



Funeral Preplanning Checklist

Ways to Plan Ahead

General

- Gather personal information for your obituary.
- Choose a charity to direct donations to, if desired.
- Choose a funeral home.
- Make note of any instructions for your services and final disposition

Funeral Service

- Choose between burial and cremation.
- Select a casket if you chose burial.
- Choose a location and type of funeral service.
- Choose floral arrangements.
- Select which photographs and memorabilia you'd like to display.
- Consider any customs, traditions, or religious rites that are important to you and your family.
- Choose the clothing you'd like to be dressed in.
- Select music and hymns, if desired.
- Choose a theme for decorations and stationery at the service.
- Arrange transportation for physical remains and your family.

Participants

- Choose a clergy member or officiator to preside over the service.
- Select any musicians whose talents you'd like to employ.
- Select pallbearers.
- Choose friends or family members to perform the eulogy, read scripture, and/or prepare a speech.

Information You'll Need

Personal Information

- Your father's name.
- Your mother's maiden name.
- Your level of education.
- Your social security number.

Affiliations

- Fraternal organizations.
- Service organizations.
- Union memberships.
- Any special recognitions you have.

Military Service Information

- Military service.
- Branch rank.
- Date of enlistment.
- Date of discharge.
- Name(s) of war/conflict(s) toured.
- Serial number.

Final Disposition

- Choose a cemetery.
- Select a burial plot or mausoleum.
- Select a memorial or grave marker and inscription.
- Decide who will keep your urn.
- Decide who will scatter your ashes and where.

And remember...

There's no need to make all the decisions right away. For personalized assistance in creating your plan, contact one of our experts to schedule a one-on-one meeting. **Call Malesich & Shirey Funeral Home at 720-242-6784**