

Funeral Planning Checklist

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- Preparations
 - Collect personal information for obituary.
 - Plan the type of funeral service you will be having.
 - Decide when the funeral will be held.
 - Decide who will attend.
 - Choose a funeral home.
- Funeral Home Services
 - Choose burial or cremation.
 - Select a casket or cremation container.
 - Select a burial vault or cremation urn.
 - Choose the funeral location.
 - Choose family viewing or visitation.
 - Decide on the type of flower arrangements.
 - Select a photograph to be displayed.
 - Decide which religious or fraternal items are to be displayed.
 - Decide what the deceased will wear.
 - Select music, hymns, and solos.
 - Select scripture or literature to be read.
 - Select a memorial register.
 - Select memorial folders and acknowledgement cards.
 - Decide on the transportation.
- Participants
 - Choose clergy or officiator.
 - Choose organist.
 - Select pallbearers.
 - Select family member or friend to perform the eulogy.
 - Select family member or friend to read scripture or literature.
- Cemetery Selections
 - Choose a cemetery.
 - Select a burial or cremation plot.
 - Decide whether above or below ground.

- Select a memorial or grave marker and inscription.
- Final Arrangements
 - Apply for death certificates.
 - Apply for a burial permit.
 - Request preparation and embalming.
 - Compose and submit obituary.
 - Arrange location and food for the reception.