



Pre Planning Your Own Funeral

CAMBRIDGE FUNERAL SERVICES

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Most people don't think about their own funeral arrangements and indeed it's not something that most of us really wish to consider.

As we get older, we do from time to time think about what arrangements need to be put into place, not just for our funeral, but for many different aspects of our lives.

When someone passes away, the responsibility usually falls upon family members to arrange a funeral service for them.

They will be guided through this process by the funeral director, and will be asked to provide certain details of family history, which are required by the Department of Internal Affairs, before an official Death Certificate can be issued.

You can make this process a lot easier for your family if they have this information readily at hand.

You can also pre plan what you would like to have at your funeral if you want to. Some people have a favourite piece of music for example, that they can request to be played at the service.

All of your wishes need to be written down and recorded and be readily at hand for your family when this need arises.

The family will need to know if your wishes are for *burial* or *cremation* and also where you wish to be buried if that is the preference.

You may or may not be a regular attendee of a church, so you may want to specify where your funeral is to be held, and who is to lead the service.

Some people are very happy to pre plan the whole service themselves, and others may just have one or two simple requests to be included.

Wherever you fit in this scale, it is wise to record your wishes somewhere handy for your family's convenience.

On occasion, there is no family to take care of these arrangements for you. If this is the case, you need to ask someone you can trust, either a close friend or perhaps your solicitor to act as your 'executor'. This will give them the legal right to act for you and ensure your wishes are carried out in accordance with what you have planned.

Within this leaflet, you will find space that you can record all the required family details in, and place in a safe but handy spot, or pass to your family or executor for safe keeping.

If you wish to record these details with the funeral director, we would be very happy to hold this information in complete confidence for you until they are required.

Pre Payment of your funeral.

If the financial side of your funeral planning is a worry for you, please call us and we can discuss what options are available.

There are several schemes available where funds can be put aside in a secure investment that are specifically designed for this purpose. These are usually provided by investment organisations or insurance companies.

This involves depositing funds in your name which will earn interest over the years and will help pay some or all of your funeral costs. Any residual funds are later returned to your estate or family.

For any advice you may want or need, please don't hesitate to ring us at Cambridge Funeral Services.

We are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and would be happy to help you with any planning you wish to put into place.



When a loved one passes away, funeral arrangements are normally the responsibility of the family.

Often, when it comes to supplying the family details required to register the death, the family members responsible don't have this information to hand.

Therefore it is a good idea to have these details recorded in a safe location before they are required.

This leaflet can be used for this purpose and placed somewhere safe for your family.

Other wishes that you may have for your funeral service can also be recorded here.

Further copies of this leaflet can be obtained by
Phoning 827 7649

Full name (including maiden surname)

Usual Address

Profession

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Full name of father

Full name of mother (including maiden surname)

Father's occupation

Mother's occupation

To whom married

1st

2nd

3rd

Age at marriage/s

Place of Marriage/s

If an ex service person,

Service Number

Rank

Force

Unit

If served overseas, what war?

Holder of any titles ie J.P.

Holder of any awards civil or military...

My preference is to be....Buried.....Cremated

(please circle one).

Other Important Details

Next of kin details: (First contact)

Name and Address

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Phone Contact Numbers:

My Doctors name is.....

Doctors Phone no.....

Any other relevant information.....

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