

# FUNERAL WISHES



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## ARRANGING A SERVICE

There are a number of things you may wish to take into account before preparing your funeral wishes.

1. Will it be cremation or burial?
2. If a burial where?
3. If a cremation where?
4. Do you wish to have a church service?
5. Do you wish the service to take place in a crematorium or church?
6. Will it be a religious ceremony or would you rather a celebrant or humanist take the service?

A celebrant will conduct a service which is a celebration of life and will add a hymn or a prayer should you wish, but the service will be less religious than that taken by a Minister.

A humanist will not add any religious content.

Once you know what sort of service you wish to have, you need to think about what you would like included in the service. You may already know exactly what you want, but if you are unsure, here are some ideas:

1. If you have decided upon having a service in a crematorium, the service time will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes. You can have a double time if you need longer but 30 minutes is the normal length and your family will be charged more for any additional time.
2. If you are having a service in a church the timing is more flexible.
3. If you are being cremated, you could have a church service and then the committal at the crematorium.

For a normal 30 minute service the following is an idea of what you could expect to have in the service.

## THE SERVICE

### **Entry music**

For a service in a crematorium there will be a wide choice of hymns, songs and other music available from their library or you can provide music on your own CD. If you are having a church service you may need to be a little more conservative regarding your choice of music. An organist will usually play at the church, however, they can also be made available at a crematorium.

### **The welcome**

This is usually given by the officiate conducting the service.

### **The eulogy**

This can be given by either the person conducting the service, a member of the family or by a friend.

### **Prayers**

Prayers are always included in a religious service but can also be included when the funeral is conducted by a celebrant, but not a humanist.

### **Hymns/songs or other music**

Your favourite pieces of music can be played during the service.

### **A piece of poetry**

This is often read by a family member or friend. This may be an option for a loved one who would like to be actively involved in the service but would find the longer eulogy too emotional.

### **Committal**

This is the point where we say goodbye to our loved one and is usually performed by the person conducting the service. This is the part of the service that gives everyone a moment for reflection. You can either choose for this to be done in silence or with music playing quietly in the background.

### **Exit music**

As with the entry music.

The Order of Service can either be printed in a booklet form to enable the mourners to follow the service and retain as a keepsake or can be used solely by the officiate as a guide for the ceremony.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

### **Coffin**

Nowadays there are so many choices. You may wish for a traditional wood coffin or casket or maybe one woven from wicker, bamboo, seagrass, wool or other environmentally friendly materials or even a colourful coffin, printed with appropriate artwork. If you feel you would like something different please call into one of our branches. We will be happy to show you our extensive range of coffins and offer you advice with any queries you may have.

### **Flowers & Donations**

If you have chosen a charity you would like to benefit from any donations, it is a good idea to make a note of this so your wishes are met. You may like to let family and friends make their own choice of donating or sending flowers, or maybe you would prefer family flowers only or just donations or even a combination of them both.

### **Dress Code**

It is becoming more popular for families to ask that everyone wear bright colours. If this is your wish then it is a good idea to note it down.

The list of what you can do is endless. Your wishes are unique and provide a fitting tribute to your personality and life. Should you need help with any of your wishes then please call in to any of our branches and we will help you in any way we can.

### **Pre-Paid Funeral Plans**

An ever increasing number of people now choose to take out a pre-paid funeral plan, so that they can take their time to make an informed decision as to what they would like for their funeral rather than leave it to their relatives to make the arrangements at a time of great distress. They also appreciate the fact that they can make financial provisions in advance. Should you wish to discuss our range of pre-paid funeral plans, please visit one of our branches for an information pack or call 0800 074 3797.

## PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name: Mr Mrs Miss Ms.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Date of birth: .....

Religion / Beliefs.....

National Insurance Number.....

National Health Number.....

### Doctor's details

Doctor's name: .....

Practice.....

Address: .....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone number.....

### Next of kin

Full Name: Mr Mrs Miss Ms.....

Address: .....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone Number.....

Relationship to you.....

### Solicitor's details

Full Name: Mr Mrs Miss Ms.....

Address: .....

.....Postcode.....

Telephone Number: .....

Will made? Yes / No With Solicitor? Yes / No

If will not held by solicitor, where or with whom can it be located?

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## MY PERSONAL WISHES

I wish my funeral to be a cremation or burial (please state where and give plot number if for a burial)

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I wish for my service to be held at

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I wish for my service to be conducted by: (minister, celebrant or humanist?)

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I wish to have donations (which charity) or flowers?

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I wish to be dressed in my own clothes or a robe

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I am happy for my friends and family to come and visit me in the chapel of rest (yes, no or certain people only)

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I would like everyone to gather afterwards at

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Coffin selection (eg traditional, wicker, colourful - colourful coffins come in many designs so please state picture/design if chosen)

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Instructions for my ashes

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Details of any pre-paid funeral plans or insurance policies held

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I would like a certain picture(s) on my Orders of Service  
(Enclose or describe)

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Other wishes I would like taken into account (eg dress code, special route)

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## MY ORDER OF SERVICE

Music on entry to the service

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Hymn(s) to be played during service

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Music to be played during service

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Music on exit from the service

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Poetry I would like read during service

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## MEMORY JOGGER

The eulogy at a funeral service is important, as it is the chance for your family and friends to hear about your life and times. The more information you can give your minister, celebrant or humanist, the more personal the eulogy will be.

