

The funeral

Hearse type (e.g. traditional/horsedrawn):

Any preferred funeral route:

Any preference for the type of coffin or casket (e.g. wood, wicker, cardboard, other):

Any preference of memorial (e.g. headstone/plaque):

Venue for post-funeral gathering:

Details of any prepaid funeral plan:

If you want to be buried

Cemetery/natural burial ground/other:

New or existing grave:

Location/plot number:

If you want to be cremated

I would like my ashes to be

- Scattered at the crematorium
- Scattered at a cemetery on a grave or in the Garden of Remembrance
- Returned to family for private disposal
- Interred in a grave or cremated remains plot at a cemetery or churchyard
- Held by the funeral director until further instructed
- Other:

What next?

Even if you don't feel able to talk about your wishes with your friends or family, it's important to let someone know that you have filled out this form so that they will be able to refer to it when the time comes. Once you have completed the form, put it somewhere safe and tell someone close to you where it is or give it to them to look after for you. You may also want to give details of where the form is to your executor, solicitor or a chosen funeral director.

Further help and advice

Dying Matters

Let's talk about it

About Dying Matters

Dying Matters is a growing coalition aiming to change public knowledge, attitudes and behaviour towards death, dying and bereavement for the better. We work to address this by encouraging people to talk about their wishes towards the end of their lives, including where they want to die.

It is led by the National Council for Palliative Care, Registered Charity no 1005671.

www.dyingmatters.org

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About NAFD

NAFD is an independent trade association with the broadest membership within the funeral profession – including privately owned businesses, the Co-operatives and major funeral groups – who conduct in excess of 80% of UK funerals. All NAFD members are bound by a Code of Practice, which includes a stringent client redress scheme. NAFD offers help and advice to anyone arranging a funeral.

www.nafd.org.uk

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My Funeral Wishes

Get peace of mind by planning ahead



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Catherine wants 'Always look on the bright side of life' played, and everyone to wear yellow.

Have the funeral you want - by making your wishes known

Celebrate your life, your way

Have you ever thought about what you want for your funeral? You probably already know whether you want to be buried or cremated, but what about the details? Where should it be held? Do you want particular readings or poems and, if so, which ones and read by whom? Is there certain music you want played? Perhaps there's even a specific route you'd like your hearse to take.

By planning ahead using My Funeral Wishes, not only will you save your next-of-kin the stress of trying to second-guess what you would have wanted, you'll also be able to put your stamp on your last celebration, ensuring it reflects what is important to you.

Filling in the form

My Funeral Wishes is simple to use: just fill in the sections that are important to you. You can always revisit the form if you want to add additional details. However, bear in mind that a funeral is above all an occasion for your family and friends to express their grief and celebrate your life, so don't feel you need to dictate every aspect of it.

Martin's put £200 behind the bar at the Rose & Crown for drinks afterwards.

My personal details

Name

Address

Postcode

Tel

Email

Date of birth

My personal representative or next of kin

(most likely to be dealing with my funeral arrangements)

Name

Address

Postcode

Tel

Email

Relationship to me

Place of funeral service

Do you have a preferred funeral director?

Would you like a religious or non-religious service?

Where would you like your funeral service to be held?

Is there someone you'd like to lead your funeral service?

Are there particular people you'd like to be invited to carry your coffin (pallbearers)?

Content of funeral service

Any readings from scripture:

Other readings / poems:

Is there anyone you'd particularly like to read these out?

Any music you'd like played:

Any other wishes:

Flowers and donations

Family flowers only? Y/N

Donations to charity in lieu of flowers? Y/N

My preferred charity / charities:

Before the funeral

How I want to be dressed (e.g. own clothes, provided-robe):

If circumstances allow, are you happy for people to view your body?

Where should the coffin be taken before the funeral:

- Taken home
- Taken to the place of service
- To remain at the funeral home

Any other requests: