



*A Guide for Pre-Planning
Your Funeral Service*

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*In my Father's house are many rooms:
if it were not so would I have told you that I go
to prepare a place for you? **John 14:2***

To Those I Love...

I leave with you the following wishes.

I realize that circumstances may not permit for all or any of my desires to be carried out.

My request is that you will honor these wishes, as much as possible, as you remember me...

I trust that the following will be a source of reassurance and comfort in the days ahead.

It is my desire that this will also help to avoid any confusion or uncertainty and unnecessary expense.

Love,

Signed _____

Dated _____

Plans Already Made

Funeral Home: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cemetery: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Choose One:

- Ground Burial
 - I have purchased a plot (at cemetery listed above)
 - I have not purchased a plot
- Mausoleum Burial (Above ground entombment)
 - I have purchased a crypt (at cemetery listed above)
 - I have not purchased a crypt
- Cremation
 - I have purchased a niche (at cemetery listed above)
 - I have not purchased a niche
 - Ashes entombed in SOTP Memory Garden
 - Ashes scattered (Location: _____)
 - Ashes buried in earth
 - An urn purchased
 - Other (Please specify) _____
- Other (Please specify) _____

ORGAN DONOR? Yes or No

Any other pre-needed arrangements made with your funeral home?

Yes or No *If yes, please describe on the back of this page.*

The Funeral Service

1) I prefer that the service be held:

- in my church
 in the funeral home
 other (please specify location & address):

2) I prefer:

- a memorial service with burial or cremation preceding the service
 a memorial service with burial or cremation following the service

3) I prefer:

- open casket closed casket
 visitation at the church visitation at the funeral home
 visitation only by family and friends
 that my family make this decision
 (other, please specify) _____

4) I prefer that

- flowers not be discouraged
 in lieu of flowers, memorials be suggested. I would suggest the following:

5) I prefer that I lie in state at the church prior to service

Yes or No

6) I prefer that a brief prayer service be held for my family prior to the worship service.

Yes or No

7) I prefer that:

- my obituary be read during the service
 my obituary be printed in the worship bulletin
 my obituary not be inserted anywhere in the service

8) My suggestions for naming pallbearers: _____

The Funeral Service Continued

9) I prefer:

___ a service set within the traditional Sunday liturgy of the church.

___ a service set within a contemporary liturgy of the church.

___ that the Lord's Supper be celebrated.

___ a brief service without additional liturgical usage.

10) Special music by a vocal soloist or choir: ___ Yes or ___ No

Special music by an instrumental soloist or group: ___ Yes or ___ No

11) Please consider the following as special songs sung or played at my funeral service: _____

12) I have selected the following hymns for the service (suggestions on pg 8):

13) I have selected the following scripture passages for the service (suggestions on pg 9):

First Reading (Generally from Old Testament): _____

Psalm: _____

Second Reading (Generally from Epistles): _____

Gospel (Generally from Gospels): _____

14) Military rites? ___ Yes or ___ No

If yes by what organization: _____

Who should be contacted: _____

Phone Number: _____

15) Fraternal rites? ___ Yes or ___ No

If yes by what group? _____

Who should be contacted: _____

Phone Number: _____

16) Do you have additional preferences, comments or suggestions, ones not covered by the previous categories ___ Yes or ___ No

If yes, please use the back of this page to list them.

Obituary Information

1) Educational Background:

2) Employment:

3) List clubs, lodges, membership in various organizations, activities:

4) Military Service:

5) Special recognitions or achievements:

6) Other information you would like included:

7) Survived by (as of the date this form is being completed):

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	CITY & STATE
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Obituary Information Continued

8) Pre-deceased by (as of the date this form is being completed):

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	CITY & STATE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9) In what newspapers should your funeral notice be published?

Basic Information Needed for Certification of Death

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____

Birthplace: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Your Social Security number will be required for the Certification of Death. You are encouraged to write it on the copy you give to your family members who will receive this information.

Hymns and Songs:

Suggestions for Funerals and Memorial Services

GREAT CLASSIC HYMNS OF THE CHURCH

A Mighty Fortress is Our God	504
Amazing Grace	779
Beautiful Savior	838
Children of the Heavenly Father	781
Give Me Jesus	770
For All the Saints	422
For All Your Saints, O Lord	427
I Know that My Redeemer Lives	619
It is Well With My Soul (When Peace like a River)	785
Jesus Loves Me	595
Jesus Still Lead On	624
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	802
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song	808
Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me	767
Lord Thee I Love with All My Heart	750
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	631
My Life Flows on in Endless Song	763
O God Our Help in Ages Past	632
Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices	833
Praise to the Lord the Almighty	858
Shall We Gather at the River	423
The Church's One Foundation	654
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	502

The Lord's My Shepherd	778
Thine is The Glory	376
What a Friend We Have in Jesus	742
We are Baptized in Christ Jesus	451
We Know that Christ is Raised	449
Thy Holy Wings	613

CONTEMPORARY/FOLK/ GOSPEL

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone	
Blessed Assurance	638
Borning Cry	732
Cornerstone (Hillsong)	
Eagle's Wings (You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord)	787
Glorious Day	
Great is Thy Faithfulness	733
He Knows My Name	
How Great Thou Art	856
In the Garden	
I Can Only Imagine	
I Will Rise	
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	773
Ten Thousand Reasons	Matt Redman
Mighty to Save	
Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)	

Suggestions for Scripture Readings

PSALM

- Psalm 23
- Psalm 46:1-7
- Psalm 90
- Psalm 103
- Psalm 118
- Psalm 121
- Psalm 130

FIRST READING (Old Testament)

- Job 19:23-27a
- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Isaiah 61:1-3
- Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

SECOND READING (New Testament)

- Romans 5;1-11
- Romans 5:17-21
- Romans 8:31-35, 37-39
- Romans 14: 7-9
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-57
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- 1 John 3:1-2
- Revelation 7:9-17
- Revelation 21:2-7

GOSPEL

- Matthew 11:25-30
- John 5:24-29
- John 6:37-40
- John 11:21-27
- John 14:1-6