneralhome.com](http://www.michaelsfuneralhome.com)

This home is owned and run by a compassionate and professional husband and wife duo that are very involved with the community. Their website is significantly more comprehensive than any other in the area, offering information about their home and local resources. The facilities are lovely as is the separate area for children complete with toys.

**Schwartz Brothers Jeffer Memorial Chapel**

114-03 Queens BLVD  
Forest Hills NY 11375  
(718) 263 - 7600

[www.sbjmemorialchapel.com](http://www.sbjmemorialchapel.com)

Although this SCI-owned funeral home has services on Saturdays, and is happy to assist families of other religions, Schwartz Brothers predominantly caters to a Jewish clientele. It's a large place and the professional staff can assist with any needs.

**Simonson Funeral Home Inc.**

9807 Ascan Avenue  
Flushing, NY 11375  
(718) 847-0300

[www.simonsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.simonsonfuneralhome.com)

Since 1887, the Simonson family has been assisting families during their time of need. John Sommese continues to direct funerals out of Fox funeral home in Queens.

Cannot Recommend Yet

**Parkside Memorial Chapel**

9860 Queens BLVD  
Rego Park NY 11374  
(718) 896-9000

[www.jewishfuneral.net](http://www.jewishfuneral.net)

## Direct Cremation Companies

### **All Faiths Burial and Cremation**

(347) 227 - 2016

<http://www.queensfuneralservices.com/>

This company performs cremations at a very reasonable cost. If you need it done quickly they can use their facilities in Queens; for those who don't mind waiting a bit longer, they offer cremations in NJ for around \$300 less.

### **Bergen Funeral Service**

(718) 738-8383

[http://bergenfuneral.com/queens\\_cremation\\_services.html](http://bergenfuneral.com/queens_cremation_services.html)

This staff was quite kind, efficient and helpful on the phone and offers the same reasonable price range as the others.

### **New York Cremation Services LLC**

(718) 887-8168

[www.allborocremation.com](http://www.allborocremation.com)

With a more modern website than others, this company seems the most modern. Like the others they are affordable and professional.

## Recommended Cemeteries

### Calvary Cemetery

49-02 Laurel Hill Boulevard  
Woodside, NY 11377  
(718) 786-8000  
[www.calvarycemeteryqueens.com](http://www.calvarycemeteryqueens.com)

This Catholic cemetery has a large chapel on the grounds which celebrates the Eucharist in honor of the over 1,750,000 buried within the Calvary cemetery. There are multiple options for both in ground and crypt spaces.

### Cypress Hills Cemetery

833 Jamaica Avenue  
New York, NY 11208  
(718) 277- 2900  
[www.cypresshillscemetery.org](http://www.cypresshillscemetery.org)

This well-maintained 225-acre cemetery was started as a non-profit and non-sectarian. It's connected to Mount Carmel, **Salem Fields**, B'nai Jeshurum, Beth El, and National Cemetery and offers plenty of different options for interment.

### Mount Hebron Cemetery

130-04 Horace Harding Expressway  
Flushing, NY 11367  
(9718) 939-9405  
[www.mounthebroncemetery.com](http://www.mounthebroncemetery.com)

This Jewish cemetery has been serving the community since 1909. The grounds are beautiful and well maintained and they offer a lovely new columbarium for ashes.

### Saint John Cemetery

80-01 Metropolitan Avenue  
Middle Village, NY 11379  
(718) 894-4888  
<http://www.cathcemetery-bklyn.org/>

This is an official Roman Catholic burial ground, which is very well maintained and features an exceptionally kind staff. There are multiple options for interment including niches and community mausoleums. Many late politicians and organized criminals chose to make this their final resting place.

### Woodlawn Cemetery

517 East 233rd St  
New York, NY 10470  
(718) 920-0500  
[www.thewoodlawncemetery.org](http://www.thewoodlawncemetery.org)

The 400 acres of this national historic landmark are truly stunning. There are a number of notable "residents" and many of the 1300 mausoleums were designed by notable architects.

## Other Cemetery Options:

Although getting buried in Manhattan is nearly impossible there are a number of beautiful cemeteries in close proximity. All of these cemeteries have spots that would make lovely final resting places.

### QUEENS, NY:

#### Calvary Cemetery

(718) 786-8000

[www.calvarycemeteryqueens.com](http://www.calvarycemeteryqueens.com)

#### Cedar Grove Cemetery

(718) 939-2041

[www.thecedargrovecemetery.com](http://www.thecedargrovecemetery.com)

#### Mount Zion Cemetery

(718) 335-2500

[www.mountzioncemetery.com](http://www.mountzioncemetery.com)

#### Mount Lebanon

(718) 821-0200

[www.mountlebanoncemetery.com](http://www.mountlebanoncemetery.com)

#### St. Michael's Cemetery

(718) 278-3240

[www.stmichaelscemetery.com](http://www.stmichaelscemetery.com)

### BRONX, NY:

#### St. Raymond's Cemetery

(718) 792-1133

[www.straymondparish.org/cemetery](http://www.straymondparish.org/cemetery)

