

Advance Directives for Funerals

Record Who Will be in Charge of Arrangements

- Name your next of kin according to law
- Designate an agent in writing

Record Who Needs to be Notified

- Your DPOAH and DPOAF
- Executor of your will
- Attorney
- Accountant
- Family
- Friends and neighbors
- Workmates
- Church members
- School personnel
- Places of business
- Veteran's affairs
- Financial institutions
- Insurance agents
- Social clubs

Identify Location of Important Documents and Who Has Access

- Address book, checkbook
- Banking stocks, and other financial documents
- Insurance policies, household inventory
- Titles and deeds
- Citizenship papers
- Veteran, military discharge papers
- Disability benefits, worker's compensation records
- Social security information
- Retirement records
- Tax returns
- Birth, marriage certificates
- Digital assets, social media accounts, usernames and passwords

Record Where to Find Pre-need Arrangement Documents

- Funeral director
- Insurance policies
- Body or organ donation
- Cemetery plot title, marker

State Your Desires for After-Death Care

- Type of care (home funeral, professional, church)
- Container preference (cardboard, pine, shroud, other)
- Method of disposition (conventional or natural burial, cremation, alkaline hydrolysis)
- Organ or body donation
- Visitation, open or closed casket
- Service — military, Masonic, home, graveside, memorial
- Service — location, pall bearers, performed by
- Service — music, readings, rituals
- Service/visitation — personal details
- Grave marker

Write Your Obituary

Record Who Will Receive

- Awards
- Bible
- Clothing
- Letters
- Photographs

(Items other than those listed must be given away prior to death or be inventoried at probate)