



Callaway-Smith-Cobb
Funeral and Cremation Services

OUR FUNERAL PRE-PLANNING GUIDE

Funeral Pre-Arrangement Basics

Tip: Write down your wishes in as much detail as possible. This will go a long way in ensuring that you are receiving the exact services you would like. Be sure to give a copy to the funeral home as well as a family member/executor.

- 1) What are your goals?
- 2) Are there limitations?
- 3) What are the available options?
- 4) What are the pros and cons of each option?
- 5) Have you talked to your loved ones?
- 6) Are you ready to make your final decision?

What are the benefits of pre-planning your funeral?



Make sure your exact wishes are being followed by writing down detailed notes highlighting the services you would prefer. Describe exactly what type of ceremony you would like. You should also make note of your preference of burial or cremation.



Ease your family's stress after you are gone by having all of your arrangements planned and in order. This eliminates the chance of any tension building between family members that could lead to disputes.



More payment options. There are 3 common payment options for people who are 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.