### WESTCHESTER, NY:

#### Ferncliff Cemetery

(914) 693-4700

[www.ferncliffcemetery.com](http://www.ferncliffcemetery.com)

#### Gate of Heaven

(914) 769-3672

[www.gateofheavenny.com](http://www.gateofheavenny.com)

#### Greenwood Union Cemetery

(914) 967-0095

[www.greenwoodunion.org](http://www.greenwoodunion.org)

#### Kensico Cemetery

(914) 949-0347

[www.kensico.org](http://www.kensico.org)

#### Sleepy Hollow Cemetery

914-631-0081

[www.sleepyhollowcemetery.org](http://www.sleepyhollowcemetery.org)

#### Westchester Hills Cemetery

914-478-1767

[www.swfs.org/cemetery](http://www.swfs.org/cemetery)

## Hotels:

Although there are many hotels in Queens, there are not too many right in the Forrest Hills area. Here's a selection of choices that are in close proximity to some of our selected funeral homes. If you would like to travel a little further, your options will greatly increase.

\$	up to 150
\$\$	151 to 250
\$\$\$	251 to 350
\$\$\$\$	351 and up

### **Holiday Inn Express LaGuardia**

113-10 Horace Harding Expressway  
Queens NY 11368  
(877) 320-8454  
[www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

The convenient location, amenities, and cleanliness of this hotel make it an ideal choice. Guests are quite pleased by the free transportation to and from the airport, complimentary breakfast, and overall kindness of the staff. \$

### **Pan American Hotel**

79-00 Queens Boulevard  
Flushing, NY 11373  
(800) 937-7374  
[www.panamhotel.com](http://www.panamhotel.com)

This hotel is conveniently located on Queens Boulevard, close to multiple funeral homes we have recommended. Moreover, it's reasonably priced, close to LaGuardia Airport and they offer free transportation to those flying in and out. \$

### **Paris Suites Hotel New York**

109-17 Horace Harding Expressway  
Queens, NY 11368  
<http://thelittleritzhotel.com>

This hotel (also known as "The Little Ritz Hotel") is conveniently located near LaGuardia Airport. Described as "vintage" in style, it's a favorite hotel among tourists. \$

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## Restaurants

While there are numerous restaurants near Forest Hills, you should always contact your desired choice before showing up with a large group; not only do you want to be certain that they can accommodate you, but they also might have a special event private room and/or menu. These are just a few ideas for restaurants that are close to some of the recommended funeral homes. Also, you might want to consider a favorite local restaurant or a deli such as Mario's Meat & Gourmet Deli to cater a Shiva or lunch at your home.

### **Abbracciamento's Restaurant**

62-96 Woodhaven Boulevard Rego Park NY 11374

Phone: 718-478-6463

This restaurant is so accustomed to post funeral luncheons that they actually have a special funeral menu for a very reasonable price.

### **London Lenny's**

63-88 Woodhaven Blvd, Flushing, NY 11374

(718) 894-8084

[www.londonlennies.com](http://www.londonlennies.com)

This fantastic well-known and much loved neighborhood premier seafood restaurant is more than able to assist with gatherings and parties.

### **Woodhaven House**

63-98 Woodhaven Blvd, New York, NY 11379

(718) 894-5400

This quintessential Irish pub is great for group gatherings and they have a backroom for private parties.

## Other Restaurant Options:

### **Chalet Alpina**

9835 Metropolitan Ave, Flushing, NY 11375

(718) 793-7334

### **O'Neill's Restaurant**

64-21 53rd Dr, New York, NY 11378

(718) 672-9696

### **Portofino Restaurant**

10932 Ascan Ave, Forest Hills, NY 11375

(718) 261-1239

[www.portofinonewyork.com](http://www.portofinonewyork.com)

### **Zum Stammtisch**

69-46 Myrtle Ave, New York, NY 11385

(718) 386-3014

[www.zumstammtisch.com](http://www.zumstammtisch.com)

## Other Helpful Local Resources

### **Goodwill**

3236 Steinway Street  
Queens, New York 11103  
(718) 932-0418

[www.locator.goodwill.org](http://www.locator.goodwill.org)

This is a favorite donation center among locals because of its convenient location. They are mostly interested in clothing but will gladly accept housewares.

### **Instant Replay**

7220 Austin Street  
Forest, NY 11375  
(718) 544-3556

This awning-less thrift shop on Austin Street is a favorite among those in the know. There's plenty of clothing and jewelry squeezed into this tiny space.

### **Salvation Army Family Store**

7129 70<sup>th</sup> Street  
Glendale, NY 11385  
(718) 881-9081

[www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org)

When it comes to donating clothing and home goods, you can't go wrong with a Salvation Army store.

### **Maspeth Thrift Shop**

59-01 Maspeth Avenue  
Maspeth NY 11378  
(718) 326-4098

This small thrift store in Maspeth donates all its proceeds to benefit Martin Luther High School.