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*Nothing is more beautiful
than the love that has
weathered the
storms of life...*

Throughout your life, you have tried to protect and make life easier for your loved ones. Now you have a chance to help them at a time when they will need it most. One of the best, most unselfish gifts of love you can give is to take time to plan.

This brochure provides a place for you to record vital information that your loved ones will need upon your death. We suggest you complete your details and keep it in a safe place that is readily available for any revisions or updates that may occur over time.



Welcome To Walton Funeral Service

The caring and experienced professionals at Walton Funeral Service, Inc. are here to support you through this difficult time.

We offer a range of personalized services to suit your family's wishes and need. You can count on us to help you plan a personal, lasting tribute to your loved one. We'll carefully guide you through the many decisions that must be made during this challenging time.

We are located in Linton, Spencer, and Worthington Indiana. We are a family-owned funeral home, dedicated to serving families, friends, and our communities with professional and compassionate service that leaves kind memories.

Our goal is to meet the personal needs and wishes of those we serve by offering a variety of personalized services. Most importantly, we want to earn your trust and confidence by assisting you throughout your pre-need or at need, decision making process.

You are welcome to call us at any time of the day, any day of the week, for immediate assistance. Visit our funeral home in person at your convenience. We also provide a wealth of information on our web site so you can learn more from the privacy of your own home.



Planning A Funeral

Our dedicated and experienced staff are here to help you and can play a critical role in planning and carrying out a meaningful funeral or memorial service for your loved one.

Our licensed funeral directors are intimately familiar with the funeral planning process, key decisions a grieving family must make, and the necessary legal documentation that is required during this difficult time.

We can handle all of the details and help you create a unique service that meets your needs and values.

Funeral ceremonies can make a significant difference in how families channel their grief towards health and healing.

The funeral encourages you to think about the person who has died and to explore the meaning of his or her life and the ways they touched the lives of others.

The remembering, reflecting, and choices that take place in the planning and conducting of the funeral service are often an important part of the process of grief and mourning.

Ultimately, this process of contemplation and discovery creates a memorable and moving funeral experience for all who attend.

The following list of information will be needed when funeral arrangements are being made:

- Full name of deceased
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Social security number
- Father's name
- Mother's maiden name
- Last or usual occupation
- Education level
- Memberships
- Hobbies
- Name of minister officiating at the funeral
- Cemetery information, if available
- Veteran information, if available



Pre-Planning

A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and blue patterned tie is sitting at a dark wooden table. He is holding a pen and writing on a small notepad. On the table next to him is a large, open brochure or booklet. The background shows a living room with a fireplace, a television mounted on the wall, and some decorative items on the mantel. The lighting is warm and indoor.

The Advantages of Planning Ahead

The idea behind planning ahead is simple.

One day, a great deal of vital information about you or a loved one will be needed by your family and anyone whose responsibility it is to assist them.

Those who plan ahead can be assured that not only will their personal wishes be fulfilled, but also unnecessary difficulties will be avoided.

It can be beneficial to include your immediate family in these plans, ensuring those left behind are aware of your wishes.

By discussing plans in advance, you can take time to make decisions about cremation or burial, the type of ceremony, and other elements of the funeral.

This planning guide can be used to capture your wishes and biographical information in advance. Upon completion, simply store it in a safe place with your other important documents.

Why Pre-Plan?

Peace of mind

Pre-planning removes the burden from your loved ones of making important decisions during a difficult time.

Financial assurance

Pre-payment of your funeral through our funeral home will render the costs associated with your final expenses inflation-proof.

Longevity

Pre-planning your funeral will make certain that your choices are respected and carried out.

How Would A Pre-Need Help?

Pre-planning is a loving gift you can make for your family and survivors that provides complete peace of mind to everyone involved.

Benefits

- You can plan together as a family, helping to spare your loved ones from making difficult decisions
- Ensures your wishes are well-documented and carried out
- It ensures all your personal documents are organized and easy for your survivors to locate
- Helps control costs and reduces emotional overspending
- Plans can be personalized to reflect your unique personality

Tips for starting advance planning conversations with your loved ones:

- Set a time to have the conversation.
- Tell your parent or loved one that you want to ensure their final arrangements are done according to their wishes, and you need their help to make that happen.
- Share your own plans/thoughts and ask them to share theirs with you.
- Open the conversations with questions, such as:

"Have you ever thought about where you would like to be buried?"

