



WHY SHOULD I THINK ABOUT PRE-PLANNING MY FUNERAL?

Funeral Planning Basics

Tip: Write down **as many details** as possible about your wishes and send copies to not only your choice funeral home but your executor(s) as well so there is no confusion about what you want

- 1) Set Goals
- 2) Review Limitations
- 3) Look at Available Options
- 4) Weigh out the Pros & Cons of Each Option
- 5) Talk to Others
- 6) Arrive at a Final Decision

What are the benefits of pre-planning your funeral?



Make sure your wishes are followed by explicitly stating whether you prefer cremation or burial, specifying details on what kind of ceremony you would like. Include as much detail as possible so there is no room for reader interpretation.



Remove the stress from your family by erasing the burden of trying to plan and decide on arrangements immediately after your death. Remove the opportunity for disputes between family members.



More payment options. There are 3 common choices for payment when pre-planning a funeral including: paying for it in its completion, paying for it over time in a series of payments, or taking out an insurance policy to cover all or some of the funeral expenses and estate taxes.



Lock into a price and avoid inflation. Inflation impacts every industry and funeral homes are no exception. Avoid rising costs or the impact of inflation by locking into a price the day you sign the contract.

Consider an Advance Directive

An advance directive is a written statement providing information on a person's wishes in regards to medical treatment. When properly signed and witnessed, an advance directive will provide guidance on medical and health care decisions when a person is no longer able to make those decisions for themselves.