Robert Taylor left school in Battersea, London and started work at St. Thomas’ Hospital in 1933. During World War Two he was first stationed in Egypt and then joined the Paratroop Regiment and jumped into Arnhem, Holland as part of Operation Market Garden in 1944. He was captured and spent time in a PoW camp for the duration, until he was liberated.

After the War he returned to work at St Thomas’ Hospital. He later helped to exhume American servicemen from Europe and then watched American embalmers prepare the deceased for repatriation back to the U.S.A.

It was then that Robert decided he wanted to become an embalmer. He studied at the Lear School of Embalming in London and qualified in 1955; he worked for them until going freelance in the 1960s. Geoff joined him in 1972 and qualified in 1980, the year Robert decided to semi retire, and G.T. Embalming Service was formed.
G.T. Embalming Service Limited pride ourselves in being possibly the largest trade embalming company in Europe.

We have over 30 qualified and experienced embalmers, including specialists in Reconstruction, Cosmetics and Infectious Cases covering most of London and the South of England.
G.T. Embalming Service Limited is one of the largest embalming services in the funeral industry. Our team is highly motivated and dedicated to providing the best embalming service available in the funeral industry. Our strength is generated from our commitment to our clients, our industry and ourselves.

**OUR MISSION**

Our ongoing aim is to provide our clients within the funeral sector with a consistent, reliable and professional embalming service.

To achieve this we will continue to develop our embalmers’ skills and to establish lasting professional relationships with our funeral clients.
Geoff Taylor has been a working embalmer for 40 years and has treated in excess of 40,000 cases covering every possible situation. He held the office of National President of the British Institute of Embalmers from 1994 -1995, and has also held the office of Chairman and Secretary. He has been Treasurer for the Southern Division of the Institute, since 1990 and has also been a member of the European Association of Embalmers (EAE) since its formation in the mid 1990s. And in February 2013 Geoff was invited to join the Fellowship of the British Institute Of Embalmers.

In 1994 Geoff, together with two of his embalmers assisted members of the Verband Deutscher Thanatologan (VDT) by giving them practical embalming tuition, thus speeding their development towards becoming the first German members of the BIE. He has also demonstrated embalming in the city of Munster and along with his professional colleague, Ray Hood, presented a weekend seminar in the city of Hamburg.

Geoff has embalmed in the Comoros Islands and the Philippines as part of the Global Partnership Disaster Victim Identification team following plane crash devastations. He has also travelled to Morocco and the Falkland Islands to embalm cases for repatriation on behalf of Rowland Brothers International. In February 2012 Geoff was invited to speak about “Trade Embalming” at the Australasian Division of the BIE conference in Melbourne Australia, along with his professional colleague, Philippe Dubresson, who gave a presentation on “Facial Reconstruction” and the correct use of cosmetics.

Kevin Sinclair M.B.I.E Managing Director

Kevin has been a second generation embalmer for the last 20 years. His father, Allan Sinclair, is well known and respected in the funeral industry. To date Kevin’s career has encompassed almost all aspects of the funeral arena but in 1990 he decided on a career in embalming and qualified in 1992. He has worked for the Co-operative and Dignity funeral services and has embalmed over 40,000 cases. In 2005 he joined G.T. Embalming Service Ltd and up to 2012 was the sole embalmer for Lodge Brothers funeral directors.

Over the years he has worked in many varied situations including being part of the Global Partnership team in the Comoros Islands following the plane crash devastation. He has also embalmed in Afghanistan and the Falkland Islands for forward repatriation on behalf of G.T. Embalming Service Ltd. Kevin is an examiner for the International Examination Board of Examiners and in 2007 became an Accredited Tutor. In the same year he began the London School of Embalming with his fellow Tutor, Maria New. In 2011-2012 he held the office of the National President of the British Institute of Embalmers.
Biohazard Embalming Service

From time to time you may be presented with circumstances that require specialized treatment for Infectious or Repatriation Cases. At G.T. Embalming Service Limited we are proud to supply a team of embalmers who are able to assess the risk of infection and make recommendations to the care that is necessary for repatriation. Each embalming will be carried out to your client’s needs. You will receive a pre-embalming quote for the care needed and the necessary expenses for our embalmers. On completion of the work you will receive a full case report and a “Certificate of Embalming”.