"What type of funeral would you like to have?"





Life Insurance

Life insurance is often used as a method to pay for funeral services. Many people feel that if they have life insurance, everything will be taken care of because their loved ones will have the means to carry out their wishes.

There are several considerations when funding with insurance. Unfortunately, over time, life events occur that can jeopardize the death benefit we once felt was sufficient. While insurance policies are very helpful, it is wise to ensure they are kept up to date from time to time by confirming the benefit, the owner, and the beneficiary.

We may forget that we took a loan out, thus reducing the death benefit. Policies sometimes lapse due to other economic needs requiring our attention. Confirm your policy is not just an accidental policy, or a policy that terms out at a certain age. Ensure that over time inflation has not eroded the value and that it will still provide for what you have planned.

If your policy is assignable, you may want to discuss your funeral/cremation/burial expenses at the funeral home. You may want to discuss the benefits of assigning your policy to the funeral home and how to protect the funds for those purposes.

While insurance is certainly a way to fund funeral expenses, it is important to understand what can happen to policies so that you are able to ensure the policy performs as you wish at the time of need.

Life insurance provides funding, but unless you make your wishes known, your family may not necessarily know, or agree.

It is important to **pre-plan** your final wishes, as much as it is important to **fund** your final wishes.

We can assist you in making your arrangements to complement the funds in your policy.

Pre-need Policies

Insurance policies can provide funding, while **pre-need policies** combine both funding and the arrangement.

Creating your arrangements involves deciding on your final disposition (burial or cremation) and selecting goods and services based on how you wish to memorialize your life. Once that step has been completed, funding options for an arrangement through a policy designed to work in concert with your arrangement are available.

These types of arrangements are referred to as pre-arrangements, or pre-need.

Pre-need insurance is a special policy that has been created for funeral homes to fund

in the exact same amount of your funeral pre-arrangement. The policy is generally irrevocably assigned, so that it is no longer considered a cash asset. This protects the policy for the purposes it was intended for.

The policy can be purchased in a simple single premium, or in monthly payments, through the funeral home. Funds are held by the insurance provider.

The pre-need policy is structured to pay the funeral home directly for the goods and services originally selected. The cost of goods and services will be covered by the benefit amount in your pre-need policy and there will not be any additional cost to your family.

Funeral Arrangements

Whether you're planning for yourself or for a loved one, the funeral service is one of the most important elements of a person's final arrangements.

We truly believe that each funeral should be individual and memorable. By providing you with the opportunity for personalization, the funeral service can reflect the uniqueness of the life it honors.

If you are planning your own funeral service, think about the way you want to be remembered.

- Would you prefer a traditional funeral aligned with certain religious or ethnic customs or a celebration?
- Maybe you prefer to focus on great memories made with family and friends. Or possibly a combination of both?

You can have one service, or several, to honor your life.

Regardless of whether burial or cremation is chosen, the funeral or memorial service fills an important role.

- It honors, recognizes, and celebrates the life of the deceased
- Allows friends and family to say goodbye
- Provides closure after the loss of a loved one
- Allows friends to console the family of the loved one

What Is A Funeral?

When considering final arrangements, one of the first decisions you might make is whether you prefer a burial or a cremation.

This decision will often influence other important considerations, such as elements of the funeral service and the type of cemetery property.

Visitation, wake, or viewing

Usually held the night before or immediately prior to the funeral service, the visitation - also called a "wake" or a "viewing" - is a way for friends and acquaintances to pay their respects and offer condolences to your family. You can decide if you want an open or closed casket, if one is present.

Funeral service

This can be a formal or informal ceremony/ritual prior to burial. The funeral service often provides a sense of closure to family and friends. While your faith or culture may dictate some of the elements, you may want to personalize other aspects of the service. A casket or urn is usually present at a funeral service.

