

Things to think about for my funeral.

In this document I have outlined my preferences for my funeral, along with other information that should be helpful for those making the arrangements.

**Before the funeral**

**I would like my body to be looked after:**

* **at home by family / friends**
* **by a funeral director**

My preferred funeral director is**:** ......................................

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Contact: ……………………………………………………………………………

I would like my body to be looked after in the following ways:

* *bathing and hair washing / styling*
* *make up*
* *no invasive treatment of any kind*
* *some invasive interventions (eyes closing, mouth suturing)*
* *embalming*

I would like to be dressed in: ............................................

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I would like any jewellery to be:

* removed
* specific items left on my body

Details: .........................................................................................

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I would like particular items to be placed in the coffin / shroud with me: Details ......................................

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I would / would not like my family and friends to assist the funeral director with preparing my body (if they feel able to).

**The funeral**

**I would prefer to be buried / cremated / other\***

**I would / would not like a funeral ceremony to take place beforehand.**

**Burial**

If burial, I would like my body to be buried:

* *in a cemetery*
* *in a churchyard*
* *in a natural burial ground*

My preferred location is: .....................................................

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I have / have not reserved a plot here.

Relevant paperwork can be found: ...............................

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**Cremation**

If cremation, I would like my body to be cremated at ........................................................................ crematorium

I would like my cremated remains to be

* *scattered*
* *buried*
* *other*

Details: .........................................................................................

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**\*Other**

If alternative methods are legally permitted by the time that I die, I would like my body to be disposed of by: ........................................................................

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I would like guests to be asked to dress:

* *formally*
* *informally*
* *other*

Details: .........................................................................................

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If funeral staff are involved, I would like them to wear:

* *formal black uniform*
* *smart, business wear style clothing*
* *informal, casual style clothing*
* *other*

Details: ……………………………………………………………………………..

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I would like my coffin / shroud to be taken to the place of ceremony by:

* *electric hearse*
* *traditional hearse*
* *horse drawn hearse*
* *other*

Details: .........................................................................................

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I would like my coffin / shroud to be carried by:

* *family members*
* *friends*
* *funeral director staff*
* *other*

Details: .........................................................................................

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I would / would not like flowers at my funeral ceremony (details): ...............................................................

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I would like donations to …………………………………………….

…………………………………………… charity in lieu of flowers.

I am / am not happy for my family to spend time with my body after my death.

I am / am not happy for my friends to spend time with my body after my death.

I would like my body placed in:

* *a shroud*
* *a coffin made from cardboard / MDF veneer / solid wood (delete as applicable)*
* *a woven coffin (willow / wicker)*
* *an American style casket*
* *the lowest priced option*
* *other*

Details: .........................................................................................

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I would / would not like my coffin / shroud to be brought home before the funeral.

I would / would not like my coffin / shroud to be taken into church or my place of worship prior to the funeral:

Details: ……………………………………………………………………………..

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**On the day of the funeral**

I would like the ceremony to be:

* *Private - for close family only*
* *Welcoming - for family and friends*
* *Open to everyone who knew me*

I would like the ceremony to take place at: ..........................................................................................................

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I would like the ceremony to be led by: ......................

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**Personal Information**

Full name: …………………………………………………………………………………………….

Address: ……………………………………….………………………………….

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Date of birth: …………………………………………………………..………

National Insurance No: ……………………………………………….

I have a current Will which can be found: ………..…...

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I have registered / opted out of the NHS Organ Donor Register.

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These are my preferences for my funeral. I understand that the preferences in this document are not legally binding on my family or Executors, but I hope that note will be taken of my wishes.

Name: ……………………………………………………………………………….

Signature: ………………………………………………………………………..

Date: ………………………………………………………………………………….

Witnessed by: …………………………………………………………………

Witness signature: ………………………………………………………..

Date: …………………………………………………………………………………

Keep a copy of this document with your Will, but also share copies with your family and Executors so that all involved in planning your funeral are fully aware of your wishes.

I understand that the style and content of the funeral ceremony and any gathering afterwards is something that those surviving me will decide on, according to what they feel is needed, but I would like to note a few elements that I would like to have included if possible:

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**Covering the costs**

I have the following that will contribute towards or cover the costs of my funeral:

* Life insurance
* Pre-paid funeral plan
* Bank current / savings account
* Building society account
* Membership of a society
* Membership of British Armed Forces

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