Reconstruction Embalming Service

When a death occurs, the bereaved family will turn to you for solutions. At G.T. Embalming Service Limited we have embalmers experienced in the field of Bone and Tissue Reconstruction and the application of appropriate cosmetics. Again, each embalming will be carried out to your client needs and you will receive a pre-embalming quote on the care needed and the necessary expenses for our embalmers. On completion of the work you will receive a full case report.
Personalised Repatriation Service

How many times have you been concerned about care of the deceased that arrive from outside the UK?

We at G.T. Embalming Service Limited are proud to present a specialized service which enables us to send an embalmer, at short notice, to anywhere in the world to embalm the deceased for repatriation.

The repatriation is achieved through Rowland Brothers International which has been established since 1971 with over 500 agents worldwide.

Over the years G.T. Embalming Service Limited have successfully repatriated from countries such as Morocco, Afghanistan, and the Falkland Islands.
In recent years G.T. Embalming Service Limited has become synonymous with the production of death masks and hand casts in either plaster or metallic resins.

Both Geoff and Kevin have conducted numerous demonstrations detailing the finer aspects of this art and offer this service as part of the G.T.E.S. Portfolio.

G.T. Embalming Service Limited now welcomes Nick Reynolds as a dedicated member of our team, to carry on the creative work.

Nick Reynolds is dedicated to reviving the lost tradition of death masks and is one of the UK’s leading specialists.

Historically, death masks were originally made as magical funerary masks. The role of the mask was to protect the wearer through the perilous journey through the underworld and also to preserve the features in the afterlife.

Although thousands of masks have been discovered, the most famous example is the extraordinarily beautiful death mask of the Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamun.

The Romans kept wax death masks of their ancestors, as a kind of family tree and proof of lineage, in a niche cupboard called a Lararium.

On special occasions their memory would be honoured at ceremonies and the mask worn by an actor. During the Middle Ages the royal households of England and France continued this tradition.

Here however, a death mask was made as a sculptor’s aid to create a realistic posthumous sculpture and to make a lifelike wax effigy which would be displayed in a room of honour long after the person had actually been buried.

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By the Victorian times, Memento Mori as a reminder of death and mortality were extremely popular; death masks were commonplace.

No longer reserved for royalty and nobility, they were created for those who could afford it. The invention of photography was to replace death masks as valued keepsakes so the practice almost ceased to exist.

Nick Reynolds and G.T. Embalming Service Limited believe that people will again realise the importance of this tradition as death masks are the last three-dimensional record on earth of a unique life. Unlike pictures, they have weight and a presence; they are also tactile and possess a cathartic quality that can offer more comfort than a photograph.

Faces and/or hands may be cast. This involves moulding the subject with a soft compound from which a positive can be made. The positive can be presented in plaster, cold cast bronze, bonded marble or real bronze.

**Plaster Casts**

- Faces can be wall mounted or self standing on request. In some cases self standing may incur an additional cost.

**Plaster or Bronze Casts of Hands**

- Nick will work closely with the embalmer in regards how the hands should be specifically positioned at time of embalming.

**Plaster or Bronze full heads**

- A full head with neck cast is more complicated but can be achieved, but will incur an additional cost.

# Prices on individual assessment

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G.T. Embalming Service Limited is proud to present a brand new service of quarterly Formaldehyde Testing.

Once every quarter whilst our embalmer is working on your premises a test will be performed using a DRAGER gas testing tube. With careful calculation a part per million reading will be taken and the result will be recorded and sent back to our head office where it will be assessed and recorded.

A certificate will be emailed to you informing you of the result and any significant changes that are present.

It is an important test to perform as it is part of the requirements of Health and Safety, in particular C.O.S.H.H. (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health.)
G.T. Embalming Service Limited offer peace of mind with our Professional Indemnity Insurance in conjunction with Bluefin Professions and through Axa Insurance UK.

This has global coverage with the exception of the United States and Canada. We also have Public Liability Insurance in conjunction with Wisemans Insurance Services Limited.