



YOUR
PERSONAL

*Preplanning
Guide*

FOR FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS



Planning Your Arrangements Now Ensures Your Final Wishes Will be Honored

Many families find it difficult to think about death... let alone talk about it. That's why putting your own funeral and burial preferences in writing ahead of time is such a gift to those you love.

By considering the type of services you want well in advance, you can make your choices at your leisure and lock in pricing.

Plus, you'll save your family from having to make these important decisions during an emotional time. You and your family will gain peace of mind knowing your plans will be carried out your way.

It just makes sense to plan ahead – and it's never been easier.





Things to Consider When Planning a Funeral and Burial

We believe in giving families options. This is why we offer the ability to start the preplanning process online. You can plan ahead when it's most convenient for you – all from the comfort of home. Here are a few details to think about.

» **Funeral or Memorial Service?**

It's important to choose a service that suits your and your family's needs, traditions, and budget. Would you prefer a traditional funeral in a chapel or church? Or a more unique service held at our funeral home or another meaningful location? Something small and intimate or a larger gathering that is open to the community?

» **Traditional Burial or Cremation?**

Whether you choose traditional burial or cremation, you can still arrange a visitation, memorial service, catered gathering, or graveside burial. It's all up to you.

» **Visitation and Reception?**

Many families find value in gathering before and after the service to share memories and a meal. There are many options available to add personal touches during a visitation and/or reception.

» **What Families are Saying**

"I always say, 'You never know which day is going to be your last.' That's one reason I planned my own funeral. There are also certain songs and readings I want at the service. Now, my family will know my opinions when the time comes. All of us felt relieved to have this taken care of. I would recommend preplanning to anyone."

Review the checklist below to simplify your preplanning process.



YOUR PREPLANNING CHECKLIST

We aim to make preplanning your arrangements as simple and convenient as possible. Get started with this checklist of some of the information needed when replanning a funeral or cremation.

Vital Statistics:

- Name, home address, and telephone number
- Name of business or employers address and telephone number
- Occupation and title
- Social Security Number / Social Insurance Number
- Date of birth/Place of birth
- Citizenship
- Mother's maiden name
- Father's name/Mother's name
- Father's birthplace/Mother's birthplace
- Location of will
- Location of birth certificates
- Location of deeds to property
- Location of bank account and credit card numbers
- Location of insurance policies
- Location of marriage license
- Location of funeral and cemetery arrangement certificates

Do You Want To:

- Pre-pay now
- Arrange payment

Service Arrangements:

- Select casket/urn
- Select vault
- Select visitation rooms
- Select professional services, vehicles
- Funeral notices, pallbearers, music, etc.

Cemetery Arrangements:

- Select cemetery property (lot, crypt, or niche)
- Opening and closing fees
- select cemetery monument/ marker, base
- Inscription and setting fees
- Cremation fees

Other Considerations:

- Clergy
- Florists
- Charitable donations