

# ADVANCE FUNERAL WISHES

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Details for the funeral of (full name): .....

Address: .....

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## DETAILS

(Please circle the appropriate answer)

(1) I have written a Will – Yes / No

The Will is located .....

(If there is a Will, please treat this document as expanding on the wishes expressed in that Will, with the Will taking legal precedent if relevant).

(2) My next of kin is (name / address / tel. no): .....

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(3) The person arranging the funeral will be: .....

(If you have a Will, and this person is not the executor, then any executor must agree to the arrangements in this document).

(4) After your death, whoever registers your death would find it helpful to know where certain important documents are. Please state where they could find the following:

- your NHS Card and / or NHS Number
- details of birth or birth certificate
- details of any state pensions and allowances.

Please state where they can be located or who is aware of their location: .....

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(To complete your "estate" additional important information will be needed, such as bank details, insurance policies etc. A list of these can be found at the end of this form).

(5) Do you wish to donate your body to medical science?

(If yes, this must be arranged in advance. This form will not be necessary, and you need to discuss the funeral with whoever is using the body.)

### FUNERAL DETAILS

(6) Is it your wish to die at home? Yes / No

If so, do you want to have your body retained at home until the funeral? Yes / No

(7) If you should die in hospital or a nursing home, do you want your body to be returned home prior to the funeral? Yes / No

If so, indicate how long for? .....

(8) In most situations, nurses lay out the body. Where it is possible, would you prefer someone else to do this, or perhaps assist? Yes / No

Give name and contact details: .....  
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(9) Do you wish your body to be embalmed? Yes / No

(If you choose woodland / natural burial, embalming may not be accepted.)

(10) What type of coffin do you require? .....

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(If you require an unusual, or artist painted coffin, details of the supplier and design must be arranged.) .....  
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(11) For the funeral, do you want your body transporting in:-

A standard hearse? Yes / No

Other? Yes / No

If "Yes" please specify vehicle type and leave contact details of the company if possible.

(12) Do you want a following limousine for the immediate family? Yes / No

(They can use their own vehicles, if preferred).

(13) Bearers – Would you prefer family / friends to bear your coffin (4 - 6 needed)? Yes / No

or

Would you prefer bearers provided by a funeral director? Yes / No

(14) Flowers – which of the options below would you prefer? Please tick as appropriate.

- Wreath and flower choice to mourners
- Family flowers only
- No flowers
- Other

and / or

- Donations to charity .....

(This must be announced at service).

(15) Obituaries – If you want your death and funeral announced in any publications.

Which publications? .....

How many entries? .....

(16) Do you have any special requests, i.e. letter or photo to be placed in coffin, special

route for the hearse, jewellery left on your body etc? .....

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### THE FUNERAL SERVICE

(17) Do you require a funeral service? Yes / No

If yes, before going to the crematorium or burial, do you want a service in church, chapel, village hall or other place first? Please give details.....

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(18) What religion / spiritual belief / philosophy will the service be based upon? .....

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(19) Do you have a minister, independent celebrant, humanist officiant or other person in mind to take the service? This can be a friend or relative, if desired. Yes / No

If "Yes" please give name and contact details .....

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(20) If you wish to guide those arranging the service, enter the following details:-

Is the service open to all? Yes / No

Any music, hymns during service .....

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Music entering .....

Music leaving .....

Any text or poems .....

Any other details .....

(21) Do you want an address/eulogy at the service about your life? Yes / No

If "Yes", please give the name and contact details of the person who you would like to write or give the address

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Or

Do you want to write it? Yes / No

(If "Yes", please enclose with this envelope.)

(22) Is there any particular person(s) you wish to be invited to the service, who might otherwise be omitted? Yes / No

Name / Address.....  
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(23) Are there any rituals or features you want including in the service? Yes / No  
(Items placed on coffin, photograph displayed in the chapel etc.) .....  
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**WAKE / GATHERING AFTER FUNERAL**

(24) Do you wish for a gathering or wake after the funeral? Yes / No  
If so, just for family, or friends as well? .....  
Where would you like it to be held?

(25) Do you wish there to be food and drink? Yes / No  
If so, any preference as to how much and what? .....  
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(26) Any other requests, such as music, slide show etc? .....  
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**CREMATION**

(27) After cremation, where would you like your cremated remains placing? .....  
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(28) If an urn or casket is required, do you require a specific type? Yes / No  
Type .....

**BURIAL**

(29) Your preferred place of burial .....

If an existing grave, location of deeds .....

If a new grave, grave type .....

(30) Do you have a specific memorial (headstone) in mind? Yes / No

If "yes", are you sure this is permitted on the above grave?

Name of any mason/supplier if you have identified to supply and/or fix the memorial .....

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### SUBSEQUENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

(28) If you require a memorial service, or some sort of gathering, do you have any particular wishes as to where or how long after the funeral? .....

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### COMMEMORATION

(29) If you require a form of commemoration after your death, please state

(This may include a grave memorial, Book of Remembrance, etc. or may extend to a donation, endowment, gift to parish or church, or the planting of a tree. If the information is given in a Will or is confidential, there is no need to give details.) .....

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### LAST WISHES

(30) Are there any last wishes, or words unsaid you wish to say now? .....

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or perhaps you wish to leave a letter? State location and to whom addressed .....

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Any particular sections that I have left unanswered, I leave to the discretion of my family / the person arranging the funeral.

These are my Advance Funeral Wishes. I hope that those people who are responsible for my funeral are, as far as possible, able to carry them out.

Signed by:

Full Name :

Date:

Witness :

Date:

The following items will be required by the executor or your family to complete your estate. If you live alone, it will be useful to state where they are located:-

Marriage certificate / bank account details / credit cards / hire purchase agreements / mortgage and home insurance details / rent books / gas, electricity, water and telephone account details / life insurance / car details / share certificate details / premium bonds / pension details / details of doctor, solicitor, accountant, stockbroker, employer / full home address / last occupation / full name and occupation of spouse / maiden name if married woman.