

Taking care of your funeral wishes

We understand it's not always easy to talk about death or dying with anyone – let alone those closest to you. But by planning ahead now, you can be certain that you'll get the funeral you want, and at the same time save your family from any difficult decisions over your final wishes.

You can use this form to express your funeral wishes. It can be very reassuring to know that you've made your wishes known. When the time comes, your family and friends will also find comfort in knowing that your funeral is carried out just the way you would want it.

Filling in your form

We've designed the form to help you make your personal choices. Simply write down your details, and fill in your wishes. These are your personal choices, so fill in as much of the form as you want to. And remember, you can always revisit the form if you want to add anything.

Once you have completed your form, keep it somewhere safe and tell someone close to you where it is or let them look after it for you.



Make things easier for loved ones with a funeral plan

A pre-paid funeral plan lets you choose the funeral you want and take care of the cost of your funeral director's services* in advance. It's a simple, thoughtful way to plan ahead that can help relieve your family of the stress and financial worry they may otherwise have to face.

Ask your funeral director for details

*You can also choose to include an allowance towards third party costs which are essential, non-funeral director services such as cremation or burial fees, plus the minister or officiant's fee to perform the service.

Expression of wishes

The funeral

My preference is burial

Existing grave at (location/plot):

New grave at (location/plot):

My preference is cremation

I would like my ashes to be:

Scattered at the crematorium

Returned to my family

Interred at (please specify):

Other (please specify):

Preference for coffin or casket:

Standard wood veneer

Solid wood

Wicker

Cardboard

Other (please specify):

Before the funeral

What clothes would you like to be dressed in?

What should happen to any jewellery worn at the time of death?

Family/friends allowed viewings: Yes No

Where should the coffin be taken before the funeral:

Home

Place of service

Remain at funeral home

Transport

Traditional hearse

Horsedrawn carriage

Other (please specify):

Limousine for family (please specify how many cars):

The service

Would you like a service? Yes No

I would like the service to be: Religious Non-religious

To be held at:

To be led by:

Readings from scripture:

Other readings/poems:

Entry music:

Service music or hymns:

Exit music:

Flowers Family flowers only No flowers

Donation to charity in lieu of flowers

Preferred charity:

Reception

Would you like a reception? Yes No

Preferred venue:

Catering/refreshments:

Dress code:

Formal

Casual

Any special requests:

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