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My Funeral Wishes

Make your wishes known

If you do just one thing...

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

When he died, my family discovered that the subject of his funeral had not been discussed with any of us, even after working alongside him for over 10 years. We all assumed that someone else had all the information.

This made an already tragic situation even worse. We had to establish what he would have wanted, whilst still mourning his loss too. If I can offer just a single piece of advice, based not only on personal experience, but also on the many times we've had similar situations with the families we help, it would be to make your funeral wishes known now, for the benefit of your family and friends and your own peace of mind.

Please, use this booklet to express your wishes and tell someone where you'll keep it."

– **Helen Wathall**

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By planning ahead and using this booklet to help, you'll save your next of kin and loved ones the stress of trying to second-guess what you would have wanted.

This booklet will help you to guide your loved ones in the organisation of your funeral, ensuring it reflects what is important to you and your family. They'll find great comfort in knowing your funeral is carried out the way you would like.

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 booklet as you feel able to.

How to Use This Booklet

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

When you are happy:

- **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 any of our branches for safe keeping**

If you are unsure about any of your wishes, you can change or add to them at any time. If you've posted your wishes to us, simply telephone us and we will be more than happy to amend them for you.

All About Me

Your Full Name:

Your Date of Birth:

Your Telephone Number:

Your Address:

My next of kin:

Their Full Name:

Their Telephone Number:

Relationship:

Their Address:

Have you told your next of kin about your funeral wishes or this booklet?

Yes No

Does your next of kin have communication issues that we need to know about - e.g. Deaf, Visual Impairment? (If yes please specify)

Yes No

My GP:

GP Full Name:

GP Telephone Number:

Practice Address:

Do you have a pacemaker or similar type of implant?

Yes

No

If so, please specify:

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 & Legal

Funds for my funeral:

I have a pre-paid funeral plan:

Yes No

If so, specify pre-paid company name & reference:

I have life insurance or other savings:

Yes No

If so, please specify:

Other plan/policy/account details:

Yes No

Please specify:

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 a Power of Attorney?

Yes No

Please give details:

My Funeral

Burial:

I want to be buried

There is a grave at:

or I'd like a new grave at:

Cremation:

I want to be cremated (specify crematorium)

and would like my ashes...

Scattered at the crematorium

Returned to family for private disposal

Scattered:

Interred:

Other:

I'd like my coffin/casket to be:

Wood

Cardboard

Wicker

Other (Specify):

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 / Friends are allowed viewings:

Yes

No

*Legally, we cannot stop family or friends from viewing but we will express your wishes to those who request viewing at the time of need.

Transport:

Traditional Hearse

Horse-drawn Carriage

Motorcycle Hearse

Other, please specify:

The Service:

I would like my funeral service at:

The person I would like to lead my service, if possible, is:

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

My Choice of Hymns/Music:

Entry Music:

During the service:

Exit Music:

Flowers:

I would like flowers at my funeral:

Yes No

Specific flowers I would like:

Dress Code:

Formal Casual

Special requests (e.g. favourite colour, pattern or sports team kit):

Donations:

Do you want charitable donations to be collected?

Yes No

Chosen charity/charities:

Funeral Reception:

Would you like a reception for your funeral?

Yes No

Where would you like this to be?

Would you like there to be refreshments provided?

Yes No

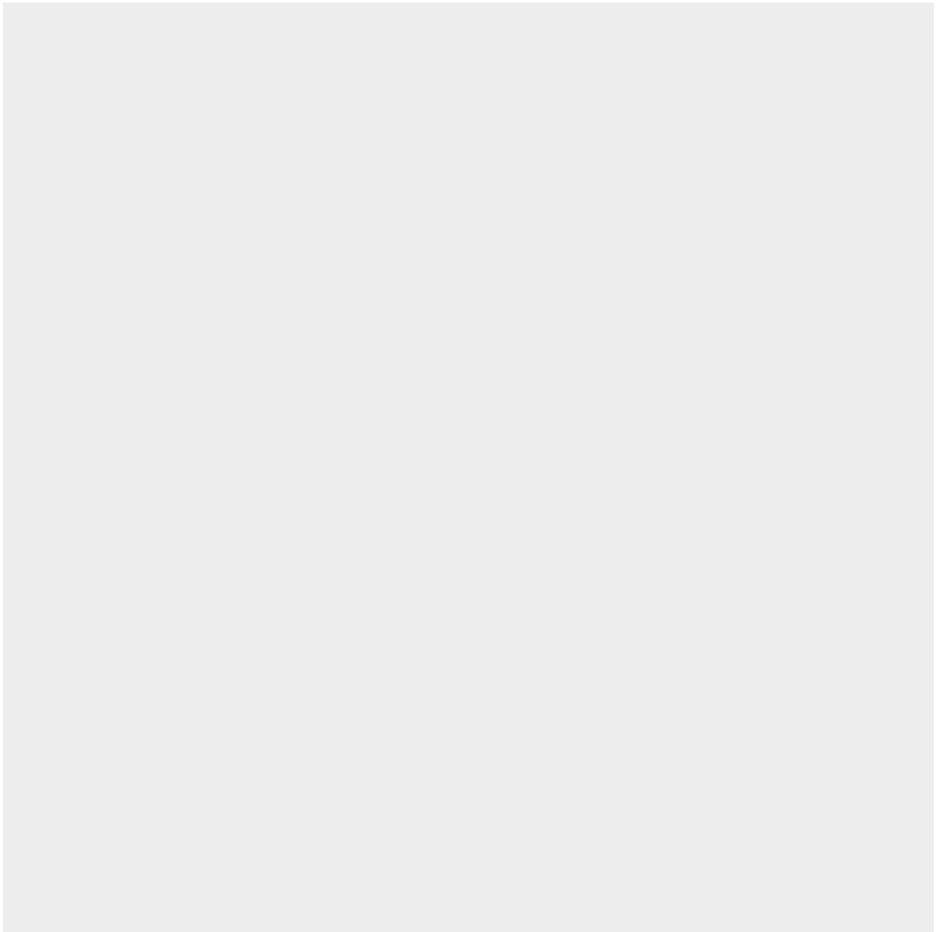
Is there anything specific you wish to include?

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Other suggestions you might want to consider include obituary notices, photo montage, colour themes, notes for my eulogy.

This is also a good place to write down who you would like to be notified of the funeral.

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