Graveside service

Held at the gravesite, just prior to burial of a casket or urn. A graveside service usually consists of final remarks, prayers, or memories. The service may occur after or in place of a funeral service.

Memorial or tribute service

At a memorial or tribute service, a casket or urn is not usually present. Otherwise similar to a funeral or visitation, a memorial service gives family and friends a time to come together in your memory and celebrate your life.

Regardless of the service or services you choose, you can personalize them in almost any way imaginable. For example, just consider the following questions:

- Where should the funeral be held - place of worship or the funeral home?
- Who do you want to officiate the service?
- Will the service adhere to the traditions of your faith or culture?
- Do you want a eulogy, and who should deliver it?
- Would you like an open or closed casket?
- Is there any specific music you would like to be played?
- Are there any readings you would like to have?
- Do you have a special poem you'd like shared with the guests?
- Are there any special photographs or other memorabilia you would like displayed?



Practical Information

In addition to pre-planning your funeral, completing a personal information form and giving a copy to your estate trustee, spouse, and children will give you the peace of mind of knowing they will have all the information they need to properly handle your wishes and the details of your estate.

In this section, we've answered the most common questions we are asked about funeral options. If you require further information, please contact us at any time.

Burial

Most people are familiar with the concept of burial, or interment, but may not be aware of the variety of options that are often available. Many cemeteries offer one or more of the following:

- **Ground burial:** burial of the casket below ground. The cemetery may require a vault or outer burial container.
- **Mausoleum, or community mausoleum:** a large building that provides above ground entombments.
- **Private family mausoleum:** a small structure that provides above ground entombment of, on average, two to twelve decedents.
- **Companion crypt:** permits two interments or entombments side-by-side.
- **Private family estate:** a small section of a cemetery, usually bordered by gates,

shrubbery, or other dividers, that allows for ground burial of several members of the same family.

If you have chosen casket burial:

- Would other members of the family be buried with you/your loved one in the future? (This will influence the size of the plot)
- What type of memorial do you prefer (a marker set flush with the ground or an upright memorial)?

If you have chosen casket entombment:

- Would other family members wish to be with you/your loved one in the future? (This will influence the size of the crypt required)

Cremation

Cremation is an alternative to earth burial or mausoleum entombment: it does not limit the funeral in any way. If you choose cremation, you will still have the same options for memorialization. Cremation can take place before or after the funeral service.

A few facts about cremation:

- Cremation cannot occur until there is a signed death certificate by a doctor.
- There is a **48 hour** waiting period before cremation.
- You have numerous options for the final resting place.



- Cremated remains can be placed in a special urn to display at home.
- You can bury an urn in a cemetery, providing a permanent resting place where family and friends can visit.
- You can place a portion of cremated remains in an urn and a portion in a columbarium niche.
- Cremated remains can be scattered, but please check for any local laws. You may wish to be present for the scattering and/or have a memorial placed at the site.

Do we need to buy a casket for a cremation?

Indiana state law requires that at a minimum, the deceased must be placed into a rigid combustible container.

Can we place personal mementos in the casket prior to cremation?

Personal items may be placed in the casket; however, some items may need to be removed prior to the cremation process.

Your funeral director can advise you on which items may stay and which must be removed.

Do we need to have a funeral if we select cremation?

Choosing cremation does not limit the funeral service; you have the same options that apply to burial. Choices include casket type, location of the service and visitation, music selection,

open casket, and the display of personal mementos.

Some families elect to have a complete service at the funeral home or place of worship, while others prefer to have a procession to the crematorium.

If you choose cremation:

- You can use our chapel for a short service prior to the cremation.
- Do you have a preference for the final resting place – burial of urn, columbarium niche or scattering?
- Would you like other members of the family to be with your loved one in the future?
- There is a selection of urn styles to choose from– including metal, wood, marble or ceramic.
- For urn burial you have a choice of markers – upright or flush with the ground
- If you prefer to place the urn in a niche this can be either inside a building or outside.

Shipping of Cremated Remains:

You may wish for the cremated remains to be shipped to another country.

We can look after any arrangements for you. You may also be permitted to take the cremated remains yourself to another country.

