

Care MATTERS. LIST FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

Making arrangements for your final wishes accomplishes two very important objectives. First, you will have your wishes fulfilled. And second, it will relieve those left behind the onerous duty of trying to guess what you would have liked, and then having to make all the arrangements at a time when they are upset and grieving. Use the following list to assist in your preparations.

DECISIONS TO MAKE

- 1) The first decision you should make, and make known to your heirs, is if you would like to be an organ donor. If so, carry a donor card in your wallet . Yes, I want to donate my organs. _____ No, I don't want to be a donor.
- 2) Before you actually meet with a funeral director, use your own life experience to determine what your final arrangements will be. Decide if you prefer: Traditional burial Cremation Where you want it to be _____
- 3) Discuss your wishes with whomever will carry them out for you: Family members _____
_____ or Close friends _____

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CHOOSING A FUNERAL HOME

- 4) Ask around and find a few funeral homes that have good reputations in your community/city. Make appointments and go in and meet with several funeral directors to discuss your wishes and determine who you are most comfortable with.

Funeral Home _____ Director _____ Meeting Date _____
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- 5) The funeral professionals will acquaint you with any laws pertinent to your plans. _____
- 6) Funeral directors will provide you with a written list of their charges for services, facilities and equipment:
 - Casket Purchase from funeral home \$ _____ Purchase from casket company \$ _____
 - Urn for cremation Purchase from funeral home \$ _____ Purchase from vendor \$ _____
 - Other merchandise / services & costs _____

- 7) When you have chosen the funeral arrangement you want and decided on any prepayment arrangement, document your choice in writing. The funeral home personnel can assist you with this. Share your choice with your key people and store the document with your other legal documents.

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YOUR FINAL WISHES

- 8) Write a letter to let your family and friends know of your wishes with respect to religious services, where or if you want a funeral or graveside ceremony, and whether you'd like military honors. Final wishes letter is located _____
- 9) Include a list of people and phone numbers to notify of your passing.

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