

Funeral Planning Fact Sheet

Planning a funeral, especially when you find yourself in a difficult time of bereavement, can be a very daunting task. The list that follows contains some decisions that need to be made by every family to make arrangements for a funeral, sometimes in just a matter of hours.

We have seen the best way to plan is to plan ahead and make a difficult time more bearable for your family. Visit with our knowledgeable staff to learn more about prearranging and how easy and affordable preplanning really is.

A Comprehensive List

Vital Statistics

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Personal Data of Deceased



Vital Statistics

- 1. Place of birth
- 2. Father's birthplace
- 3. Mother's maiden name
- 4. Mother's birthplace
- 5. Full legal name
- 6. Home address and phone number
- 7. How long in state
- 8. Occupation and title
- 9. Type of business
- 10. Business address and phone number
- 11. Social Security number
- 12. Veterans serial number
- 13. Date of birth
- 14. U.S. citizenship
- 15. Father's name
- 16. Religious name (if any)
- 17. Marital Status
- 18. Spouse name (maiden if wife)

Funeral Arrangements

- 19. Decide traditional burial or cremation/choose corresponding casket or urn
- 20. Preparation of necessary papers
- 21. Legal certificates and permits
- 22. Government forms
- 23. Decide on jewelry and glasses
- 24. Clothing for the deceased
- 25. Donations instead of flowers
- 26. Initial ambulance pickup
- 27. Embalming and preparation
- 28. Restorative art
- 29. Cosmetology
- 30. Hair dressing
- 31. Display of flowers
- 32. Memorial record book

- 33. Acknowledgment cards
- 34. Funeral coach
- 35. Flower car
- 36. Limousine for family
- 37. Limousine for pallbearers
- 38. Use of chapel
- 39. State showing room
- 40. Religious and fraternal items
- 41. Parking facilities
- 42. Music
- 43. News notices
- 44. Arrange obituaries
- 45. Church services
- 46. To have open casket
- 47. Visitation hours
- 48. Graveside services

"There is so much comfort in knowing this is one expense my family will not have to worry with."

- Barbara P.



Other Decisions and Arrangements

- 49. Clergy or celebrant to office
- 50. Provide information for eulogy
- 51. Answer phone calls, wires and messages
- 52. Time of services
- 53. Select pallbearers
- 54. Clothing for you and children
- 55. Preparation at home, including food for family and guests

- 56. Transportation for family and guests (funeral car list)
- 57. Check and sign necessary papers
- 58. Greet friends and relatives who call
- 59. Arrange to meet and lodge out of town relatives
- 60. Compile thank you card list
- 61. Look after minor children
- 62. Notify family and friends
- 63. Order death certificate
- 64. Payment for services

People to Notify

- 65. Clubs, unions and organizations
- 66. Clergy and celebrant
- 67. Doctor or doctors
- 68. Attorney
- 69. Employer
- 70. Funeral director
- 71. Cemetery director
- 72. Creditors
- 73. Employers of relatives not going to work
- 74. Banker

Cemetery Arrangements

- 75. Interment space
- 76. Vault
- 77. Opening and closing of grave
- 78. Endowment care
- 79. Memorial marker and inscription
- 80. Setting of marker
- 81. Sales tax

Collection of Legal Documents

- 82. Birth Certificate
- 83. Veterans discharge papers
- 84. Cemetery deed
- 85. Will
- 86. Social Security number
- 87. Marriage license
- 88. Citizenship papers
- 89. Bank books
- 90. Deeds to property
- 91. Auto ownership
- 92. Income tax returns
- 93. Disability claims

Future Plans

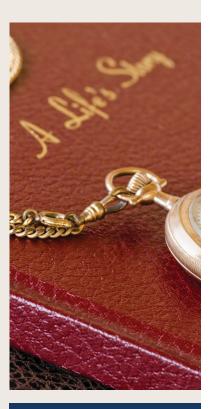
- 94. Emotional adjustment
- 95. Family adjustment
- 96. Income
- 97. Credit
- 98. Re-budget for spousal income loss

Bills to Pay

- 99. Doctors
- 100. Hospitals
- 101. Memorial marker
- 102. Clergy
- 103. Clothing
- 104. Transportation
- 105. Telephone
- 106. Food
- 107. Nurses
- 108. Ambulance
- 109. Medicine drugs
- 110. Burial estate
- 111. Funeral director
- 112. Police escort (if required)

Personal Data of Deceased

- 113. Public, civic, religious offices or positions held
- 114. Hobbies and interests
- 115. Grade school attended
- 116. High school attended
- 117. College attended
- 118. Degrees
- 119. Military record
- 120. Citations
- 121. Special accomplishments
- 122. Charitable and special wishes



"Preplanning gives me the peace of mind in knowing that I am going to make a difficult time more bearable for my family."

- Jack W.

"Doing this now will take a lot of stress off my family later on...it's good to know it's all taken care of."

- Paul H.

It would break my heart to think of them having to do this for us—

We know planning ahead helps our family. We know it will be easier on our kids.

- Barbara and John W.



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