

PERSONAL WISHES FOR FUNERAL SERVICE

Following a loss, a family requires healing and closure, and a meaningful funeral is a very important part of this process. A healing tribute includes three essential elements:

A gathering. A gathering allows family and friends to meet informally to give and receive love, comfort, and support from one another. The gathering may include a visitation, viewing, fellowship meal, informal memory sharing time, or any combination of the above.

A ceremony with religious or spiritual overtones. An organized ceremony offers a dignified tribute in honor of the deceased and helps the grieving family search for meaning in loss. The tribute may include religious or spiritual elements that offer hope such as readings from sacred texts, special music, meaningful letters or notes, and memories of a lasting legacy.

A procession to the final resting place. For the family, a procession is a strong symbol of unity, support, and acknowledgement that something important has occurred. There is also finality in laying the body to rest which provides a point of closure and gives loved ones a place to return to in the future to search for further meaning.

HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED?

A GATHERING

- Private Family Viewing Viewing/Visitation/Wake Open Casket Closed Casket Memorial Portrait
 Memory Sharing Time Memorial Picture Board Video Tribute Memorial Display Items Fellowship Meal

A CEREMONY WITH RELIGIOUS OR SPIRITUAL OVERTONES

- Memorial Service (after burial or cremation) Funeral Service (before burial or cremation)
 Graveside Service (burial or cremation) Location of service _____
 Eulogy Presented By _____ Other Speakers _____
 Music _____
 Readings _____
 Other Personalization Options _____
Focal Point for the Service Closed Casket Ceremonial Urn Framed Picture Other _____
Type of Casket _____ Type of Urn _____
Clothing Description _____ Jewelry On Off Give To _____
Embalming Yes No Standard Embalming Eco-Friendly Embalming

FINAL RESTING PLACE

- Pallbearers _____

Cemetery Property Location _____ Purchased Lot? Yes No
If Yes, Lot Description Section _____ Lot No. _____ Space No. _____
Deed Owner _____
Vault Steel Concrete Description _____
Permanent Memorial Marker Bronze Marble Granite Upright Ground Level
 Companion Individual Mausoleum Other _____
Inscription _____
Additional Information/Instructions _____
Newspapers to Notify _____
Memorial Contributions To _____