

ADVANCE FUNERAL WISHES

Funeral wishes, whether in a will or in a letter or form as below, are not legally binding on friends and relatives, but will normally be followed where at all possible. At the very least, what follows may stimulate you to think of the kind of funeral you might or might not like; and to make sure that those who may be responsible in the event know your wishes.

1. I have / have not written a will (location.....)
which expresses / does not express my funeral wishes. (If there is such a will) please treat this present document as expanding on the wishes expressed in that will, with the will taking legal precedence if relevant.

2. My next of kin is :
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3. With this will / this present document is also added all potentially needed information such as NHS card, birth and marriage certificates, bank account details, credit cards, hire purchase agreements, mortgage and home insurance details, council rent department, local gas, electricity, water and telephone offices, life insurance, car details, share certificate details, premium bonds, pension details, details of Doctor, solicitor, accountant, stock broker, employer, main clients, Also my home address, my last occupation, the full name and occupation of my spouse and my maiden name (if a married woman). Plus any deeds to a grave.

4. I have/do not have any preferences about what happens to my body. (If no preferences) I leave it all entirely to the discretion of:
.....

5. Nurses attending the death normally lay out the body, but I would like it very much if
.....could also assist / do this instead.

6. If a post-mortem after my death requires the consent of my next of kin, I would like them to give it / not to give it.

7. I would / would not like my body to be brought back to my home after death / to remain at home until the funeral if I die at home / to remain in the hospital if possible / to go to a funeral directors Chapel of Rest.

8. I have / do not have a pre-paid funeral plan/funeral insurance scheme (If so, please give details and make sure your next of kin are aware of the existence of this plan. Some of what follows may then not be relevant in your case).

9. The friend(s) or relative(s) I wish mainly to be responsible for arranging my funeral is / are.....
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10. I would like to be cremated / buried.

11. I would ideally like.....
.....as the bearers of my coffin.

12. I would / would not like flowers brought to my funeral / one flower per person / no flowers / donation instead to.....
.....

13. I would / would not like my death and funeral announced in the following publications.....

14. I would / would not like a funeral service.

- If to be cremated:*
15. I would like my funeral service (if having one) to take place at a church / other venue (specify).....before being taken to the crematorium (if a “double” service in this way, state what if anything is to happen at the crematorium and who is to attend there) / I would like the funeral service to take place at the crematorium.

16. After cremation, what I would ideally like done with my ashes is
.....

If to be buried:

17. I do / do not have a burial place reserved / in mind (details if so)
.....
I would like to be buried in a churchyard / cemetery / green burial
ground with a tree planted instead of a headstone.

If having a funeral service:

18. Among those I would most like invited who might otherwise be
neglected are :
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19. The kind of numbers I would like to see at my funeral service are
..... I see it as ideally a small family affair / family and
friends / all comers.

20. I would like the funeral service to take account of the fact that my
religion /philosophy is :
.....

21. I would like the service led by:.....
(relative / friend / minister / British Humanist Minister / other).

22. The kind of music, hymns, psalms, songs etc. I would like
include.....
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23. The kind of texts / poems I would like include.....
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Read by.....

24. If possible I would like a main address about my life given by.....or by.....

25. At this service I would / would not like my friends to have a chance to speak about me.

26. I would / would not like a party / gathering after the funeral.

27. The form I would like this this gathering to take is.....
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(indoors / outdoors / location / food / drinks / etc.)

Signed by:

Name:

Date:

Witnessed by the undersigned who does not stand to benefit from the signatory's will:

Signed by:

Name:

Address:
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Date

Please continue on separate sheets if necessary.