

Top Five Reasons to Plan Your Funeral

If you are like most people, you prefer to think about funerals only when you attend one. Thinking about your mortality may not be easy. However, one of the most thoughtful things you can do for your loved ones is to plan ahead for your own funeral. You can't prevent the grief your family experiences after your death, but you can eliminate most of the worry and stress that can occur if loved ones must plan a funeral.

There is no time like the present to consider this important part of your family's future, so why not begin planning today? Just as you are there for your loved ones in life, you can also be there for them in death. Planning your funeral is an incomparable gift only you can give. It is a final act of love for those you care about most.

Why Plan Ahead?

Planning for one of life's most important passages is an opportunity to make the event special and personal. A well-planned funeral honors a life well lived.

Some of the most important reasons to plan your own funeral include:

- **Family and loved ones** – planning relieves your loved ones from having to make complicated and stressful decisions at a challenging time in their lives. Planning ahead allows you to include family in your final decisions if you choose.
- **Financial savings** – your funeral plan can reduce emotional overspending that may occur when loved ones must make difficult choices as they are experiencing grief. A pre-paid plan is an option that allows you to freeze the service costs at today's prices, and protect your family from the rising costs of funeral services and products.

- Flexibility – your funeral plan is transferrable if you move or change providers later. You can change elements and update your plan based on your decisions.
- Personal control – planning your funeral allows you to design a service that reflects your unique personality. This enables your loved ones to remember you as you wish.
- Peace of mind – a funeral plan ensures that your wishes are documented and will be carried out upon your death.

Plan Today Like There's No Tomorrow

American author Stanley H. Judd once wrote, "A good plan is like a road map: it shows the final destination and the best way to get there."

You may not know what the future holds. Yet you can make a big difference in your life and your loved one's lives by planning ahead today. Planning your funeral ensures financial and emotional comfort for both you and your loved ones. You can achieve peace of mind knowing that your final wishes will be followed, without adding expense or worry for your family.