

# FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING CHECKLIST

Use the checklist below when discussing funeral plans with a loved one, to make sure that his or her final wishes are carried out.

## ARRANGEMENTS TO DISCUSS

- Creation of a will or trust
- Appoint legal professionals for estate/property planning
- Discuss finances and how to pay for funeral or cremation services
- Locate and gather important Vital Statistics Information for Death Record

## FUNERAL SERVICE IDEAS TO DISCUSS

### *The Type of Service*

- Traditional funeral service with burial and graveside service
- Burial with simple graveside service
- Memorial service followed by cremation
- Memorial service after cremation
- Cremation with simple ash scattering service
- Direct Cremation
- Simple funeral service at home or other location followed by burial or cremation
- Celebration of life ceremony

### *Other funeral service events*

- Viewing before burial or cremation
- Reception after funeral
- Veteran/military
- Pet memorialization
- Charity for donations
- Share account information for utilities, subscription services, and other bills
- Discuss next of kin and power of attorney
- Delegate a caregiver for any children or pets at the time of need

## PERSONLIZATION OPTIONS

- List of songs to play at funeral service
- Decide on food/snacks/beverages to be serviced at reception/service
- Choose the theme, colors, or special design requests
- Determine special locations for a reception or gathering
- Gather specific photos or tribute videos
- Note readings, poems or prayers for during funeral/memorial service
- Designate pallbearers
- Select a funeral celebrant or officiator
- Pick types of flowers at funeral service

## LET'S START THE CONVERSATION

Talking about end-of-life wishes isn't easy, but it's one of the most thoughtful things we can do for the people we love. If you're not sure how to bring it up, here are a few casual ways to start the conversation about pre-planning your funeral.

- "Hey, this might sound weird, but I've been thinking—it might be smart to plan my funeral ahead of time."

- "Can we talk about something hard but important? I want to sort out my funeral stuff just in case."

- "I know it's not the most fun topic, but I've been meaning to talk to you about what I'd want when I'm not around."





**PEOPLE TO CONTACT DURING TIME OF NEED/ NOTIFY ABOUT FUNERAL**

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**ANY EXTRA NOTES**

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**Have questions or not sure where to start? We're here to help!**

**Schedule your complimentary consultation today. Let's make a plan that gives you and your loved ones peace of mind.**



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