Check with us first and we will be happy to assist you.

Product Selection

We have a wide selection of funeral products available and are always pleased to help with your choices, whether you have an immediate need or are pre-planning.

We provide compassionate, budget-conscious assistance to you and your family.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, we will be happy to provide you with any information that you may require.

Casket selection

When choosing a casket, your first decision should be whether to have a wood or metal casket.

From there, it is then a choice of the type of wood or metal. Caskets can be customized using additional adornments such as custom corners, and personalized panels, all of which provide a unique, fitting selection for your loved one.

Cremation containers

When choosing a cremation service, there is also a choice of caskets. Ranging from traditional wood caskets, wood cremation caskets, hardboard and rental caskets.

Urns

Used for holding the cremated remains, urns may be buried, placed in a mausoleum, or kept at home. There is a huge choice of styles, prices, and materials, including bronze, hardwood, marble, glass, acrylic, and much more.

Please feel free to ask for more information or advice on any of our products.



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You've worried long enough about what happens next, you need someone you can trust to look after your best interest and your family at this difficult time.

From **Estates, Powers of Attorney** to **Wills & Living Wills**, you can trust us to put your wishes and requirements at the forefront of every decision we make together.



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Honoring The Lives of Those Who Served

We are proud to be able to offer our services for your loved ones who have served our country. A Veterans Service is specifically designed to honor and pay respect to those who have put their country first; it is our honor to help you acknowledge the debt and gratitude we feel for our servicemen and women.

Who is eligible?

A Veteran is anyone who has been on active duty, is a retired service member, a member of the National Guard or the reserve, and who has not been dishonorably discharged.

Certain family members of the Veteran, such as his or her spouse and dependent children, are also entitled to free grave space, a cemetery marker, or burial vault space at any National Cemetery, alongside the Veteran.

National Cemeteries are owned by the American people and are for the exclusive use of Veterans.

Military honors

The Department of Defense is responsible for providing Military Funeral Honors. Every eligible Veteran, local American Legion and VFW honor guard is entitled to Military Honors, by law. This includes the folding and presenting of the United States burial flag and the playing of Taps. The law defines the service as “consisting of two or more uniformed military persons, with at least one being a member of the Veteran’s parent service of the armed forces.”

Burial benefits

Benefits that are available include a gravesite at any one of the 135 National Cemeteries, with available space, the opening and closing of the grave, perpetual care of the burial site, a government headstone or marker, burial flag, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate, all of which are provided at no cost to the family.



Whether you opt for a burial or cremation, your loved one will still receive the same Military Honors.

Burial allowances

A Veterans Administration Burial Allowance is a flat-rate monetary benefit for eligible Veterans. The amount of allowance is dependent upon such factors as:

- Whether the Veteran's death was service-related
- Non-service-related death
- When the death occurred

To find out if you are eligible for Burial Benefit, you will need to complete VA Form - Application for Burial Benefit.

The VA can provide headstones, markers, and medallions to any unmarked grave of an eligible Veteran in any cemetery, anywhere in the world, regardless of the date of the death.

If a National Cemetery, state Veterans' Cemetery, or Military Post/Base Cemetery is chosen, then a headstone or marker will be organized by the cemetery officials, based on inscription information provided by the Veteran's next of kin or authorized representative.

Burial flag

A United States flag is provided by the VA, to be draped on the casket or urn of the deceased Veteran, at no cost. It is used as a mark of respect to honor the service that the Veteran gave to the country.

After the service, the burial flag is generally presented to the next of kin.

An application using VA Form - United States Flag or Burial Purposes is required.

Presidential memorial certificate

Signed by the current President, the Presidential Memorial Certificate is an engraved paper certificate to honor the memory of deceased Veterans who are eligible for burial in a National Cemetery.

Applications can be made in person, by mail or by fax.

We would be honored to help you commemorate your Veteran by providing them with a Veterans Service.

We will be on hand to guide you through any applications that need to be made to ensure they receive the honor they deserve.



