

Planning for a Funeral

Whether you choose burial or cremation, below you will find a checklist of the key topics and decisions you should review with your funeral home when planning a meaningful funeral for a loved one.

Burial Funeral Arrangements

- Provide life story information
- Discuss disposition & personalization plans
- Review ceremony & tribute options
- Select personalized tribute merchandise
 - Casket
 - Vault
 - Cemetery & monument needs
 - Keepsakes & remembrance jewelry

Choose memorialization items

- Stationery
- Memorial books
- Acknowledgement cards
- Video tributes

Payment Arrangements:

- Pre-payment to funeral home and cemetery
- Savings on a joint-account
- Final Expense Insurance

Cremation Funeral Arrangements

- Provide life story information
- Discuss disposition & personalization plans
- Review ceremony & tribute options
- Select personalized tribute merchandise
 - Casket or Container
 - Memorial Urn
 - Urn Vault
 - Keepsakes & remembrance jewelry

Choose memorialization items

- Stationery
- Memorial books
- Acknowledgement cards
- Video tributes

Cost Estimate:

- Price lists from funeral homes
- Bring your own casket or urn
- Make your own / shop for items

Biographical Information of Loved One

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

City and State of Birth: _____ SS#: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name and Maiden Name: _____

Biographical info: if married include date and place of marriage and spouse's maiden name:

Survivors (list family and friends and other relationships you will want to acknowledge or include during the service):

Attributes or passions of the person who died that you want to be sure to honor:

Memories to share:

Obituary (special thoughts to include):

Disposition

What will you do with the body? Embalmed _____ Buried _____ Cremated _____

If buried, what is the name of the cemetery? _____

If cremated, where will ashes be interred (buried) or scattered? _____

Visitation or Memorial Reception Location

Date: _____ Hours: _____

Personal touches to be included:

Funeral Ceremony

Place: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Type of service:

Person to lead ceremony: _____

Others who might want to speak or share memories:

Pallbearers:

Eulogy:

Readings:

Music:

Symbols:

Other personal touches to be included:

Committal Service (if burial is chosen)

Cemetery: _____

Other personal touches to be included:

Gathering after the ceremony

Place: _____

Other personal touches to be included (such as favorite foods, memorial video, dove or butterfly release, memory board or table):
