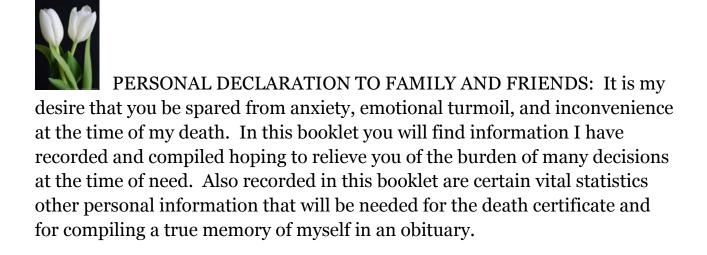


# A Personal Guide for Funeral Planning for You and Your Loved Ones

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.



Signature	Date		
	<u>General Information</u>	<u>on</u>	
First Name:			
Middle Name:			
Last Name:			
Address:			
City:	County:	State:	
Zip:	Telephone:		
Date of Birth (MM/DD	)/YY):		
City / State / Country of	of Birth:		

List of Any Other Cities, States, or Countries of Residence or Long-termTravel (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:	$\Box$ Single	□ Married	□ Widowed	□ Divorced
Spouse's Name:				
Your Maiden Name:				
Date of Marriage:				
Place of Marriage (city/s	tate and ch	nurch or tem	ple name if ap	plicable):
Special Marriage Annive	rsaries Cele	ebrated:		
Names of Children (with	city/state	of residence	or, if deceased	l, 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:

### **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: $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
For Veterans, Flag to Drape Casket: $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ 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:

