

# FAMILY TREE FUNERAL COMPANY

## My Funeral Plan

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We are all at different ages and stages and we are all going to need a funeral of some kind. Within this booklet you will find a detailed – though not exhaustive – list of questions in relation to planning for your funeral.

It can feel very abstract to think about an unknown and intangible point in the future, so please fill in the booklet so that it is applicable for who you are and where you are in life *now*. In this way, our hope is that everyone can make use of what we have produced.

And so that this booklet remains relevant, we recommend that you check it from time to time and amend as needed. You will then have an up-to-date document to accompany you through life.

Family Tree is here for you to answer any further questions that you may have.

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# My funeral overview

This is a space for you to record your overall vision for this important day:



## Getting started

Have you chosen a funeral director? Speak to several to make the best choice.

Which friends or family would you like to arrange your funeral?

Do people know where this document will be kept?

How will you pay for your funeral? Do you have a pre-paid plan?

Have you recorded your wishes about organ donation?

## Thinking about the time just after my death

If you die at home, would you like to remain there for a short period of time?

Would you like those closest to you to wash and dress your body? Who might those people be?

How do you feel about people seeing you after you have died, perhaps dressed and in your coffin?

What might you like to wear in your coffin? Would you like any special items to be added?

Would you like your hair, make-up or appearance to be looked after in a particular way?

## Thinking about the funeral arrangements

What type of coffin (or shroud) would you choose? Coffin options include solid or veneered wood, willow or cardboard.

Would you prefer to be buried or cremated? Or do you have no preference?

If a burial, where would you like this to be? For example, a churchyard, a council-run cemetery, a natural burial site.

If permissible at the place of burial, do you wish there to be a permanent marker such as a headstone, tree or bench?

Would you like there to be specific wording for your epitaph there?

## Thinking about the funeral arrangements

If you prefer cremation, what would you like to happen to your ashes? They could be kept, interred, scattered, split or even made into something.

What type of container would you like for your ashes if they're to be kept for a period of time?

If permissible at the place of ashes burial, do you wish there to be a permanent marker such as a plaque, plant or bench?

If having a plaque, would you like specific wording?

## Thinking about the funeral arrangements

Would you like there to be a funeral service? Would it be religious or non-religious?

If you have chosen cremation, would you like your service to take place at another venue before the cremation?

If so, do you have an idea of where you would like this service to be held? For example, a church, hotel or village hall.

Should your funeral be followed by cremation or burial on the same day? Or at a different time - like the next day?

Who would you like to be there, and will those organising your funeral know how to contact them?

Would you like flowers or greenery on your coffin or in the space?

## Thinking about the funeral arrangements

How would you like your coffin (or shroud) to be transported? In a traditional hearse? A themed hearse? An estate car? Something else?

Who would you like to carry your coffin? Would you prefer friends and/or family or professional bearers?

Or, would you like your coffin to be in place before the service starts?

Do you have a preference for what people will wear at your funeral?

Is there anyone in particular that you would like to lead your service? Such as a religious minister, a civil celebrant, a family member or friend?

What are your feelings about having your funeral service live-streamed or recorded?

## Thinking about the service content

Would you like a period of silence during the time of the funeral?

What music would you like?  
Would you like anyone in particular to sing or play?

What poems or readings are important to you? Who would you like to read them?

Would you like someone to deliver a eulogy about you and your life? If so, who?

Do you have any notes or information about your life that you would particularly like to be included? Where is this information kept?

Would you like an order of service made? Do you have any appropriate photos you would like to include?

## Post-service reception

Would you like a reception (known as a wake) after your funeral service? Where would you like this to be held?

Do you have any special preference for the type of food or drink served?

Would you like there to be a memorial service in addition to your funeral service?

Think about any readings or music that you might like for this event that differ to your choices for the funeral service.

## Other things to consider

Would you like a newspaper announcement and/or an obituary? Is there a particular place this should be listed?

Would you like people to be able to make donations to a charity or an organisation in your memory?

**“We’re all just walking  
each other home.”**

Ram Dass

# Finally...

This information reflects my personal wishes and preferences regarding the handling of my body and the funeral arrangements after my death.

I understand that there is no legal obligation for my funeral arrangers to follow these wishes.

Name:

Date:

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