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LAST RESPECTS



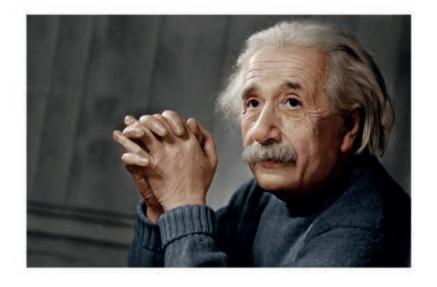
A diluted version of formaldehyde called 'formalin' is used to allow friends and family to pay their last respects to loved ones once they have passed away.

Formalin is currently the only product that enables funeral directors to ensure those that have passed away can be kept as close to their appearance before death as possible.

All the alternatives to formalin tried so far "simply do not work as a preservative" — Jon Levett, Chief Executive of the UK National Association of Funeral Directors (2018)[1].

This process is especially important for families who experience a delay between death and burial, for example if a post mortem or examination must take place. In such cases, the delay can often be a number of weeks^[2].

Additionally, formalin is used by the science community to preserve biological objects. The most famous example of this is **Albert Einstein's brain** which can still be viewed today!



References:

- 1 BBC News 'EU Embalming Fluid ban 'to change funerals'
- 2 The Cremation Institute 'The Embalming Process Guide 2019