

Planning your funeral



advice and support for older age

**Independent
Age**

Use this form to record your wishes for your funeral. Make sure you keep it somewhere safe and tell a relative, friend, or someone else you trust about it.

My personal details:



Name:

Address:

Date of birth:

Phone number:

Email address:

The person I would like to carry out my wishes:



I would like:

to be buried

to be cremated

a direct burial with a memorial service

a direct cremation with a memorial service

other (eg home burial):



For more information about direct burials and cremations, read our factsheet **What to do after a death**.

I want to be buried/cremated at the following location:

I would like my ashes to be:

I would like my memorial service to be (eg in a church or another location):

I would like my funeral to be:

- religious
- non-religious
- humanist
- other _____

I would like my funeral to be:

- celebratory
- joyful
- colourful
- reflective
- traditional
- simple

I would like my funeral to be officiated by:

- a religious leader

My religion is:

- a civil celebrant
- a humanist celebrant
- a friend
- a relative

There is a particular person I would like to officiate:



I would like my funeral to be attended by:

- family
- friends
- colleagues

These specific people:

Their contact details can be found here:



I would like the following music and readings at my funeral:



Hymns and songs

Live music

Recorded music

Poems

Readings

I would like these people to speak at my funeral:



I would like to be buried/cremated with:



I want to be dressed in:

I would like the dress code to be:

- all black or sombre colours
- colourful
- normal clothing
- other _____

I want guests to bring flowers

I don't want guests to bring flowers

My favourite flower(s):

My preferences for where flowers should be placed and what should happen to them after the funeral:

During the service, I would like the coffin to be decorated with:



I want people to be able to view the coffin before the funeral

I would like an open casket at the funeral

I want my headstone or memorial plaque to read:

I would like a wake or memorial service to be held

I would like it to be held at:

Other instructions for the wake or memorial service:

I would like my coffin to be (eg wood, cardboard, bamboo, willow, a shroud instead of a coffin):

I would like my social media accounts to be memorialised where possible

I would like my social media accounts to be deleted

My digital passwords have been shared with:



I would like the following to be done in my memory:

If people wish to make donations in my memory, I would like these to be made to:

I have a particular funeral director in mind

Details:

I don't have a particular funeral director in mind

I have arranged for my funeral to be carried out without a funeral director

My executor(s):

I have made arrangements to pay for my funeral

I have a pre-paid funeral plan

Details:

I have funeral insurance

Details:

I have made allowance for my funeral costs in my estate

My funeral can be paid for from my savings



Once you have filled in this plan, make sure you keep it somewhere safe and let people know that it exists and where they can find it.

For more information on other plans you might want to make, read our guide **Planning for the end of life**.

For information on making a will, read our webpage independentage.org/making-a-will

