



## Funeral (Pre) Planning Checklist

### ***Choose the type of disposition you'd like:***

- ☐ Burial
- ☐ Cremation
- ☐ Anatomical donation (ending in cremation)

### ***Choose the type of gathering, service, ceremony, or memorial you'd like to have:***

- ☐ Viewing and/or wake
  - Do you want a private family viewing and/or public viewing?
  - Do you want a wake?
- ☐ Traditional funeral service
  - Do you want the body present or not?
  - Do you want the casket open or closed?
- ☐ Graveside service
- ☐ Memorial service
- ☐ Scattering ceremony
- ☐ Repass

### ***Choose options to personalize your event:***

- ☐ Location that reflects your interests such as a church, gym, stadium, etc.
- ☐ Pastor
- ☐ Order of Service
- ☐ Speakers for the obituary
- ☐ Pallbearers
- ☐ Eulogists
- ☐ Catered or pot luck (If a repass will be held)
- ☐ Prayers, poems, or other readings
- ☐ Memorial video tribute (Please provide photos and song title)

### ***Choose the place of final rest:***

- ☐ Burial in a private cemetery, church cemetery, veterans cemetery, etc.
- ☐ Disposition of cremated body. If scattering, the location so proper permits can be obtained
- ☐ Keepsake jewelry, such as cremation jewelry
- ☐ Organ donation or anatomical donation

***Choose a method of payment:***

- ☐ If you want to prearrange your funeral, you can opt for funeral insurance through a funeral home, which sometimes offers a guarantee of their current prices. Other options include a funeral trust or pay-on-death account.
- ☐ If you are paying for services at the time of need, the type of method you will be using. (Cash, Credit Card, Certified Funds, Life Insurance Policy, etc.). Crowdfunding platforms such as YouCaring ([www.youcaring.com](http://www.youcaring.com)) or GoFundMe ([www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)) can be helpful in raising funds if financial resources are limited. Additionally, at Ferguson Mortuary, donations can be made directly to the funeral service for the deceased through our website. This option will only be available at the family's request.

***Choose a way to record your final wishes:***

- ☐ Verbally share your final wishes (but do not rely solely on verbal instructions, as loved ones may forget or disagree on what you said you wanted!).
- ☐ Put your wishes in writing, voice or video recording.

***Assist loved ones:***

- ☐ Collect important documents and notify your next of kin about where they are held.
- ☐ Store a copy of your will, marriage and birth certificates, veteran's discharge papers, military service records, life and health insurance policies, social security information, and other estate planning documents where your next of kin can easily find them.
- ☐ Write your own obituary or gather important biographical information for your obituary.
- ☐ Keep a copy of your funeral plans on file and notify at least two other emergency contacts of where your funeral will be held and where your final wishes are recorded.



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