Experiencing Grief

When someone close to us passes, the confusion and mixed emotions we feel can often become overwhelming. However, it is important to recognize that there is no standard way of experiencing loss and no right way to grieve.

It is completely normal to feel a mixture of shock, anger, guilt, despair and relief, along with many other emotions.

There are some things you can do which may help you to cope, along with people who can support you, if needed, during this period in your life.

Recognizing Grief

Losing someone we love is something we all have to go through at some point in our lives. Each experience is personal and different, and can be influenced by many factors. Your feelings are likely to be affected by the relationship you had with the person, your cultural background, and your religious beliefs.

It is important to remember that grief may be displayed in different ways for each individual.

Grief can manifest itself in many different ways:

Shock – you may have thought that you were prepared if the death was expected or because you've experienced a loss previously. But whatever the circumstances it is common to feel an initial sense of shock at the passing of someone close to us.

Anger – it is very common to feel anger while you are grieving; this can be because they passed before their time, about things that did/did not happen

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between you, or anger that they are no longer there.

Guilt – people often feel a sense of guilt that they themselves have not passed, or guilt at certain circumstances involving their loved one.

Despair – a grieving person can feel despair and feel at a loss as to how they will cope and what their future life will hold.

Numbness – it can often feel like you are living in a “fog” after the loss of a loved one. You may feel numb or worry that you have not cried, but feeling numb is often a coping mechanism when experiencing intense, emotional situations. Gradually over time the feeling of numbness subsides, allowing us to start functioning and healing.

Physical symptoms of grief:

When grieving it is also normal to experience physical symptoms, such as:

- Loss or increase in appetite
- Difficulty in sleeping
- Lethargy – feeling drained, having no energy
- Headaches

It is important to be kind to yourself and give yourself the time and care that you need to transition through the grieving process.

Coping with grief

As with the many different factors that contribute to how we express our grief there are many different ways which people find helps them to cope:

Give yourself time – focus on one day at a time, helping you to cope with your emotions and get through simple, everyday tasks.

Recognize your emotions – recognize the reasons for your emotions and symptoms, even the physical ones. When experiencing them give yourself time to work through them.

Support from family and friends – having a support network of family and friends can be extremely helpful. If you do not have this type of network then support can often be found through counseling services.

Talk about your grief – talking, whether about your feelings or about your loved one, with family, friends or a dedicated grief counselor is an important part of the grief process.

Sometimes our grief can become overwhelming and it is important to recognize when to get additional help. Part of the process is to acknowledge that life will not return to normal - it is about understanding that your life has changed and finding a balance between the two.

Working through your grief is not about forgetting the person but about learning how to live your life with the grief that you feel.

Over time your life will take on a new shape and meaning.

*"There are things that we don't
want to happen but have to accept,
things we don't want to know
but have to learn,
and people we can't live without
but have to let go."*

– Author Unknown



Helping A Friend Cope With Loss

Above all, just listening and showing your concern, along with your presence, will be of great help to your friend.

There are numerous ways in which you can offer help and support:

Before the funeral

1. Offer to notify his/her family and friends about funeral arrangements
2. Help answer the phone and greet visitors
3. Keep a record of everyone who calls, visits, or has been contacted
4. Help coordinate the food and drink supply
5. Offer to pick up friends and family at the airport and arrange accommodation
6. Offer to provide transportation for out-of-town visitors
7. Help him/her keep up to date with household chores

After the funeral

1. Prepare or provide dinner on a day that is mutually acceptable on a regular basis
2. Offer to help with yard chores such as watering or pruning
3. Feed and exercise the pets, if any
4. Write notes offering encouragement and support
5. Offer to drive or accompany him/her to the cemetery regularly
6. Offer to house sit so he/she can get away or visit family out of town
7. Make a weekly run to the grocery store, laundry, or cleaners
8. Help with the "Thank You" notes and/or other correspondence
9. Anticipate difficult periods such as birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and the day of death
10. Always mention the deceased by name and encourage reminiscing

Expressions Of Sympathy

Make contact

Your presence at the funeral is important. As a ritual, the funeral provides an opportunity for you to express your love and concern at this time of need. As you pay tribute to a life that is now passed, you have a chance to support grieving friends and family. At the funeral, a touch of your hand, a look in your eye, or even a hug often communicates more than words could say.

