

Anglican Parish of Cockle Bay

Planning a Funeral

A funeral can be arranged by friends and/or relatives, or you can organise something for yourself in advance. Some ideas to consider as you start:

- Decide how you would like your (or your family member's) life to be remembered and celebrated. Do you want a religious ceremony, and where do you want it to take place? Who would you like to conduct the funeral? What funeral director would you choose? What readings, music, prayers, poems and other items would you want to include in the service? Do you want photos and other mementos, and do you want Christian symbols? Do you want flowers, and what would you like done with the flowers after the ceremony? Do you want funeral notices?
- Do you want a burial, cremation or other disposal of mortal remains? For a burial, which cemetery would you like the burial to be in? For a cremation, where would you like the ashes to go? For any other such as donation to medical science, what would you like and what arrangements do you need to make?
- How much money do you want to allocate to the ceremony? Do you want to prepay or do you have funds set aside?

To ensure your wishes are followed in relation to your own funeral/memorial, it is advisable to include your instructions in your Will, and discuss your plans with your appointed Executor and family. These instructions can and should be updated if any circumstances change.

For further information, you may like to contact the following:

- Seniors Information Service Ph. 13 1244 PO Box 1332 Crows Nest NSW 1585
www.seniorsinfo.nsw.gov.au
- The Department of Veterans Affairs Ph. 13 3254
- Centrelink Ph. 13 2300

After considering some of these ideas, you may wish to complete the Planned Funeral/Memorial Information on the following pages.

PLANNED FUNERAL/MEMORIAL INFORMATION

Funeral or Memorial Instructions for:

Full Name:

Address:

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Date of Birth: Place of Birth:

To assist those responsible for the funeral or memorial arrangements, I provide the following information and suggestions according to my desires.

1. At the time of death please contact the following:

Spouse/Next of Kin's Name:

Address:

..... Phone:

Children/Other significant people and their contact details:

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2. Preferred Funeral Director:

Address:

..... Phone:

I hereby give the following instructions (please tick as appropriate):

Burial () Cremation () Body donated for Medical Science () Other()

Please provide details of any arrangements made for this (eg Cemetery/Columbarium details,

Body donation arrangements):

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3. Funeral Service (), Funeral and Interment (Burial) Service (), Memorial Service ()

(Please tick as appropriate) **(If a Memorial Service as well as a funeral service is to be held, please complete an additional form with those details.)**

To be held at: Church () Crematorium () Graveside () Other ()

Name and Address of Service venue(s):
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4. Service to be conducted by (please tick as appropriate):

Church Minister () Funeral Director () Other ()

Name and Address of Service conductor:
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5. Do you wish to place funeral notices (usually organised by the Funeral Director, involves fees)?

() Yes () No Details you wish to include in the notice:
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6. Details of the Funeral and/or Memorial Service (please tick as appropriate):

Do you wish a Eucharist as part of the Service? () Yes () No

Do you wish a Collection in aid of a Charity? () Yes () No

Details of preferred Charity:

Do you wish to have flowers on the coffin for the funeral? () Yes () No

Do you wish to have other flowers at the venue? () Yes () No

Details of flowers (colour, cost, who to provide, what happens with the flowers afterwards):
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Do you wish to have mementos of your life (eg hobbies, talents, photos)? () Yes () No

Details:

Do you wish to have Christian symbols of faith (candles, bible, cross, water)? () Yes () No

Preferred Scripture Reading(s) (one or more can be chosen):
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Several pieces of music are used in services (three songs is a suitable number for many services). Do you wish to have:

a) Organ and Hymns () Yes () No (A fee is usually payable for an organist)

Details of preferred Hymns:
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b) Other music (recorded, music performer): () Yes () No

Details of preferred Songs:
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Details of how those songs will be available (eg CD, iTunes, musician):
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Acts of Remembrance in the Service (eg Eulogy, other readings, honour guards, powerpoints):
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Details of individuals and groups to provide these other Acts of Remembrance:
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Do you wish to have a printed Service sheet? () Yes () No (A fee is usually payable for its production and printing).

Do you wish to have a venue for refreshments after the Service(s)? () Yes () No

Details of the preferred venue:
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Any other details and preferences:
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7. To cover the costs of my funeral/memorial expenses, I have (please tick as appropriate):

A Pre-paid Funeral Plan (); Allocated Funds available (); Not made any arrangements ()

Details:
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Signed: Dated: