

**A
Personal
Pre-Planning
Funeral Guide
For**

Provided by:



Avenidas

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To those I love...

I leave with you the following wishes.

I realize that circumstances may not permit for all or any of my desires to be carried out.

My request is that you will honor these wishes, as much as possible, as you remember me.

I trust that the following will be a source of reassurance and comfort in the days ahead.

It is my desire that this will also help to avoid any confusion or uncertainty and unnecessary expense.

Love,

Signed _____

Date _____

PERSONAL RECORD

Before burial or cremation can take place, it is necessary to have the following vital information obtained for the death certificate, which is filed and registered with the Maricopa County Office of Vital Registration.

FULL NAME: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

BIRTH DATE: _____ PLACE: _____
Month Day Year City State County

WERE YOU EVER IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES? Yes No

MARITAL STATUS: Married Never Married Widowed
 Divorced Separated Unknown

SPOUSE (if wife, give maiden name): _____

YEAR YOU WERE MARRIED: _____ CITY/STATE: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

EDUCATION (Specify highest grade completed or degree earned) _____

USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life – do not say retired)

HISPANIC ORIGIN OR DESCENT: Yes No
If yes, specify: Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc: _____

RACE YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE:

Specify: Caucasion, Asian, American Indian, Black/African-American, Hispanic, Other (name)

RESIDENCE: _____
Number Street City/County/State Zip Code

RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? Yes No

LENGTH OF TIME IN ARIZONA: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____
First Middle Last

MOTHER'S NAME: _____
First Middle Maiden Name

BURIAL or CREMATION (please circle one)

NAME OF CEMETERY: _____

PRIMARY PHYSICIAN _____
Name Phone

OBITUARY INFORMATION

The following are hobbies and/or personal interests I would like included in an obituary:

Clubs, lodges, membership in various organizations, church affiliation and activities:

Military service:

Special recognition and/or achievements:

Other information I would like to be included:

Survived by (*additional pages may be added*):

Name

Relationship

City & State

Pre-deceased by (*additional pages may be added*):

Name

Relationship

Year of death

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

I prefer a FUNERAL CEREMONY with burial or cremation to follow

held at Avenidas Funeral Chapel

held at church (please specify): _____

other (please specify): _____

I prefer

An open casket

Viewing only at the funeral home prior to ceremony

Family and friends only

Immediate family only

No viewing/no open casket

It doesn't matter

I prefer only a GRAVESIDE ceremony held at _____

I prefer only a MEMORIAL ceremony at _____
-with burial or cremation preceding (please circle one)

I prefer

MILITARY Ceremony

LODGE Ceremony

OTHER Ceremony _____

I suggest the following to be Pallbearers:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

MUSIC No music requests

Special music

Pre-recorded

Person/s I would like to have sing at my service _____

Person/s I would like to have play at my service _____

Music – special request notes:

I would like the following Bible verses read (I prefer _____ version of the Bible):

Please include the following readings or poetry (*these can be attached*):

BURIAL/CREMATION/MARKER INSTRUCTIONS

My preference regarding final disposition of my remains is:

- Ground burial in _____ Cemetery
 - I have a purchased plot
 - I have not yet purchased a plot

- Mausoleum in _____ Cemetery
 - I have a purchased crypt
 - I have not yet purchased a crypt

- Cremation
 - I prefer that my cremated remains (ashes) be interred in a:
 - Mausoleum (niche)
 - Burial plot
 - Scattered
 - Other _____

MARKER/HEADSTONE

A marker/headstone would be my desire – with the following inscription/guideline:

PERSONAL PREFERENCES

Glasses to be worn: Yes No

Glasses to remain with me: Yes No

Remove before interment and return to: _____

Jewelry to be worn: _____

Jewelry to remain with me: Yes No

Remove before interment and return to: _____

Other: _____

OFFICIANT

My first preference for clergy/speaker is: _____

Phone #: _____

My second preference for clergy/speaker is: _____

Phone #: _____

Some things I would like to have shared at the ceremony would be (*you may wish to attach additional pages*): _____

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL DONATIONS (optional):

I want my family and friends to know of my appreciation of the following organizations, ministries, and/or charities:

Name & Address _____

Name & Address _____

Name & Address _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Please contact the following regarding my:

Life Insurance Policy

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____
Agent _____ Phone # _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____
Agent _____ Phone # _____

Pre-Need Funeral Insurance

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____
Agent _____ Phone # _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____
Agent _____ Phone # _____

Other

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____
Agent _____ Phone # _____

Insurance Company _____ Policy # _____
Agent _____ Phone # _____

Labor/Other Benefits

Labor Union _____ Local # _____
Phone # _____

Comments:

Questions Sometimes Asked

Is embalming required?

The State of Arizona does not require embalming for burial or cremation. It is the policy of Avenidas Funeral Chapel to require embalming if a viewing/visitation with open casket is requested.

Which is “right” – burial or cremation?

Choosing burial or cremation is a very personal decision. There is no “right” or “wrong”.

How much should we spend on funeral expenses?

Choose only those services that you want and are willing to pay for. Pay close attention to your budget, and make it known of your wishes for your family to stick to this budget.

Do we have to view the body?

No. Viewing the body, though, can help to give closure and help family and friends to express their grief.

Do we need to have a ceremony?

A ceremony helps to give closure. For many it provides an opportunity for family and friends to gather together to express their grief and sadness. It also can be a time to celebrate and honor the memories and life of their loved one.

Should children attend the service?

Yes, if they and their parents would like them to. Children of any age need closure also.

Should clergy or musicians receive payment or a gift?

An honorarium is normally appropriate and can be arranged through your funeral director.

What should we do with the cremated remains?

These can be placed in an urn to be buried, stored in a vault, kept at home, or scattered. (Check with your funeral director about any legal restrictions.)

What about whole-body donation for medical research?

These arrangements must be made in advance with a medical school. (Check with your funeral director.)

Organ donation?

This should be discussed in advance with your hospital or medical care provider in advance.

When will I stop hurting?

It is never easy to let go, either of the one we love or of the grief we feel as a result of the loss. The funeral director and staff will be able to point you to many valuable resources.

This is probably a really silly question...

There are no silly questions. Call your funeral director at any time with any question or concern you may have!