

# Twin accolade for Colourful Coffins

**Colourful Coffins is celebrating a prestigious new honour after being elected as the first Corporate Member of the Society of Bereavement Practitioners.**

And, making it an extra special occasion, Mary and Kevin Tomes have both been awarded Fellowships of the Society in recognition of their “wonderful” work.

The company was nominated for corporate membership by a bereaved family who said how much comfort having a Colourful Coffin had brought them on a difficult day and how impressed they had been with the service provided.

Society Director and bereavement specialist, the Rev George Callander, said: “I also know from personal experience as a busy minister how much having a personalised coffin which reflects the personality of the deceased can mean to a family.

“Our aim as a Society is to support and encourage excellence in all aspects of bereavement care and awarding corporate membership to Colourful Coffins is an endorsement of the excellent service and considerable comfort they bring to the bereaved at a very traumatic time in their lives.

“The fact we have also awarded Fellowships to Mary and Kevin is in recognition of the sustained and outstanding contribution they have made to the aims of the Society by giving families genuine choice, inspired designs and friendly service. Their work exemplifies excellence in bereavement care – which is central to the ethos of the Society.”

A delighted Mary Tomes, managing director of Colourful Coffins, said: “This was a lovely surprise and we’re honoured and very pleased to be nominated both as corporate members and as individuals.

“It’s always lovely to receive positive feedback from families who we help and we’re touched that this family felt so strongly about the way we had supported them that they nominated us to the Society.”

The Society was founded to promote and support best practice in bereavement care and awareness and boasts an impressive list of supporters, including its patron, Baroness Neuberger DBE, and well-known actress Maureen Lipman CBE, who is an honorary vice-president.



**Some of the team at Colourful Coffins mark the firm’s Corporate Membership of the Society of Bereavement Practitioners.**

## Notes to editors

1. Colourful Coffins ([www.colourfulcoffins.com](http://www.colourfulcoffins.com)) is a family-owned and run business, based in Oxford, and the leading provider of bespoke picture coffins for the UK market. It offers a wide range of distinctive and personalised designs, each expertly crafted and hand-finished by the in-house team.
2. Colourful Coffins supplies and works closely with a network of funeral directors across the country, providing support and advice to both funeral businesses and their clients. It also provides one-to-one advice to families to help them make a very personal design choice.
3. For more information on the Society of Bereavement Practitioners, please visit [www.bereavementpractitioners.org](http://www.bereavementpractitioners.org).

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