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Funeral planning guide

Ensure your loved ones are well protected, well prepared, and well loved.



Personal history

By recording vital information and funeral preferences now, you ease the burden for your loved ones later. Date: Name: Sex: Male Race: Date of birth: Place of birth: Father's name: _____ Father's place of birth: _____ Mother's name: ______ Mother's place of birth: _____ In city since: _____ Moved from: _____ Year: _____ SSN: Phone: Email: Marital status:

Married

Never married

Widowed

Divorced Name of Spouse/Partner (maiden name, if applicable): Education (highest grade completed): Secondary: ______ College: _____ School(s) attended/degree(s) earned: Church/Lodges/Memberships: Occupation:_____ Industry: _____ Years in occupation: _____ Employer(s): ____ Hobbies: Registered donor:

Yes

No **ARMED FORCES** Branch of service: ______ Service number: ____ Date entered: _____Place of entry: ____ Type of separation or discharge of service: ______ Date: _____ Place of discharge: Location of military discharge papers (DD214): Highest grade, rank, or rating received: Wars/Conflicts served: Medals/Honors/Citations/Additional information:

Children, close relatives, and friends

Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:		
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
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Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
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Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:		
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:		
Preceded in death by:			
Number of grandchildren:	Number of	great-grandchildren:	
LOCAL EMERGENCY CONT	ACTS		
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:		
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:		
PLEASE ALSO NOTIFY			
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:		
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:		
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:		
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:	
Address:	Email:		

Important information

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Do you have a will or living trust? Yes No			
Attorney who wrote the will or trust:			
Executor of Estate:			
Do you have a living will? Yes No Location	n:		
FINANCIAL INFORMATION			
BANKING			
Bank name/branch:			
Type of account: Checking Savings			
Username:	Password: _		
Bank name/branch:			
Type of account: Checking Savings			
Username:	Password: _		
Bank name/branch:			
Type of account: Checking Savings			
Username:	Password: _		
CREDIT CARDS			
Type (Visa/Mastercard):			
Account number:		_Exp. date:	3-digit code:
Username:	Password: _		
Type (Visa/Mastercard):			
Account number:		_Exp. date:	3-digit code:
Username:	Password: _		
Type (Visa/Mastercard):			
Account number:		_Exp. date:	3-digit code:
Username:	Password: _		
Type (Visa/Mastercard):			
Account number:		_Exp. date:	3-digit code:
Username:	Password: _		
MORTGAGE			
Lender:	Account number: _		
Phone:	Location: _		
Lender:	Account number: _		

PENSION/RETIREMENT PLANS Company: ______ Account number: Phone: Location: Company: _____ Account number: ____ _____Location: _____ Phone: Account number: Company: ___ Phone: Location: INSURANCE (HOME, HEALTH, LIFE, AUTO, ETC.) ___Agent: _____ Company: __ Policy number: ______ Beneficiary: _____ Phone: ____ _____Agent: _____ Company: _____ Phone: ______ Policy number: ______ Beneficiary: _____ Agent: Policy number: ______ Beneficiary: _____ Company: _____Agent: ____ Phone: ______ Policy number: ______ Beneficiary: _____ **SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES** _____ Website/App: _____ Account name: _____ Username: __ Password: _____ Website/App: ___ Account name: ___ Username: ___ Password: _____ _____ Website/App: ____ Password: _ Username: **LOCATION OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS** ______ Box number: _____ Safe deposit box: ___ Key(s) location: Birth certificate: Children's birth certificate(s): Last will and testament: Funeral and cemetery arrangement documents: Real estate deeds: _____ Income tax records: Auto registration/title(s):

Other documents:

My preferences

This section enables you and your family to keep track of which arrangements have been made and which remain to be determined.

MEMORIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Funeral home:			Phone:
Church:			Phone:
Officiant:			Phone:
Disposition preference: Burial Mausoleum	☐ Cremation		
Memorial service to be held at: Funeral home	☐ Church ☐ Graveside [Other:	
Visitation/Friends calling: ☐ Yes ☐ No Caske	et: Opened Closed		
Participating fraternal, military, or service organiza	ation:		
Obituary: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Photo ☐ Newspape	er(s):		
Pallbearers:			
Flowers (describe):			
Favorite religious passages, quotations, or poems: _			
Favorite musical selections:			
Specific requests to be performed at service:			
Contributions (name of charity):			
Flag (if veteran): \square Folded \square Draped \square Given	to:		
Specific clothing (describe):			
Glasses to be worn: Yes No After viewing	ng, removed and given to: _		
Jewelry to be worn: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ After viewi	ng, removed and given to: _		
Specific jewelry (describe):			
CEMETERY INSTRUCTIONS			
	metery:		
Address:			
City:	State:		Phone:
Location, Section/Garden:	Lot:	Space:	Marker owned:
Cremation memorialization: \square Niche \square Burial	Other:		
Additional instructions:			
The preceding information represents my desires for spend \$	•	0	
Signature:			Date:
Funeral planning professional:			

Cost estimate sheet

This estimate sheet does not represent items bought or sold and is not a contract to do so. These figures represent only an estimate of the costs of funeral preferences at today's prices.

