

My Funeral Wishes



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INDEPENDENT FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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Back in 1995, my father, Bill Wathall, passed away aged just 62 years. He had spent over 40 years as a Funeral Director, advising families about their loved ones funerals, and giving hundreds of talks to local groups suggesting that the best thing to do was to 'make your funeral wishes known.



When he passed away, and despite having worked alongside him myself for over 10 years, my family discovered that the subject of his funeral had not been discussed with any of us, all of us assuming that someone else had all the information.

This made what was already the most tragic of situations even worse as had to try and establish what he would have wanted, whilst mourning his loss too. We were fortunate in that the Derby Evening Telegraph publicised a short obituary about him, repeating an interview he had given many years ago where he had mentioned his wish to be cremated. We had got it right..... by chance.

If I can offer just a single piece of advise, based not only on my personal experience, but also on the may times we have similar situations with the families we help, it would be 'Make your Funeral Wishes known now', for the benefit of your own family and friends, and for your own piece of mind too.

Please use this booklet to express your wishes, is as much or little detail as you wish, and tell someone where it is kept.

Helen Wathall



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By planning ahead and using the My Funeral Wishes booklet you will save your next-of-kin and your loved ones the stress of trying to second-guess what you would have wanted.

They will find great comfort by knowing that your funeral is carried out the way you would want it.

Using this booklet, you can make personal choices. You'll be able to include what you would want as your last celebration, ensuring it reflects what is important to you, and your family.

A funeral is an occasion for your family and friends to express their grief and celebrate your life, so fill in as much of the form as you feel able to.

How to use this booklet

Your Personal Wishes

We have designed a short form to help you think about the kinds of things you might consider when making your personal choices. Simply fill in your details and write down your wishes.

What to do next...

When you are happy with your wishes:

- ✓ Tell someone close to you about this booklet
- ✓ Tell them where you keep the booklet
- ✓ You may want to pass the details onto your solicitor
- ✓ You can post your booklet to us for safe keeping to any of our branches.

What to do if I want to change my wishes?

If you have posted your booklet to us for safe-keeping and you are unsure about any of the choices you have made, you can change or add to them at any time by telephoning or writing to us.

All about me

My name:	Date of birth:
Tel number:	
Address:	

My next of kin

Name:	Relationship:
Tel number:	
Address:	
Would you like us to contact them to let them know we have your funeral wishes?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do they have any communication issues that we need to know about? E.g. Deaf, Visual Impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your GP

GP name:	GP Tel Number:
Practice address:	
Do you have a pacemaker?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

What do I want to happen to my pets?

Name and type of pet:	_____
Which vets are my pets registered to:	_____ _____
What do I want to happen to them?	_____
If you have chosen a family member or friend for your pet to be passed on to, please notify them once you have finished this booklet	



Finance and Legal

Funds for my funeral

I have a pre paid funeral plan

Pre-paid company name and reference: _____

I have life insurance or other savings _____

Other Plan/Policy/Account details _____

Do you have a will?

Yes

No

If so, please give details e.g. where your will is kept, executors of the will:

Do you have Power of Attorney? Yes

No

Details:



My Funeral

Burial or Cremation

I want to be buried

There is a grave at:

or

I'd like a new grave at:

I want to be cremated

and would like my ashes...

scattered at the crematorium

returned to family for private disposal

Scatter

Interred

Other _____

I'd like my coffin / casket to be

Wood

Wicker

Cardboard

Other _____

What would you like to happen to any jewellery you are wearing at time of death?

I would like to be wearing

Funeral robe

My own clothes

Please give details: _____

Family / Friend are allowed viewings

Yes / No



My Funeral

Transport

Traditional Hearse

Horse-drawn Carriage

Motorcycle

Other - please describe _____

Family to travel by e.g. Limo, own cars etc: _____

The Service

I would like my funeral service at _____

The person I would like to lead my service _____

I'd like a reading/poem(title) _____

My Choice of Hymns/Music

Entry Music _____

Service _____

Exit Music _____

Flowers

I would like flowers at my funeral

Yes

No

Family flowers only

Yes

No

Specific flowers I would like _____



My Funeral

Donations

Donations to my chosen charity _____

Yes

No

Would you like a reception for your funeral?

Where would you like this to be? _____

Will there be refreshments provided? _____

Dress code

Formal

Casual

Special requests: _____





Where I have left My Funeral Wishes

Please cut out and give this to a family member or loved one to let them know where you have put your Funeral Wishes.

Details _____

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