It is hoped that you will start filling in the memory jogger and, as you go along, you will start to think of other things you wish to put down. As part of the funeral arrangements, the minister, celebrant or humanist will speak with your family who will provide additional details concerning your life and character.

Do you have a name you like to be called?

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Place of birth.....

Parents' names

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Names of siblings in order of age

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Which school/college/university did you attend?

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Your first job

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Your favourite job and why

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Name of husband/wife

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When did you marry and where

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Your first home

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Names of children in order

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Names of grandchildren/great grandchildren

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Special holidays

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Close friends

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Favourite places

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Favourite hobbies

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Your achievements

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Your character

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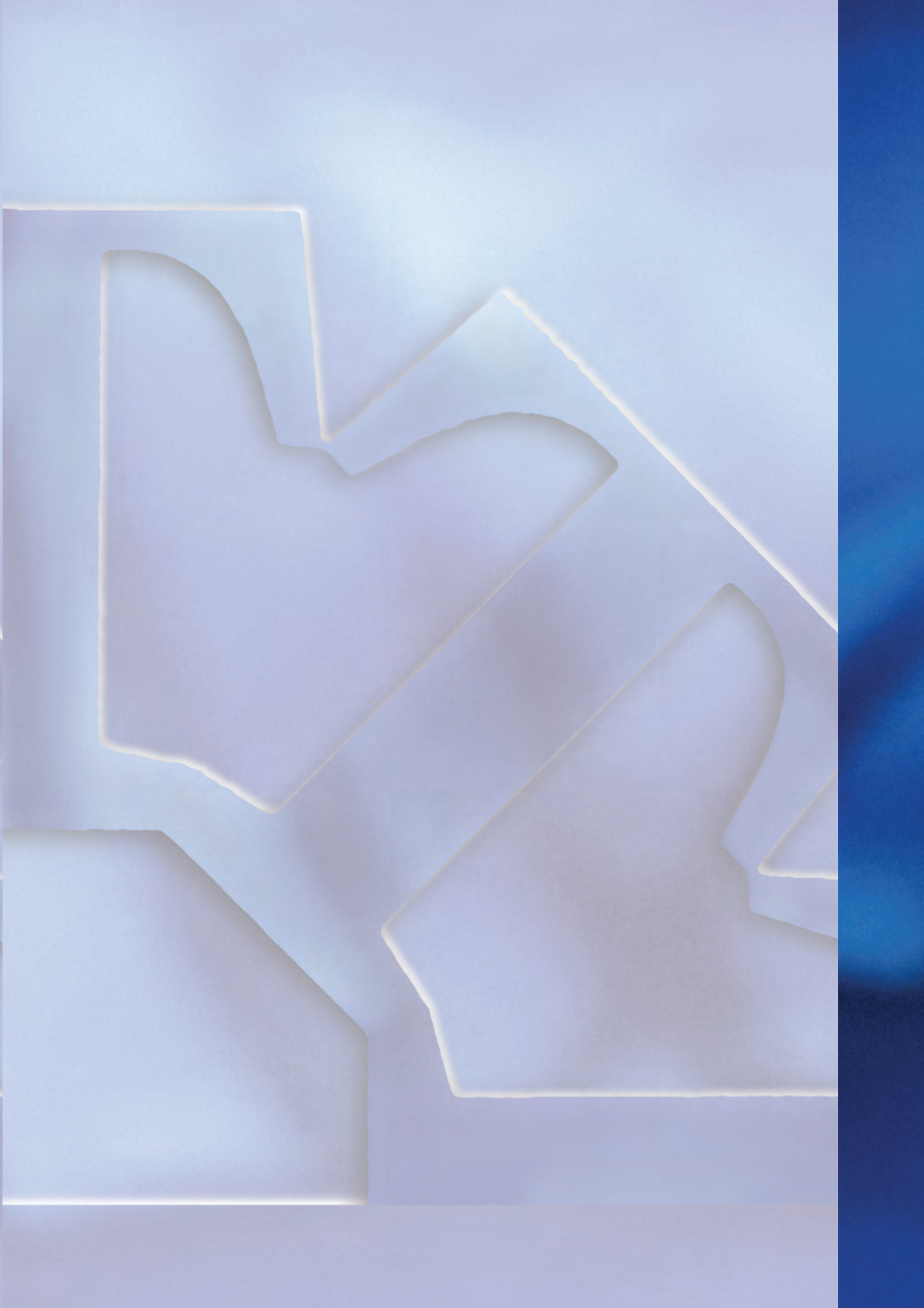
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