Be compassionate

Give your friend permission to express his or her feelings without fear of criticism. Learn from your friend; don't instruct or set expectations about how he or she should respond.

Listen with your heart

Helping begins with your ability to be an active listener. Your physical presence and desire to listen without judging are critical helping tools. Don't worry so much about what you will say. Just concentrate on listening to the words that are being shared with you.

Understand the uniqueness of grief

Keep in mind that grief is unique. No one person will respond to the death of someone loved in exactly the same way. While it may be possible to talk about similar phases shared by grieving people, everyone is different and shaped by experiences in their own unique lives.

Avoid clichés

Words, particularly clichés, can be extremely painful for a grieving friend. Clichés are trite comments often intended to diminish the loss by providing simple solutions to difficult realities. Comments like "You are holding up so well," "Time heals all wounds," "Think of all

you still have to be thankful for," or "Just be happy that he/she is out of his/her pain" are not constructive. Instead, they hurt and can make a friend's journey through grief more difficult.



Share a favorite memory of the person who died

Relate the special qualities that you valued in him or her. These words will often be a loving gift to your grieving friend, words that will be reread and remembered for years. Use the name of the person who has died either in your personal note or when you talk to your friend.

Hearing that name can be comforting, and it confirms that you have not forgotten this important person who was so much a part of your friend's life.

Frequently Asked Questions

This list of frequently asked questions was compiled through our professional experiences. We thank the hundreds of inquisitive, questioning families and individuals we've had the privilege of serving over the years: people who have asked the most commonly asked questions you see here.

If yours isn't listed, get the answer you need by calling or emailing us.

Why is having a funeral ceremony important?

Throughout human history, and around the globe, people have gathered together to acknowledge the death of a member of the community. No matter who the deceased was, a funeral ceremony is the one (and sometimes the only) opportunity for everyone to come together to acknowledge the death, recognize the community's shared loss, and share the burden of grief.

How much does a funeral service cost?

Your funeral director will thoroughly explain all options, ask the important questions about your family's budget restrictions and otherwise do everything he or she can to provide you with a funeral, memorial service or celebration of life that meets your emotional and social needs, all the while staying in line with your financial expectations.

Who should be invited to a funeral?

A person's role at a funeral is two-fold: one, they are there to demonstrate support for the bereaved family; two, funeral guests are there to tend to their own sorrow; to begin to come to terms, in the safety of a shared collective experience, with the death of someone they held dear.

Generally, the service details are published in the newspaper or online, and those who wish to attend, do. It does make sense to reach out to certain individuals to ensure they are aware of the service and express your desire for their presence.

When preparing the guest list for a funeral service, you should listen to your heart and use common sense. You know the people that mattered most to your loved one, as well as those who mattered least.

What's involved in preparing the deceased for viewing at a visitation or funeral?

The preparation of the deceased can involve a number of different tasks performed by trained and licensed embalmers and restorative artists. Should you wish to know more about the process please contact us.

If it makes people uncomfortable, why is it necessary to view the deceased in the casket?

Human beings are interesting creatures: sometimes we need to see in order to truly believe. It's a way of confirming the fact that, indeed, this individual is dead; but it's also an opportunity to say your "good-byes." You may find it a cathartic time where you can quietly share a long-held secret, let go of any anger or resentment, and otherwise come to terms with their death.

How long is a funeral service?

Simply put, it depends on the service. Just as no two movies or novels are the same length or cover the same emotional ground, no two end-of-life ceremonies are the same.

What is a celebrant?

The Celebrant Foundation and Institute define celebrants as "trained professionals who believe in the power and effectiveness of ceremony and ritual to serve basic needs of society and the individual. The celebrant's mission is to help the client create a ceremony that reflects his or her beliefs, philosophy of life, and personality."

A life-cycle celebrant is especially valuable when a family has no religious affiliations or ties to a clergy person or minister who can officiate the funeral service. Involving a celebrant in the funeral planning process has been found to enhance the funeral experience for all concerned.