Section I: Services				
Funeral package, describe:				\$
For details, please refer to a copy of the General Price List.				_
ITEMIZED SERVICES				
Basic services of funeral director and staff	\$	Use of equipment and stat	ff for ceremony	\$
Transfer of deceased to funeral home		Funeral coach	,	\$
miles @ \$ per mile	\$	Family car no	_ @ \$each	\$
Embalming	\$	Other, please specify		\$
Other preparation of the body	\$			
Use of facilities and staff for viewing				\$
days @ \$	\$			
Use of facilities and staff for ceremony	\$	Subtotal: Section I \$_		\$
Section II: Merchandi	se			
CASKET	\$	OTHER MERCHAI	NDISE	
Name		Alternative container	r	_ \$
Description		Urn		_ \$
Interior fabric and color		Marker		_ \$
Exterior material and color		Memorial package _		_ \$
Gauge weight (where applicable)				_ \$
OUTER BURIAL CONTAINER	\$			_ \$
Name		Subtotal: Section II \$		\$
Description				4P
Section III: Miscelland	eous items	S		
Memorial package	\$	Subtotal: 9	Sections I and II	\$
Obituary notices	\$			
Death certificates		Total: Sec	tions I, II, and III	\$
copies @ \$ per copy	\$			
Flowers	\$	PAYMENT OPT	IONS:	
Clergy honorarium	\$	Single premium	\$	
Musician honorarium	\$		40	
Reception	\$	One-year	\$	per montl
Grave opening and closing	\$	Three-year	\$	per montl
Setting fees	\$	Five-year	\$	ner montl
Sales tax	\$	1 ive-year	Ψ	— ber monn
Other	\$			

Important to note

SOCIAL SECURITY

If you are working and paying into Social Security, some of the Social Security taxes you pay are applied toward survivor benefits. The amount of these benefits will be determined by Social Security.

To file a claim or for answers to your specific questions, contact the nearest Social Security office or call 800-772-1213 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday-Friday. Free informative publications are available at your local office or on the internet at ssa.gov.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

If you are an honorably discharged veteran, your survivors may be eligible for a range of benefits, such as burial flag, presidential memorial certificate, marker for the grave or niche, and burial allowances. Information on a variety of topics may be obtained by calling 800-827-1000 or by visiting <u>va.gov</u>. Wellabe also has a free Veterans Memorial Benefits Guide you may download at <u>wellabe.com/be-informed</u>.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Survivors of employees of the federal government may be eligible for a wide range of benefits, including group life insurance, annuities, and health insurance continuation. For answers to specific questions, you can contact the Office of Personnel Management at 888-767-6738 or visit opm.gov.

WILL

This document specifies what is to be done with your property when you die and names your executor or personal representative. You can also use your will to name a guardian for your children. Wills must be handled through a process known as "probate."

PROBATE

Simply stated, probate is the court process following a person's death that includes:

- · Proving the authenticity of the deceased person's will
- Appointing someone to handle the deceased person's affairs
- Identifying the deceased person's property
- Paying debts and taxes
- Identifying heirs
- Distributing the deceased person's property according to the will, or state law if there is no will.

LIVING TRUST

This form of a trust can be set up during your life. Living trusts are an excellent way to avoid the cost and hassle of probate because the property you transfer into the trust passes directly to the beneficiaries after you die. The successor trustee — the person you appoint to handle the trust after your death — simply transfers ownership to the beneficiaries.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

This document gives another person legal authority to act on your behalf. If you create such a document, you are called the "principle," and the person to whom you give this authority is called your "attorney-in-fact." If you make a durable power of attorney, the document will remain in effect if you become incapacitated.

LIVING WILL

This legal document states your wishes about medical treatments and life-prolonging procedures. It takes effect if you are unable to communicate your healthcare decisions. A living will may also be called a healthcare directive, advanced directive, or directive to physicians. Laws vary from state to state, check with your state's authorities.

PREARRANGED FUNERAL PLAN

This is a contract in which a funeral establishment agrees to provide merchandise and services upon the death of the contract beneficiary. The plan provides not only the funding for the funeral, but also allows individuals the opportunity to specify their wishes for the funeral ceremony and merchandise. Learn more about preplanning at wellabe.com/preneed.

FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICE

Whether you or your loved one have chosen burial or cremation, the funeral or memorial service fills an important role by:

- Celebrating, honoring, and recognizing the life of the deceased
- Giving family and friends the chance to say goodbye
- Providing closure after the loss of a loved one
- · Presenting an opportunity for friends and family to console each other

Many details and decisions must be made when a death occurs. When you arrange them in advance, you can plan what you want and minimize stress on your loved ones. For example, you can plan where your funeral will be held and the style of the ceremony. You can indicate whether you prefer friends and family to gather informally and share their feelings and memories. Favorite music and photographs can be selected.



OBITUARY

An obituary is not only a notice of a death, but it also can tell the life story of the deceased, provide funeral information, and request memorial donations.

An obituary can paint an expansive picture of the deceased's life, but at a minimum it should list:

- Full name and age
- Place of residence
- Time and place of death
- Cause of death (optional)
- Date and place of birth
- Parents' names, including mother's maiden name
- Date and place of marriage
- Birth name of spouse

- Education and occupation
- · Military service
- Social organizations (optional)
- List of surviving family, starting with closest relations. Place spouses' names inside brackets.
- Service details
- Special message or requests for memorials
- Photo (optional)

Your funeral home can help you write, format, and publish an obituary. Or visit <u>wellabe.com/how-to-write-obit</u> for step-by-step instructions.

Personal thoughts for obituary			

Additional notes	
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