

Burial or cremation?

- Burial
- if burial, where? _____
if cremation where _____

Funeral or direct cremation?

- Funeral
- No funeral—straight to the crematorium
- When?
- Our preferred dates and times for the funeral are
_____ morning / afternoon
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_____ morning / afternoon
- Who will do the admin?
_____ to complete all paperwork and pay disbursements
_____ to place an obituary notice in the paper

- Who will lay out the body?
- I will wash and dress the body at the undertaker's
- I will wash and dress the body at home with the undertaker
- I will wash and dress the body at home unassisted
- I want the undertaker to wash and dress the body

Who will look after the body?

- the body will stay with the undertaker
- the body will come home
- If one is going to be used, who will supply the coffin?
- I will supply the coffin (some undertakers will not take the contract)
- I have seen a coffin I like. I want the undertaker to order it.
- I will choose a coffin from the undertaker's range

Do you want the body to come home?

- yes, for the first few days
- yes, for one / two days before the funeral
- more days
- not at all

What will the person who has died wear?

- I will supply clothes for the body
- The body will be clothed in a gown supplied by the undertaker
- How will the hair be groomed?
- I will supply a photograph of the person who has died
- I will give instructions about this
- The undertaker will use his or her discretion

- If you want the undertaker to wash and dress the body, do you want someone of the same sex to do it?

Do you want to visit the person who has died?

- no visit
- one visit
- one visit on the day before the funeral
- as and when
- every day
- long periods
- no religious imagery in the 'chapel of rest'

Embalming and invasive treatment

Note that embalming is sometimes referred to as a 'hygienic treatment. It is a cosmetic treatment and not simply a good public health measure as some undertakers might suggest

- yes / no to embalming, sanitary treatment or hygienic treatment

What transport do you need on the day of the funeral?

- undertaker's hearse
- special hearse _____
- Number of following limousine/s _____
- undertaker's estate car or private ambulance
- I will supply my own transport (some undertakers will not take the contract)

Will you need bearers to carry the coffin?

- Yes
- yes, but only _____
- no, we shall carry the coffin ourselves

Do you need a priest or a celebrant?

Note: you can appoint a celebrant before you have seen your undertaker. Go to www.funeralcelebrants.org.uk

- no, we're sorted
- yes, a priest
- yes, a celebrant: semi-religious / atheist

Where will you hold the funeral?

- crematorium chapel
- cemetery chapel
- natural burial ground
- other: _____

How long will the ceremony last?

- If it is likely to last longer than 20 minutes you will need to book a double slot if your venue is the crematorium. Check with your crematorium how long they allow you.
- We'll need a single slot

- We'll need a double slot
- Who will book the funeral venue (including the crematorium)
- I will book it myself and pay direct
- the undertaker will do this

If it is to be a burial, do you require that the grave diggers;

- stay out of view of the mourners
- wait until the funeral party has left the cemetery before back filling the grave

Do you want to witness the coffin going into the cremator?

- If you do not wish to do so yourself, you may like to ask someone else to do it.
- No
- Yes. I / the undertaker will make this arrangement
- If yes, how many of you? _____

If the person who has died is to be buried, do you require grave diggers to be;

- Present and in view
- Out of view
- Wait until friends and relatives have left the cemetery before back filling grave

What's the dress code?

- I want the undertaker and staff to wear _____

Arrival

- I want the coffin brought to the door of the crematorium chapel
- I want the coffin brought to the car park, from where we will carry it ourselves
- I want the coffin brought to _____ from where we will carry it ourselves.

Procession

- I want the undertaker to walk in front of the hearse
- I will decide who walks in front of the hearse

What part do you want the undertaker to play at the funeral?

- master of ceremonies, in charge of everything
- record the names of the people who come
- just help out with getting people seated
- no part at all. I am the host.

Who will order the flowers?

- I will choose from undertaker's catalogue
- I will supply them
- do you require provision to be made on top of a second vehicle to accommodate flowers. Yes / No _____

You require provision be made on top of vehicles to accommodate flowers

- Yes / No

Do you want an order of service booklet?

- yes, we want the undertaker to get it printed
- yes, we shall look after this ourselves
- no, we don't one

Do you want the undertaker to collect and forward donations to a chosen charity?

- Yes / No

Do you want the undertaker to supply any of the following?

- Catering
- a piper
- live musicians
- multimedia presentation
- doves
- Balloons
- an urn for ashes