"The celebrant comes to the table with no agenda," shares the Institute's website, "and no preconceived notion of what the ceremony should or must look like. Instead, through careful interviewing, the celebrant elicits what is meaningful for each client."



If you think hiring a celebrant is the right choice for your family's situation, contact us for more details.

How can I best prepare my children to attend a funeral?

When asked this question, we like to tell people it's best done with honesty and awareness. Let them know basically what they can expect. Advise them there will be people there who will be sad and may cry openly; tell them there will be time for some people to stand up and talk about how much they loved the person (but they won't be required to do so). Let them ask all the questions they need to ask, and reassure them you'll be with them throughout the experience.

Never force them to go to a funeral, and always give them the opportunity to change their mind about attending.

If one is requested, am I obligated to make a memorial donation?

Certainly not, it's important to never feel obligated to do anything in response to the death of a community or family member. Your actions (whether sending flowers, preparing a casserole and taking it to the family home, or making a donation) should always come from the heart.

Must I wear black to the funeral ceremony?

Black used to be the only color to wear to a funeral but not anymore. Today things are less formal than they once were, and it's not totally uncommon for families to ask prospective guests to altogether avoid wearing black clothing. Should you have additional questions about funeral attire or etiquette, please contact us.

Is it necessary to have flowers at the ceremony?

Flowers create a background of warmth and beauty, which adds to the dignity, and consolation of the funeral service. They are not "necessary" but there are no doubt flowers at a funeral or other end-of-life ceremony serve a valuable purpose as a means of a visual expression of sympathy, love, and respect.

What does the phrase "in lieu of flowers" mean?

You may have read this phrase in an obituary:

"In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to..."

Derived from the French phrase, "*en lieu*", strictly speaking, "*in lieu*" means "*in place*"; so it can be said to be a directive sentence:

"In place of flowers, contributions may be made to..."

It is important to realize that its use doesn't mean you can't send flowers to the service; it is only meant to offer you a choice of ways to show your sympathy for the family and show your respects for the deceased.

Only when the obituary states "no flowers please" are you being requested to abstain from sending floral tributes or sympathy arrangements.



Darin Crum

Licensed Funeral Director / General Manager

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"Compassion can mend a heart, a relationship, and heal a broken spirit. It is the first gift that I was given and the first one that I will pass on." - Darin R. Crum



What To Do: A Checklist

Notify these people as soon as possible:

- ☐ The funeral director, to arrange for the transfer of the deceased (usually this can be done within 1-2 hours, although it may take longer to obtain a release from the hospital) and set an appointment with you to make further arrangements
- ☐ Relatives, executor/executrix, and friends
- ☐ Employers (the employer of the deceased and relatives who will need time off)
- ☐ Insurance agents (life, health, and accident)
- ☐ Religious, fraternal, civic, and Veterans organizations and unions, if applicable
- ☐ Lawyer and accountant

Secure the vital statistics of deceased:

- ☐ Full legal name-other names must be identified by "also known as" (AKA)
- ☐ Home address and telephone number
- ☐ Industry and occupation
- ☐ Military service serial number
- ☐ Date and place of birth
- ☐ Citizenship
- ☐ Father's name and birthplace

- ☐ Mother's name, maiden name, & birthplace
- ☐ Locate the will

Meet with the funeral home to discuss your options:

- ☐ Whether your loved one is to be buried, cremated, or entombed
- ☐ Service details - would you like a visitation period, formal service, and reception?
- ☐ Whether a member of the clergy will be engaged for the service
- ☐ Casket selection
- ☐ Clothing that the deceased will be buried/cremated in
- ☐ Pallbearers, music, pictures, flowers, scripture, or other readings
- ☐ If you would like a charity to receive donations in lieu of flowers

Pay for:

- ☐ Funeral arrangements, including clergy, florist, and transportation
- ☐ Cemetery and memorialization services
- ☐ Current and urgent bills (i.e., mortgage, rent, taxes, telephone, etc.)

To My Loved Ones

It is my wish that you will be spared anxiety, expense, and inconvenience at the time of my death.

