



*A Personal Guide for
Funeral Planning
for You and Your
Loved Ones*



Thoughtful preparation can offer peace of mind not only to the one making the plans but also to those left behind. Does your spouse or family know how you really feel about your funeral? Talking about your own funeral may be uncomfortable; but preplanning is a practical gesture because it allows you to make unhurried, informed decisions. Advanced planning also compels you to organize important documents your survivors will need later. With advanced planning, you can choose a reasonable budget, and even set aside the funds to ease the financial burden to your family. There are several important things to consider when preplanning. You will want to consider your own wishes and religious practices, but also the needs of the family members you leave behind. At Lauer Funeral Home we can discuss the many preplanned funeral options available, and help you select one suited for your personal needs that will relieve your family of the stress of making many decisions at a difficult time. However, if you are not ready to discuss your funeral arrangements, simply compiling the information mentioned in this booklet can be invaluable for your family and at the same time assure that your wishes are known. We suggest you fill out the information in this booklet and give a copy to a trusted relative; or, if you wish you can also place a copy on file with us. This booklet can be printed and filled out by hand, or you can type in responses via computer and save as a computer file for printing and / or sending by email. Contact us at Lauer Funeral Home at any time if you have any questions.



PERSONAL DECLARATION TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS: It is my desire that you be spared from anxiety, emotional turmoil, and inconvenience at the time of my death. In this booklet you will find information I have recorded and compiled hoping to relieve you of the burden of many decisions at the time of need. Also recorded in this booklet are certain vital statistics other personal information that will be needed for the death certificate and for compiling a true memory of myself in an obituary.

Signature _____ *Date* _____

General Information

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____

City / State / Country of Birth: _____

List of Any Other Cities, States, or Countries of Residence or Long-term Travel
(include when and how long):

Education History

Highest Educational Degree Obtained and From Where:

Names of Other Schools, including Locations, and Graduation Dates:

Employment History

Occupation and Employer (Prior to Retirement):

Work History (names of key employers, length of employment, notes on anything special to you about where you worked):

Marital History

Current Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorced

Spouse's Name: _____

Your Maiden Name: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Place of Marriage (city/state and church or temple name if applicable):

Special Marriage Anniversaries Celebrated: _____

Names of Children (with city/state of residence or, if deceased, date of death):

Family History

Father's Name: _____

If Deceased, Father's Date of Death: _____

Father's Birthplace (City / State / Country): _____

Mother's Name (including maiden name): _____

If Deceased, Mother's Date of Death: _____

Mother's Birthplace (City / State / Country): _____

Names of Siblings (with either city/state of residence, or date of death):

Other Immediate Family Members who are Deceased (with date of death):

Military Service Information

Service Number: _____

Branch of Service / Unit Name: _____

Dates of Service: _____

Locations of Service/Name of War / Operations Participated In:

Rank When Discharged: _____

Location of Discharge Papers: _____

Activities, Enjoyments, Accomplishments

Church Memberships, Organizations, Community Involvement:

Special Honors, Recognitions or Accomplishments Proud of:

Interest and Activities of Enjoyment:

Personal Wishes for Funeral Service

Type of Funeral Selected (for example, Traditional, Graveside, Cremation):

Casket / Urn Selection: _____

Burial Vault Selection: _____

Casket Spray (type of flowers, etc): _____

For Veterans, Military Honors at Gravesite: Yes No

For Veterans, Flag to Drape Casket: Yes No

Burial Garment Requests (including jewelry, eyeglasses, etc):

Special Items/Photos for Display during Visitation and Services:

Photo Selection for Obituary, and Memorial Folders / Prayer Cards (indicate where to find the photo):

Prayer or Poem Selection for Prayer Cards/Memorial Folders:

Location Selected for Funeral Service (for example, church, temple, at the funeral home, etc):

Memorial Designation (where donations can be made in your memory):

Clergy Preference (religion and any specific individuals):

Casket Bearers (six to eight individuals):

Music Selection for Services:

Readings for Services (and any preferred readers):

Cemetery Selection: _____

Cemetery Monument Requests (type, shape, color of stone, inscriptions, visual designs ideas, include military marker yes/no, etc.):

Information for Legal and Government Filings

Social Security Number (needed for death certificate): _____

Estimated Number of Death Certificates to Order (These will be needed for claims on life insurance policies, for executing your will regarding investments and property, for completing income taxes, and for miscellaneous purposes such as closing out cell phone contracts, etc.):

Donor Information

Have you designated yourself as an organ donor? If so, specify any contact information for the receiving organization, if known:

Miscellaneous

Other requests or pertinent information:

