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Burial or cremation?

- burial
- if burial, where? _____
- cremation

Funeral or direct cremation?

- Funeral
- No funeral—straight to the crematorium

When?

Our preferred dates and times for the funeral are

- _____ morning / afternoon
- _____ morning / afternoon
- _____ morning / afternoon

Who will do the admin?

- _____ to complete all paperwork and pay disbursements
- _____ to place an obituary notice in the paper

Who will look after the body?

- the body will stay with the undertaker
- the body will come home

Who will supply the coffin?

- I will supply the coffin (*some undertakers won't let you*)
- I have seen a coffin I like. I want the undertaker to order it.
- I will choose a coffin from the undertaker's range. I want a
 - Least expensive coffin
 - A mid-price coffin
 - A top-of-the-range coffin

Who will lay out the body?

- I will wash and dress the body at the undertaker's
- I will wash and dress the body at home with the undertaker
- I will wash and dress the body at home unassisted
- I want the undertaker to wash and dress the body

What will the dead person wear?

- I will supply clothes for the body
- The body will be clothed in a gown supplied by the undertaker

How will the hair be groomed?

- I will supply a photograph of the person who has died
- I will give instructions about this
- The undertaker will use his or her discretion

If you want the undertaker to wash and dress the body, do you

- want someone of the same sex to do it?

Do you want to visit the person who has died?

- no visit
- one visit
- one visit on the day before the funeral
- as and when
- every day
- long periods
- no religious imagery in the 'chapel of rest'

Embalming and invasive treatment

- yes / no to embalming, 'sanitary treatment' or 'hygienic treatment'
- only gentle methods to be used for closing the eyes and mouth

Do you want the body to come home?

- yes, for the first few days
- yes, for one / two days before the funeral
- not at all

What transport do you need on the day of the funeral?

- undertaker's hearse
- alternative hearse _____
- Number of following limousine/s _____
- undertaker's estate car or private ambulance
- I will supply my own transport

Will you need bearers to carry the coffin?

- yes

- yes, but only _____
- no, we shall carry the coffin ourselves

Do you need a priest or a celebrant?

Note: you can appoint a celebrant before you have seen your undertaker. Go to funeralcelebrants.org.uk

- no, we're sorted
- yes, a priest
- yes, a celebrant: semi-religious / atheist

Where will you hold the funeral?

- crematorium chapel
- cemetery chapel
- natural burial ground
- other: _____

How long will the ceremony last?

If it is likely to last longer than 20 minutes you will need to book a double slot if your venue is the crematorium. Check with your crematorium how long they allow you.

- We'll need a single slot
- We'll need a double slot

Who will book the funeral venue (including the crematorium)

- I will book it myself and pay direct
- the undertaker will do this

Do you want to witness the coffin going into the cremator?

If you do not wish to do so yourself, you may like to ask someone else to do it.

- No
- Yes. I / the undertaker will make this arrangement
- If yes, how many of you? _____

What's the dress code?

- I want the undertaker and staff to wear _____

Arrival

- I want the coffin brought to the door of the crematorium chapel

- I want the coffin brought to the car park, from where we will carry it ourselves
- I want the coffin brought to _____ from where we will carry it ourselves.

Procession

- I want the undertaker to walk in front of the hearse
- I will decide who walks in front of the hearse

What part do you want the undertaker to play at the funeral?

- master of ceremonies, in charge of everything
- record the names of the people who come
- just help out with getting people seated
- no part at all. I am the host.

Who will order the flowers?

- I will choose from undertaker's catalogue
- I will supply them

Do you want an order of service booklet?

- yes, we want the undertaker to get it printed
- yes, we shall look after this ourselves
- no, we don't one

Do you want the undertaker to collect and forward donations to a chosen charity?

- yes
- no

Do you want the undertaker to supply any of the following?

- catering
- a piper
- live musicians
- multimedia presentation
- doves
- balloons
- an urn for ashes

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