Therefore, in this book you will find information I have recorded, and a plan that represents arrangements I have made in advance, hoping in this way to relieve our family at the time of need.

Difficult as it has been for myself to set this down, I feel greater distress would be placed on me - and perhaps far greater distress for our loved ones - if these decisions were left to be made with no indication of my specific wishes.

I sincerely hope you will find these arrangements satisfactory and that they will help you retain a warm memory of the wonderful years we have spent together.

With all my love,

Signature

.....

Date

.....

*Light of my life,
my love for you is forever
in my heart.*



Personal Details

*The information below will be necessary for the preparation of a death certificate.
The funeral director will record it and have certified copies made.*

Date:

My full name:
First Middle Last

Address:.....
City State Country

Birthplace:.....
City State Country

Birth date: Social security number:

Citizen of what country: Naturalization no.

Schools attended: From:..... To:.....

Degree:.....

.....

Number of years of formal education:

*The information below will also be necessary for the preparation of a death certificate.
The funeral director will record it and have certified copies made.*

Professional statistics

Company: From: To:

Job title:.....

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Professional achievements:

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If Veteran, name of war(s):

Date of service:.....

Branch of service and rank: Serial no.

Years residence established in this state:

Years residence established in this community:

Marital status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

Date of marriage:..... Name of Partner:

Birthplace:..... Date:.....

City

State

Country

Name of father:.....

Birthplace:..... Date:.....

City

State

Country

Mother's maiden name:.....

Birthplace:..... Date:.....

City

State

Country

Memorial Instructions

In calm recognition of the inevitable, I have given somber thought to these matters and you will find the following arrangements are in accordance with my wishes.

☐ I have arranged: ☐ I have not arranged, but prefer:

Funeral home:

Address:..... Phone:.....

City: State:.....

☐ I own cemetery property in: ☐ I do not own cemetery property, but prefer:

Name of cemetery:.....

Address:..... Phone:.....

City: State:.....

Location of deed:.....

Church affiliations:

Clergyman desired:

Fraternal affiliations:

Type of service preferred: ☐ Funeral home ☐ Church ☐ Graveside

Final resting place:

☐ Earth burial ☐ Mausoleum ☐ Interment following cremation ☐ Other

Marker or monument:.....

Purchased: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Monument company name:.....

If no, inscription instructions:



Inscription:

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Reception location: ☐ Reception room ☐ Place of worship ☐ Other

☐ Reception to follow cemetery

☐ Reception to follow service

I would like the following to serve as pallbearers:

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I would prefer the following hymns, musical selections:

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.....

Special requests (i.e., jewelry, eyeglasses, clothing, favorite Bible passages or other literature)

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At my request,..... has consented to carry out these wishes.

Phone #:.....

Documents & Personal Papers

Ordinarily no checks of a joint account will be honored until permission has been obtained from the Clerk of Court, nor may decedent's safe deposit box be entered except in the presence of a representative of the Clerk of Court and a member of the decedent's immediate family.

BANK ACCOUNTS

Name of bank:

Address:.....

Name of bank:

Address:.....

DOCTOR'S DETAILS

Name of doctor:

Address:.....

LAWYER'S DETAILS

Name of lawyer:

Address:.....

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX

Location of box:

Location of keys:

LOCATION OF IMPORTANT PAPERS

Birth certificates:

Marriage license:.....

Last will and testament:.....

Deeds and titles:

Mortgages and notes:

Insurance policies:

Military discharge:

Income tax records:

Stocks and bonds:.....

Other important papers:

.....

.....

In the event of lost documents, contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics

Information for Newspapers

Place of death:.....

Date of death:.....

Spouse, widow, or widower of:.....

Married for (number of years):.....

Children, their spouses, and their places of residence:

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Grandchildren, their spouses, and their places of residence:

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Siblings, their spouses, and their places of residence:

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Education:.....

Clubs and lodges:

Military service:

Special interests, hobbies and pets, etc:

Memorial donations:.....

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memory and thought,
of special ones who meant so much
and the happiness they brought.***

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never fade away,
for, in our hearts, our loved
ones are with us every day.***

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