



THE IMPORTANCE OF FUNERAL PRE PLANNING

THE BASICS OF PLANNING

- Set goals
- Review limitations
- Look at available options
- Weigh the pros and cons of each option
- Talk to others about the best options
- Arrive at a final decision



WE HAVE DIVIDED FUNERAL PLANNING INTO THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT CATEGORIES

1. TAKING CARE OF FINANCES AND PROPERTY

Create a contact list of everyone who should be notified in a medical emergency or death including the name of your funeral home

Give your executor(s) a copy of your will and the contact list

Select someone you trust to deal with your online accounts: email, online memberships and social media. Include all relevant info. and whether or not they should delete, close, or keep any of the accounts

Give your executor(s) a list of bank and investments accounts, creditors, mortgage or lien information, insurance policies, retirement plans, safe deposit boxes, real and personal properties of value & all related telephone numbers

If you are receiving benefits from Social Security or the Veterans' Administration, your executor(s) will need that information to suspend benefit payments

2. TAKING CARE OF FUNERAL RELATED DETAILS

Make note of all the details you want mentioned in your obituary - you could even write your own

If you have chosen burial, what type of casket would you like? What kind of material?

Would you like a traditional funeral, memorial service, or celebration of life?

What special activities would you prefer at a celebration of life?

What types and color of flowers would you prefer?

Would you like to select a charitable organization to receive donations in your name?

State, in writing your preferences for a burial or cremation

If burial is preferred, provide the details of the cemetery arrangements. If you have not purchased a burial plot, this is the time to do so

If you choose cremation, what do you want done with the ashes?

If you'd like a celebration of life, what location would you suggest for this?

What music or special readings would you prefer?

If you're a veteran, would you like to receive full military honors? Would you like to be buried in a veterans' cemetery?

3. TAKING CARE OF YOUR PETS

If you share your life with animal companions, you should think about who you would like to take care of your pets. Consult with the person to see if this is something they are interested in doing for you and then write down your intentions and include all contact information. This should be signed and witnessed, and then given to your executor.