

Jackson's body to be buried in his Neverland ranch

Pop legend Michael Jackson's body will be taken to his beloved Neverland ranch where grieving fans can say their goodbyes and it is expected to be buried there this weekend.

His coffin will be driven through Los Angeles before making a 130-mile journey to Neverland, site of the superstar's former fantasy home, reported thesun.co.uk.

A fairytale carriage will bear Jackson's coffin on the last trip to his home in Santa Barbara County. The white horse-drawn coach is being kept under wraps until the moment comes when the singer's coffin is expected to be tenderly lifted on to it.

Vast crowds are expected to watch the King of Pop's coffin taken through the streets of Los Angeles, starting at 10 a.m. local time Friday. A 30-car motorcade will then make the drive to the remote 2,800-acre site of Neverland.

'The family want to give him a really special send off. They want the carriage to be a surprise for everyone. They want it to add a wow factor to the day. It is being kept hidden and is top secret,' said a source.

Los Angeles Police Department are planning a huge security and traffic control operation.

'Michael always said Neverland kept him young. It seems fitting. On Sunday there will be a memorial service for his family and close friends to mourn in private,' said the source.

Jackson bought Neverland in 1988, naming his hideaway after the home world of Peter Pan, where children never grew up. He made it a playground paradise, with Ferris wheel, roller-coaster, bumper cars and zoo.

It fell into disrepair after cash-strapped Jacko abandoned it in 2003 while dogged by child abuse allegations. But it will be transformed for his farewell.

The 50-year-old singer died Thursday.

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