

Funeral Pre-planning List

Where do I want my body to be taken? Which funeral home/mortuary?

Do I want to be embalmed? Buried? Cremated?

What are my Burial/Casket preferences?

Who do I want notified of my death?

Do I want to write my own obituary?

Do I have burial plot? If cremated, where should my ashes be scattered or interred?

Do I want/need a headstone/grave marker? Have I written out what I want inscribed on it? Design?

Do I want a Funeral service? Program?

Do I have special needs for my ceremony? Military? Religious?

Who will deliver the eulogy? Ask him or her in advance.

Should I pre-pay funeral expenses?

Do I want to identify a charity "in lieu of flowers"?

Do I want a wake or memorial party instead of a funeral?

Who needs to be made aware of my death? Make a contact list for your funeral or memorial notices.

Funeral Pricing Comparison

“Simple” disposition of the remains:

Immediate burial _____

Immediate cremation _____

If the cremation process is extra, how much is it? _____

Donation of the body to a medical school or hospital _____

“Traditional,” full-service burial or cremation:

Basic services fee for the funeral director and staff _____

Pickup of body _____

Embalming _____

Other preparation of body _____

Least expensive casket _____

Description, including model # _____

Outer Burial Container (vault) _____

Description _____

Visitation/viewing — staff and facilities _____

Funeral or memorial service — staff and facilities _____

Graveside service, including staff and equipment _____

Hearse _____

Other vehicles _____

Total _____

Other Services:

Forwarding body to another funeral home _____

Receiving body from another funeral home _____