

So many choices!

Things have changed a lot.

No longer are you restricted to the archaic, Victorian vision of top hat and black. This simply does not reflect our modern ways of expressing grief and honouring a life.

So what to choose?

Anything that feels right for you and your family.

A funeral is an opportunity for friends and family to come together, to share in their grief, giving support and offering kindness. It's a time to honour and celebrate the person who has died, what their life meant to those around them.

With this in mind you are free to choose where you have a funeral (it doesn't have to be a crematorium or church) and how you honour the person.

Personal details

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CREMATION OR BURIAL?

IF CREMATION, WOULD YOU LIKE THE SERVICE AT A DIFFERENT VENUE (WITH COFFIN PRESENT)?

This can be a wedding venue, village hall, home, garden etc or the service held at a crematorium?

DO YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE AS TO WHICH CREMATORIUM?

AS AN ALTERNATIVE YOU COULD HAVE A DIRECT CREMATION FOLLOWED BY A FUNERAL SERVICE WITH THE ASHES PRESENT AT A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING VENUE OR SIMILAR.

IF CREMATION WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE DONE WITH THE ASHES AFTER?

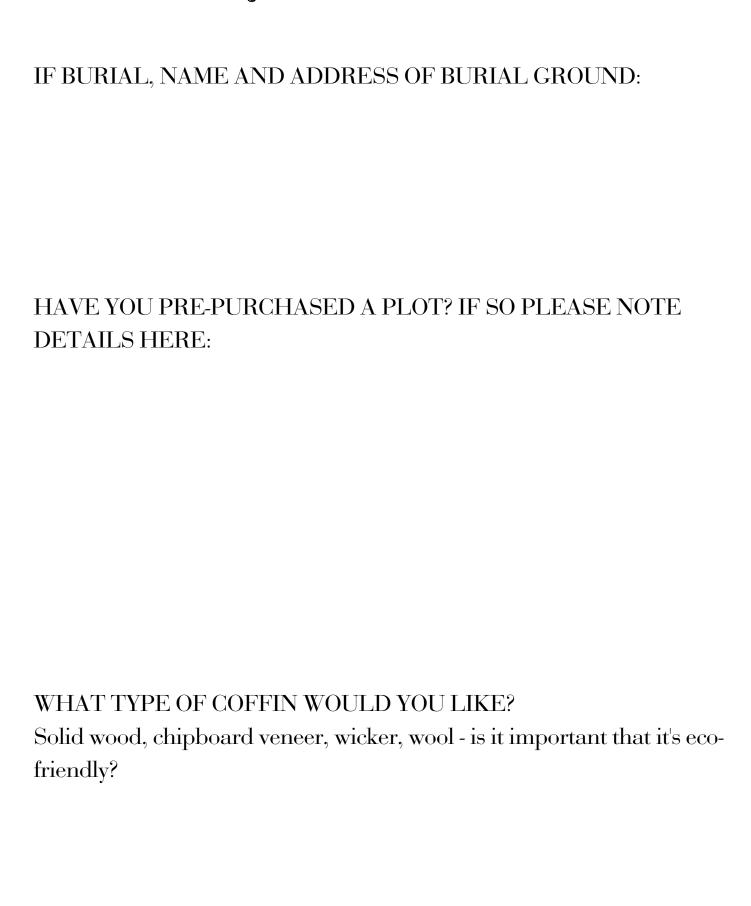
IF YOU WOULD LIKE A BURIAL WHAT TYPE OF BURIAL WOULD YOU LIKE?

The options are:

Natural Burial - this option is the BEST for our environment, you can have a tree and be returned to nature. Please visit www.naturaldeath.org.uk for a list of authentic natural burial grounds that adhere to a high standard.

Woodland Burial - this is not a true natural burial but a traditional burial with a tree, it doesn't have the same environmental benefits as a a true natural burial.

Traditional Burial - these are in local municipal sites belonging to either the church or the council.



FLOWERS FOR COFFIN:

What are your favourite flowers? Do you have a preferred florist? Would you prefer that friends and family picked/created something from their garden's/ hedgerows depending on what's in season?

HEARSE?

How would you like to be moved on the day of your funeral? You don't have to have a hearse, friends and family who have a car/van large enough can do this or you can have a traditional hearse (in a range of colours from silver, white, black, rainbow through to leopard print and hot pink!) or maybe a horse and carriage, camper van or motorcycle hearse.

WHAT MUSIC WOULD YOU LIKE?

You can have as many tracks as you like. Would you like live music or recorded?

DONATIONS:

It's popular now to raise money for a cause instead of people bringing shop bought flowers, this could be a favourite charity, a fund for children left behind or to help raise money to pay for the funeral.

TYPE OF SERVICE:

Would you like a traditional and formal service or would you prefer a more relaxed affair where people can share their memories impromptu? Would you like a religious ceremony, a humanist or a spiritual ceremony?

WHO TO LEAD CEREMONY?

Would you like a vicar, celebrant or friend to lead the ceremony?

READINGS:

Do you have any favourite readings/poetry that you would like included? The more the better for those left behind, it takes away the stress of trying to find something themselves that they THINK you may have liked.

MESSAGES:

Would you like to leave any messages to friends and family that can be either read or you could record before you die? If yes, where are these kept?

GIFTS:

Would you like to gift anything during the service for people to remember you by? This could be an acorn to grow, seeds for the garden, bird seed, flowers, something you made etc.

FOOD AND DRINK:

What food and drink would you like people to enjoy afterwards? Would you like a toast at the end of the ceremony? Do you have any favourite recipes to share with people?

PRAYERS & BLESSINGS:

You don't have to be religious to want prayers and blessings at your funeral. These are beautiful phrases of love and hope that go on to support and help all.

DRESS:

What would you like people to wear on the day? Smart? Smart casual? Casual? Colour? No black? Black? People like to be told what to wear so they can feel safe in knowing they are doing what you wanted.

VISION BOARD:

It can be really helpful to those you leave to create a vision board of things that you would like included on the day, what kind of feel you would like on the day, colours and thoughts.

My farewell wishes Vision board example



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