

## First Vice President of The British Institute of Funeral Directors



My name is David Capper.....I come from a village called Loughgall in Co. Armagh and I am one of six children, to John & Carol Capper.

I was brought up on a farm but always wanted to go into the Funeral Profession from a very early age.

*“Why?*

*I didn’t know then!*

*But now I do”.*

At the age of 19, in July 1994, I commenced working for Holmes Funeral Directors, in Dungannon Co Tyrone, which was part of Funeral Services Northern Ireland. I stayed there for 5 years and then started working for a friend of mine in Belfast for a few years after that.

I always wanted to open my own business and the opportunity came about on 5th May 2005 when I opened Elwood & Capper in Dunmurry, with my business partner Brian Elwood, who himself is a 3rd generation Funeral Director.

Our business has grown year on year, which is very encouraging, and makes me feel that we are doing something right.

As well as Brian and I, we have two other members of staff, William Greer, who got his Diploma the same year as me in 2015 and Deborah Lilley, who received her Diploma with Honours, along with achieving the BIFD Award Winner Trophy, at the past BIFD Conference.

William, Deborah and I are very proud of our BIFD Diplomas and we were all taught by Michael Dillon.

Being nominated as Vice President of the BIFD is an even bigger honour and I will do my very best to uphold all that the Institute stands for and believes in, even more so as President.

I look forward to inviting all the BIFD Members to Conference in Northern Ireland in 2019 and I promise to make it a good one, celebrating a good year in office.

*Thank you, David Capper*