

Advanced Burial Planning by Member of the Church

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This form will allow you to make some decisions and plans for your funeral. It can also be an act of loving generosity to your friends and family, helping them to plan your funeral in a way which expresses your beliefs, your faith, and your communion with them.

This form asks about burial or cremation; any niche, lot, or vault which has been chosen; whether the service should be with or without Eucharist; and whether Rite I (as at the 8:30 service) or Rite II (similar to the 10:30 service). It asks whether or not arrangements have been made with a funeral home, etc. You may include the names of relatives or others who should be notified at your death and the location of your will and name of your lawyer.

You will find here provision for naming hymns or other music you'd like at the service; which of the suggested readings (or other Bible readings) you'd like; the names of anyone you'd like to have serve (as ushers, pallbearers, lectors, clergy, etc.). Our organist has provided a list of particularly appropriate and oft-chosen hymns, and the suggested readings have also been printed out for your deliberation. Many people who love the church's hymns have often thought, "I'd like to have that played at my funeral" and also particular scripture readings. This is an opportunity to make note of those thoughts in a way which will be most helpful to those who mourn your death.

The ideal way to fill this out would be to take it home and think about the meaning and form of the funeral, what hymns and readings speak most clearly to you and of your faith. After you've filled it out, please return it to the Parish Administrator, who will file it in the church office, where it will be ready when needed. Feel free to also keep a copy if you would like to have one at home or with a loved one.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

1. I have been

- Baptized**
- Confirmed**
- Neither baptized nor confirmed**

2. I would like my funeral to be held at

- _____ **Church**
- _____ **Funeral Home**
- Graveside only**
- Memorial Service at** _____ **Church**

3. I would like

- Burial of the body or cremations immediately following the service**
- For my body to be given to** _____ **medical school and then**
 - Cremated and the ashes buried by my family**
 - Disposed of however the medical school sees fit**
- Burial (or scattering of the ashes) with a memorial service later**

4. Place of burial

- I own a niche in** _____ **Columbarium**
- I own a cemetery lot, mausoleum vault or niche in** _____ **Cemetery**
- I anticipate that a cemetery lot, mausoleum vault or niche in** _____ **Cemetery**
will be purchased at the time of my death
- Other** _____

5. I understand that the casket, if any, will be closed before the service begins and will remain closed during the service. I also understand that there will be a pall covering the casket. I would like to have a visitation (wake) before the service.

- Yes**
 No

During the visitation, I would like the casket

- Open**
 Closed

I would like the visitation to be

- At the _____ Funeral Home**
 At my home or the home of a relative
(name and address) _____

6. I would like the Burial Service to be:

- BCP Rite I with Communion** (Rite I is used at the Sunday 8:30 service – traditional language), BCP pg.469
 BCP Rite I without Communion, BCP pg.469
 BCP Rite II with Communion (Rite II is used at Sunday 10:30 service – contemporary language), BCP pg. 491
 - **Prayer A** (See BCP pp. 361-372 for available Prayers)
 - **Prayer B**
 - **Prayer C**
 - **Other** **BCP Rite II without Communion**, BCP pg. 491

7. The service should include one Psalm and one reading from the Gospels but may additionally include a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures and/or the Epistles.

I would like the following lesson(s) and psalm(s)

(Note: see suggestions in BCP pp. 470-480 or 494-495)

8. I would like

- No music**
- Organ music only**
- Organ music with congregational hymns**
- Other**

Hymns may be sung at the opening of the service, the Sequence (before the Gospel), and/or at the closing of the service. If there is to be communion, hymns may be sung during the Offertory and/or the distribution of communion.

I would like the following hymn(s): (a list of some suggestions is at the end of this document)

9. I would like The Reverend _____ to preside at my funeral service.

10. I would like the following people to serve as additional clergy, pallbearers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ushers and/or vergers at the service:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

11. I understand that the only flowers in church will be behind the altar.

- I would like flowers behind the altar**
- I do not want any flowers in church**

12. If people would like to remember me in some special way, my wishes are

- Flowers**
 - Contributions to:** _____
-

13. I would like a reception in the parish hall.

- Yes**
- No**

14. Will & Lawyer

My will is on file at _____

My lawyer is _____

15. Family Information

Person to be notified:

(name, address, phone, relationship)

Others are:

(name, address, phone, relationship)



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