

My Funeral Wishes

Preparing for your funeral can trigger mixed emotions, However, planning can give you comfort and peace of mind. Decisions made in advance can also make the future easier for your next of kin; a good funeral can provide positive lasting memories.

There are many things to think about. With this in mind we have put together a list and suggestions that may help you decide what you would like to happen at your funeral. This is not legally binding, but gives your loved ones a very clear idea of what you want.

This is just a start and a guide

We would be happy to help you make this booklet fit your individual needs. Please let us know how we can help you to document your funeral plans.



Eden Valley
Hospice



Cumbria's Children's Hospice

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Funeral director

Identify which one would suit your needs and budget best. They will be in a caring role for your next of kin, so bear this in mind.

Would you like to be buried ☐ **or cremated?** ☐

Where will your body be buried/or cremated?

Cemetery ☐ New plot ☐

Woodland burial ☐ Existing plot ☐

Details

Venue

Where will your funeral/memorial service take place?
Church, crematorium, home, garden, pub, hotel, village hall?

Celebrant

Who would you like to conduct the funeral? e.g. Religious leader, humanist celebrant or Independent celebrant. (The funeral director will usually have contact details and advice on this. N.B. the celebrant may or may not offer a pastoral support role for your next of kin so think that through too)

Funeral service wishes

Printed order of service

Yes

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No

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Options to consider:

Entrance music _____

Leaving music _____

Songs & hymns _____

Readings _____

Poems _____

Silence _____

Prayers _____

Tributes _____

Eulogy _____

Committal _____

Thank yous _____

Dress code e.g. wear bright colours/something pink

Entry in book of remembrance at the crematorium?

Photographs _____

Any specific instructions?

- notice in newspapers and or social media?
- will you rest at home or a funeral directors?
- what you want to be dressed in/jewellery?
- pallbearers?
- coffin type - traditional, environmental or wicker?
- vehicle/hearse procession route?
- special transport - traditional, horse drawn, motorcycle or campervan etc?

Who would you like to attend?

Family? Friends? Colleagues? Neighbours? Pets?

Is there anyone you would not like to attend?

NB. It is difficult to stop someone entering a public building if a public announcement has been made but someone could be asked to sit at the back.

Children and young people

Will they be present or who will look after them?

Flowers?

e.g. family flowers only. What type of flowers would you like?
Do you have any favourite colours?

Donations in lieu of flowers?

e.g. to a charity



Refreshments afterwards?

Venue?

Following a cremation

Where would you like your ashes to be scattered? E.g. A beach? A football ground? On a fell? Interred in a family plot or new plot (include ward, section and number)? Specific month garden in crematorium?

Throughout your planning it is your wishes that matter most.

Once you have completed this booklet, keep it in a safe place and update it as and when you need to.



You might want to make copies to give to others who need to know your wishes. E.g. next of kin, solicitor, celebrant.

Please ask if you would like an electronic copy of the plan.

Please contact the main reception on

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