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Final Journey: The Untold Story of Funeral Trains

By Nicolas Wheatley

Final Journey: The Untold story of Funeral Trains tells of why and how trains have been used to transport the dead, enabling their burial in a place of significance to the bereaved.

Generously illustrated with many images, some never previously published, Nicolas Wheatley's work details how the mainline railways carried out this important, yet often hidden, work from the

Victorian age to the 1980s, as well as how ceremonial funeral transport continues on heritage railways today.

From Royalty, aristocrats and other VIPs, including Sir Winston Churchill and the Unknown Warrior, to victims of accidents and ordinary people, *Final Journey* explores the way in which these people travelled for the last time by train before being laid to rest.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The author is a retired solicitor with a life-long interest in railways. After visiting Brookwood Cemetery in Surrey several times, he studied for a Master of Science degree in Death & Society from the University of Bath. Several years of research on the transport of the dead by train followed, leading to the publication of this book.

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