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Lights, camera, coffin... Gerry sets up a shot in church

By SUN REPORTER

A CAMERAMAN gives grieving families the chance to capture their loved one's FUNERAL on film.

And Gerry Duffy, 50, says business is alive and kicking.

The director from Dundalk, Co Louth, has been buried under with calls. He said: "We are getting a huge number of people calling us to ask about our service.

"We have already done 28 so far this year and expect to reach 40 by the end of December."

And Gerry revealed it's not the PLOT that counts.

He said: "Often families are grieving and forget the nice things that were said about their loved one at the funeral. This is a nice way of looking back on it and celebrating the person's life."

The film-maker's regular trade is weddings and corporate events – but for €450 he'll record your final curtain call.

The dad of three said: "A lot of the business we get is from people who live abroad and can't get back to Ireland in time for a loved one's funeral.

"They don't want to miss the Mass and ask us to record it so they can share the experience. It helps with the grieving process."

Gerry told how he was first asked to video a funeral ten years ago for the devastated parents of an 11-year-old girl.

He said: "They wanted to remember the event as they felt it would help them with the healing process.

"It was a crutch for them during that hard time."

He added: "The recording is done in a tasteful way. At the end of the day, a funeral should be a celebration of that person's life."

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