

Have Pre-Arrangements Been Made

If your loved one has not specified any arrangements or preferences previously, here are some initial questions you may need to answer when you consult with our funeral directors:

- Should I choose embalming?
- Do I need to purchase a casket?
- What kind of funeral or memorial service should I plan for?
- Are there any religious or ethnic traditions or customs I need to plan for?
- Do I need the services of a clergy member or spiritual leader?
- Do I wish to have contributions made to a charity in memory of my loved one?

These questions are a beginning point, and you do not need to know the answers right away. Start thinking about your decisions, and feel free to call us with your questions. I am here to make this process easier for you, and I can start by making sure that you have all the information and guidance you will need.

Planning Ahead

Why Pre-Plan Your Funeral?

I have different spiritual and emotional needs. A funeral service should reflect those individual differences. Our goal is to meet these needs in a professional and caring manner.

I will provide you with as much guidance as you need. You can choose every detail at your leisure; choose ceremony location, disposition method, casket or urn, burial plot, and many more selections. Moreover, pre-planning reduces financial stress. You may also, according to contractual agreement, elect to make payment for services in installments with no interest charges. For many this option is a great relief, and peace of mind.

Many of life's important events require some degree of planning and consideration: a wedding, children, retirement. These events usually impact not just the individual but his or her family members as well, and I find comfort in including those I love in major life decisions. End-of-life and funeral planning should be no different. You want to be sure that all the details are taken care of, so that your family can take comfort in knowing that your wishes are expressed and realized.

To help express your loved one's personality and life story, feel free to bring any memorabilia - like photos, videos, music, crafts, or treasured items. These will give us an idea of the deceased and the things they enjoyed, and ultimately help us to plan a meaningful, personal celebration of their life. Even if you are not sure how a particular aspect of their life might be incorporated, don't hesitate to ask; I can often make unique suggestions.

I want to make this process as smooth and stress-free for you as I can, and you can come prepared for your meeting by bringing the following information about your loved one.

- Full legal name
- Full legal home address
- Social security number
- Date of birth
- Place of birth
- Father's name
- Mother's maiden name
- Veteran's discharge papers (DD-214), if applicable
- Highest level of education
- Occupation
- Chosen place of burial, if applicable
- Clothing you would like us to use
- Recent photograph
- Clergy name and phone number, if applicable
- Names and relationships of survivors
- Insurance policy information, if applicable