



The Natural Death Society

For my funeral I would like...

We have produced this document to help you to make decisions and to let others know about the kind of funeral that you would like held for you when you die.

We appreciate that there is a lot to think about and that you will want to think carefully about the choices available before making any decisions regarding your funeral wishes - if you would like help with this or need more information, please contact [The Natural Death Centre Helpline](#), and we will be pleased to assist you.

My Funeral Wishes

I have been giving some thought to the kind of funeral I would like, and I have written everything down on this form to help you to make decisions when the time comes.

My full name is

I am known as

I live at
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..... Postcode

My faith /religion / belief is

My immediate next of kin is

I would like (state names)

of (address)

who is/are my (relationship)
..... to help with the arrangements for my funeral

To help you to arrange my funeral and deal with my estate, here is a list of documents that I have prepared and details of where to find them.

I have made my Last Will and Testament

Location/Details:
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I have arranged a Pre-Paid Funeral Plan

Location/Details:
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I have planned my Funeral Ceremony

Location:
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I have written letters to those close to me

Location:
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When I die, I would like my body to be:

- Buried
- Cremated
- Donated to medical science*

(*I have completed the necessary paperwork which is located
.....)

I would like my funeral to be carried out by:

- My preferred Funeral Director, namely
- A Funeral Director, I don't mind which, but please obtain three fully itemised quotes for my funeral before appointing anyone.
- I would like my family/friends to do everything

I would like to be buried:

➤ In cemetery, Grave Number (if applicable)

➤ In a natural burial ground (name if applicable)

➤ In churchyard

➤ In my garden

➤ At sea

or

I would like to be cremated:

➤ At: crematorium

Following the cremation, I would like my cremated remains to be:

➤ Kept at home in a decorative urn

➤ Buried (location)

➤ Scattered on land at

➤ Scattered over water at

* Please remember to ask permission from the owner of the land or waterway first.

Before the funeral, I would like my body to be:

➤ At my home (if it is convenient for my family)

➤ The funeral director's premises

➤ The hospital mortuary

Caring for my body:

I would prefer my body be washed and dressed by:

➤ My family or friends / the funeral director's staff

➤ I do not want my body to be embalmed / I want my body to be embalmed

✈ I would like my body to be dressed in the following clothes:

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✈ I would like the following items to be placed with my body:

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✈ I would like family and friends to be able to see me in my coffin

or

✈ I would prefer that the coffin lid is kept closed

I would like my coffin/casket to be:

✈ Made in the UK

✈ Made from FSC certified wood

or

✈ I would like to be buried in a simple shroud

I would like a coffin constructed out of:

✈ Traditional veneered chipboard

✈ Undecorated cardboard

✈ Personally designed cardboard

✈ Willow or wicker

✈ Bamboo

✈ Banana leaves, sea grass or other material

✈ Solid wood, e.g. oak/walnut/mahogany)

✈ Wool

✈ An Ecopod

I would prefer the cost of my coffin to be:

✈ Under £300

✈ £300 to £500

✈ £500 to £1000

✈ £1000 plus

I would like my coffin to be carried by the following people if they are willing:

- 1. 2.
- 3. 4.
- 5. 6.
- 7. 8.

My favourite flowers are:

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- ✎ I would like these to be included in any flowers from by my family and friends
- ✎ I would like just a simple bunch of these on my coffin, not wrapped in plastic/cellophane
- ✎ I do not want any flowers at all but would prefer people make a donation to charity if they wish.

The charities I support are:

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I would like my funeral ceremony to be:

- ✎ A traditional religious ceremony
- ✎ A combination of religious and non-religious content
- ✎ A celebration of my life without any religious content
- ✎ Written by my family or friends

I would like my funeral ceremony to be held at:

- ✎ The cemetery/crematorium
- ✎ My place of worship, namely:
- ✎ At my home
- ✎ At the following venue:

I would like the ceremony to be conducted by:

- ✎ A religious leader, namely:
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- ✎ An Independent celebrant, namely:
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✈ A family member/friend, namely:

At my funeral service I would like:

The following songs/hymns/music to be played/sung:

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The following poems/readings included as part of the ceremony:

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The following people to be given the opportunity to say a few words if they wish:

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- I don't mind what people wear to my funeral
- I would prefer those attending to wear traditional black clothes
- I would like my family and friends to wear my favourite colour, which is

I would like any memorial commemorating my life to be:

- A traditional memorial made from granite, marble or similar
- Made from local/reclaimed wood or stone
- A plaque
- A living memorial – a tree, meadow flowers or similar
- Other:
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I confirm that this document is an accurate record of how I would like my funeral to be.

Signed: Dated:

Witnessed: Dated:

You should keep your funeral wishes form in a safe place, along with any other important documents that might help your family and friends to arrange your funeral and deal with your estate, such as a Will, pre-paid funeral plan, etc.

You should also tell others that you have prepared this document, so that when the time comes for your wishes to be acted upon, family and friends will know where to find it.

You may also wish to discuss your choices with friends and family and show or give them a copy of this document. We recommend that you review your funeral wishes from time to time to ensure that they reflect any changes in your wishes or personal circumstances.