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PERSONAL FUNERAL PLANNING GUIDE

HOW CAN THIS GUIDE HELP?

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL IS ONE OF THE MOST THOUGHTFUL THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR FAMILY. PLANNING A FUNERAL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF CAN BE OVERWHELMING. USING THIS GUIDE TO GIVE SUGGESTIONS TO YOUR FAMILY CAN HELP LIFT SOME OF THE BURDEN OF MULTIPLE DECISIONS AT THE TIME OF LOSS.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SHARE THIS GUIDE WITH A FAMILY MEMBER AND ALSO CONSIDER FILING IT AT OUR FUNERAL HOME SO THAT IT WILL BE EASILY LOCATED AT THE TIME OF NEED.

Basic information for paperwork

Full name _____

Date of birth _____

Place of birth _____

Social Security Number _____

Occupation _____

(Give occupation during most of working life—one that you would want listed on the death certificate. Do not list retired)

Military service _____

(List branch of service and other available information. Discharge record is required (DD-214) to request a flag, marker, or other veteran's benefits. If available, a photocopy of the discharge can be filed with your guide at the funeral home)

Highest level of education completed _____

Father's full name _____

Mother's full name *(including maiden name)* _____

Spouse's full name *(including maiden name)* _____



Preferences for Services

Place for funeral service _____

Officiant _____

Final disposition _____

(Name and location of cemetery and description of lot if applicable; or other disposition)

Preferred scripture or other readings _____

Preferred music and musicians _____

Preferred casket bearers or urn bearers _____

Special requests _____

WHY HAVE A FUNERAL SERVICE?

A FUNERAL SERVICE IS AN IMPORTANT RITUAL THAT IS DESIGNED TO HELP SURVIVORS COMMEMORATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DECEASED LOVED ONE, AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THAT SIGNIFICANCE WITH OTHERS. IT CAN BE AS SIMPLE OR ELABORATE AS YOU WISH. REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE PLANNING, THAT WHILE THIS SERVICE IS IN HONOR OF YOU, IT ALSO SERVES AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION FOR THOSE YOU LEAVE BEHIND. THIS RITUAL PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN THE GRIEF PROCESS, REPRESENTING THE BEGINNING OF THE HEALING PROCESS.



**WILL A VIEWING BE TOO HARD
ON MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS?**

WHILE VIEWING A LOVED ONE CAN BE EMOTIONALLY DIFFICULT, IT CAN ALSO HELP FAMILY MEMBERS FIND A SENSE OF PEACE. VIEWING THE BODY CAN BE HELPFUL IN BEGINNING THE THERAPEUTIC PROCESS OF MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEEK THE INPUT OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WHEN MAKING THIS DECISION, AS IT IS THE SURVIVORS WHO MAY HAVE THE NEED TO SAY THEIR LAST GOODBYES, AND THEIR INPUT IS ESSENTIAL.

Other Information

My funeral is to be paid with ____ Life insurance ____ Prepaid funeral trust

Other _____

My obituary is written and is located _____

Please place my obituary in the following newspapers _____

I have a photo/photos that I would like to be used and they are located _____

What I would like my family and friends to remember about me _____



Obituary Guidelines — what is usually included

Date and place of birth, parents' names, where you grew up/lived

Education, including primary, secondary and post-secondary

Different residences, if lived in more than one community as an adult

Career information, job history

Date and place of marriage and spouse's name, if applicable

Memberships including church, community activities, any honors or special achievements

Hobbies, interests and special talents

Who in family has already died (for section of those preceding deceased in death)

Survivors in family, including their city of residence

Notes and Further Requests

FINAL THOUGHTS

NOW THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS GUIDE, DO CONSIDER FORMALIZING THESE PREFERENCES BY FILING THEM AT THE FUNERAL HOME. WE CAN ANSWER ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS MAKE CHANGES TO THESE CHOICES. THIS GUIDE IS DESIGNED TO BE A STARTING POINT AND CAN ALWAYS BE EDITED OR REPLACED WITH MORE CURRENT INFORMATION AND PREFERENCES.

YOU SHOULD LET YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS KNOW THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS GUIDE. NO DOUBT THEY WILL APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND YOUR CONSIDERATION