




This worksheet on funeral planning is one of the greatest gifts of love you can provide for your family. In addition, this valuable guide is a wonderful resource for planning and organizing your life. Create, store and share important documents that your loved ones might need.



I promise to love you forever.
Evry single day of FOREVER.

*B*y planning your service in advance, you can design and specify the exact type of service you'd like, so that your friends and family celebrate you as you wish. And by letting your family know how you'd like your funeral or memorial service to be, they'll have less difficult and complicated decisions to make during a difficult emotional time.

How To Personalize Your Funeral Or Memorial Service

Virtually every element of your funeral or memorial service can be personalized as much as you like, though you don't need to personalize every possible element in order to have the service be special. When planning the details of your service, think about the way you'd like the service to look, flow, and feel.

Many people want their funerals to be celebrations of life rather than sad affairs, and to that end decide to have uplifting music and songs, colorful flowers, and inspirational readings. Other people want their funerals to highlight certain personal interests and achievements, and so ask family members to speak on specific topics or choose readings that focus on personal philosophies.

There are many personal elements of your funeral or memorial service that you can plan yourself, with the help of family and friends. You can also work with a funeral home to create the type of event that feels most special to you.

Elements Of Your Funeral Or Memorial Service You Can Plan In Advance

Many elements of a funeral or memorial service can be planned in advance. Some of the things you make decisions about in advance include:

1. Having a viewing, visitation, or wake before your service
2. The type of service (funeral service, graveside service, cremation or memorial service)
3. The service location
4. If cremation is the preferred option, a viewing before the cremation takes place or a memorial service after cremation.
5. Who you'd like to officiate your service
6. Who you'd like to serve as pallbearers if a traditional burial service
7. People to deliver eulogies and other speeches
8. Readings, prayers, or poems for people to read
9. Music, hymns, or songs
10. The type of flowers or decorations you'd like to have
11. Having a post-service reception or gathering, and planning that event (see #4)
12. The guest list for your service
13. If you want guests to donate to a charity in your name, and coordinating with the charity or setting up a foundation



Religious Traditions

If you will be following any religious or cultural traditions, many core aspects of your service may be dictated by your customs. It may be important to speak with your local religious leader or contact our funeral home for help and guidance with the questions you have.

Communicating With Your Family

One of the benefits of planning your service ahead of time is the relief that pre-planning can bring to your family. By planning some or all of the features of the service, or even by simply talking with your family about the kind of service you'd like to have, you can help take some of the pressure off of those who would otherwise have to plan the service during a difficult emotional time—and you can provide them with the information they need in order to honor and remember you in the ways you want.

Session 1: Pre-Planning Essentials

Congratulations, you're ready for your first stage of funeral planning! Take a moment now to jot down some basic information about yourself and assemble your funeral team.

If you should pass after completing this section's worksheets, you can rest in peace knowing that you've left behind a capable team that has just enough information about you to produce a basic memorial event.



Important;

Store this information in a place your family can get too! Not a safe deposit box or a place inaccessible to your family after death.

Recruit 3-5 people to serve on your funeral team, or...a single funeral party advocate (aka, your Death Buddy). You can have a team and a Death Buddy, if you like. Assign each team member a position and list of duties (or leave it up them to decide.) Make copies of this worksheet for every team member.

If you want someone other than a spouse or next of kin making your final disposal arrangements, consult your lawyer about any necessary paperwork.

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Viewing:

Service:

Funeral:

Permission to Remove:

Permission to Embalm:

Name:

Place of Death:

Date of Death:

Deceased Address:

Marital Status:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Social Security #

Occupation:

Industry:

Education:

Birthplace:

AKA's:

Branch:

Discharge:

Armed forces:

Surviving Spouse:

Father's Name:

Mother's Name:

Informants Name:

Relationship:

Informants Address:

Informants Telephone:

Method of Disposition:

Location:

Date of Funeral:

Church:

Height:

Info Verified by:





Anytime is a Good Time to Plan a Funeral - Except the Day of the Funeral

Consider this, most significant events in our lives require planning, you rarely just let them happen. Can you imagine planning a wedding in just a few days, or any celebration for that matter? Even the birth of a child, God still gives us 9 months to plan! If your family members had to plan your funeral tomorrow, what would they do? Most of us are woefully unprepared when faced with this task and must do so while grieving the loss of someone for whom we care deeply. As we all know... death is obviously an emotional event. When we are emotional, we don't make good decisions, especially financial decisions.

Making funeral arrangements in advance is one of the greatest gifts of love you can provide for your family. Start the on-line planning process now by meeting with one of our caring pre-planning advisors.

IT JUST MAKES SENSE!