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*YOUR PRE-PLANNING FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL KIT.*



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LIVED YOUR LIFE  
THE BEST WAY YOU  
KNOW HOW.**







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# The Fine Art of Planning Ahead.

Planning your funeral shouldn't be scary or sad, instead, you can look at it as the last thing you get to do, and you can do it the best way you know how.

Engage your family in a whole new way and talk about what happens when you shuffle off this mortal coil. It's a great opportunity to understand their thoughts and feelings and have an open discussion about it.

Will it be a solemn and quiet ceremony rife with tradition, or will it be a raucous 'Wake' and epic celebration of a life well-lived, or do you hope to one day have your body launched into space?

## It's your funeral. How would you like to be remembered?

We hope you find peace and maybe even a little joy in filling out this pre-need guide; you might be surprised by what you find and what others see within you.

While it's always good to do this with a family group, it isn't strictly necessary.

## Remove the stress and financial burden.

Another benefit of pre-planning is pre-buying. You can lock in today's prices no matter how long you live. You can pay it all at once, or make easy payments over time, and if you ever move it's a simple thing to transfer to another city.

Rest easy knowing it's all taken care of and those you left behind can focus on their memories of you, not the bill.

## The last paperwork you'll ever do.

Please take some time to consider the following pre-planning forms and checklists. Whenever you feel ready, simply bring it to us and we'll help you put it all together.

### STEP 1: Guest of honour (you).

FIRST NAME + MIDDLE NAME(S)

LAST NAME

ADDRESS 1

ADDRESS 2

CITY

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

( )

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

ADD VITAL STATISTICS

SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER

HEALTHCARE NUMBER

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH / DAY / YEAR)

PLACE OF BIRTH

### STEP 2: Who will help with the service?

FIRST NAME + MIDDLE NAME(S)

LAST NAME

CITY

PROVINCE

( )

PHONE NUMBER

RELATIONSHIP

EMAIL ADDRESS



## STEP 3: Your Pre-Planning Checklist.

THERE IS A LOT OF INFORMATION TO CAPTURE HERE, SO WE RECOMMEND GETTING YOURSELF A NOTEBOOK OR STARTING A NEW DOCUMENT ON YOUR COMPUTER.

### 1. THE MOST IMPORTANT FIRST THREE STEPS

- ☐ Discuss and decide who will be the responsible survivor to carry out your wishes.
- ☐ I have special instructions for my services and final disposition.
- ☐ Confirm the funeral business I want to use.

### 2. FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICE

- ☐ Cremation ☐ Burial

Choose the type of service:

- ☐ Religious ☐ Pretty religious ☐ Not too religious ☐ Not at all religious

Does anyone in your family need to see you?

- ☐ Private viewing\* ☐ Public viewing\* ☐ No viewing

*\* These options are available even if you're being cremated*

Where will this be held: ☐ Funeral Home ☐ Church ☐ Other

- ☐ Select which photographs and memorabilia you'd like to display.
- ☐ Select customs and traditions that are important to you and your family.
- ☐ Choose the clothing you would like to be dressed in.
- ☐ Select a design for your stationary.
- ☐ Select music, hymns, something contemporary, or a mix of everything.
- ☐ Brainstorm additional ways to personalize your services or pay tribute to your accomplishments.
- ☐ Consider writing or recording your life story, including key moments, hobbies, and your personality.
- ☐ Select your favourite food and treats.

### 3. PARTICIPANTS

- ☐ Choose an emcee, clergy member or officiator to preside over the service.
- ☐ Select any musicians whose talents you'd like to employ.
- ☐ Choose friends or family to share the eulogy, read scripture, or prepare a tribute.
- ☐ Select casket or urn bearers.

### 4. FOR BURIAL

- ☐ Choose a cemetery (your Funeral Director can help guide you).
- ☐ Consider if you would like an upright headstone or a flat memorial.
- ☐ Select the design and inscriptions for the grave marker.
- ☐ Choose a burial plot or space in a mausoleum.
- ☐ Select your casket.
- ☐ Select an outer-burial container or vault.

### 5. FOR CREMATION

- ☐ Select your cremation container.
- ☐ Select an urn.
- ☐ Consider the many options for the final disposition of the cremated remains\*.  
*\* Most cemeteries have burial spaces, columbaria for urns, or scattering gardens for cremated remains.*



# The Life of the party (you).

NOT THAT EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU CAN CONVENIENTLY FIT INTO A ONE-PAGE FORM, BUT THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO START CAPTURING SOME DETAILS.

	(FROM SPOUSE)	(FROM PARENTS)	(FROM CHILDREN)
NICKNAMES	(FROM GRANDCHILDREN)	(FROM FRIENDS)	(FROM OTHERS)
HOBBIES			
SPORTS			
MEMBERSHIPS AND CLUBS ETC.			

## YOUR FAVOURITE THINGS

SCRIPTURES & POEMS	
BOOKS, MOVIES & SHOWS	
MUSIC & HYMNS	
VACATION & RETREATS	
OUTINGS & RESTAURANTS	
OUTFITS & CLOTHES	
OTHER THINGS	

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS PARTICIPATION

EULOGY & READINGS	
SINGING & PLAYING MUSIC	
OTHER IDEAS	



## Think Inside the Box: Burial Options.

From family crypts to mummification to burials at sea to burials in space, people have been getting buried in a myriad of ways since there have been people to bury.

Maybe you've always wanted to be entombed in a crypt with mystical carvings? Or perhaps you're just a down-to-earth person who simply wants to be wrapped in a burial shroud and placed in the earth?

Or, like some people, you've got your eye on a nifty coffin with all the fixings, and because of an ancient prophecy, your remains need to be interred in your family plot.

There are many family and religious traditions that can factor into your final resting place, as well as a growing desire to go beyond what is considered traditional.

If you are thinking inside the box, feel free to ask your Funeral Director about all your options.

## Think Outside the Box: Cremation Options.

Many people these days are thinking outside the box and exploring the idea of being cremated or seeking cremation alternatives.

If you go with the traditional cremation you can get your loved ones out of the house for a day to scatter your ashes in the mountains.

Or, you can have your remains built into jewelry for any occasion—yes, you can have your ashes pressed into a precious diamond. It's your call.

There is a new technology catching on which allows you to be turned into compost so you can return back to the earth.

Another alternative is having your nutrient-rich remains added to a giant seedpod; eventually turning you into a Giant Redwood Tree (or tree of your choice).

Funeral pyres can get out of control so quickly (especially during the dry season), so we highly recommend visiting us in person and chatting with your Funeral Director to discuss all your options before settling on 'Viking Funeral.'



*We've offered some pretty imaginative options for your final disposition in this document, but most people are still buried or cremated in traditional ways.*

*Please remember that there is no need to make all of these decisions right away. The purpose of pre-planning is to allow yourself the time you need to consider all your options and make the choices that are right for you.*

*For personalized assistance in creating your plan, consult with one of our experts to schedule a one-on-one meeting.*

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