

FUNERAL / MEMORIAL PREPARATION GUIDE

The purpose of this preparation guide is to make suggestions so that your family can lovingly and truthfully reflect your life and faith during a memorial/funeral. This is not intended to be a binding document, but rather provides your family and pastor with a sense of your hopes and some of the narratives behind them. We hope this form will be a help to your loved ones during a time of grief and much to attend to.

This guide has been prepared by:
(name)

The church congregation I want contacted at the time of my death:
(name and contact information)

My choice of a funeral home is:
(name, address, phone number • website, email address, if known)

I request the following disposition of my body:
(please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> burial | <input type="checkbox"/> internment of ashes | <input type="checkbox"/> spreading of ashes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cremation | <input type="checkbox"/> composting | |

Further details, for where this service will be fulfilled:
(include contact information)

PLANNING FOR A RELIGIOUS SERVICE

I would prefer:

(please check all that apply)

- a funeral (with your body present)
- a memorial service (without your body present)
- a graveside committal service
- no service of any kind
- other type of service (please give more details below)

Details regarding that service include:

- with Holy Communion
- at the church
- at the funeral home

SCRIPTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Scripture to be read is finalized by the pastor, but your recommendations are appreciated and are typically followed. You can choose up to four readings, usually including one Old Testament reading, one Psalm, one New Testament reading, and one Gospel reading. If you have stories or reflections on why a particular passage is meaningful to you, then please record those here as they are very valuable to the pastor in shaping the homily and tone for your service.

MUSIC

Are there hymns or songs you would request to be included in this service? For a service without communion, there are typically three songs, with the potential for one special piece of music. For a service with communion, you would add an additional two communion songs.

If these songs are connected to life stories or have particular meaning for you, then please reflect that here.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The church musician will be the one to lead music for this service unless unavailable. You can include requests for special music, such as a soloist, instrumentalist, or cantor to lead the vocals.

EULOGY

We recommend that you identify one person to give a eulogy. This is an optional part of the service, but can be a meaningful way for family to share memories.

PALLBEARERS

My choice of pallbearers (as needed), if able to serve would be: (please name six)

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

MEMORIAL DONATIONS AND FLOWERS

Memorials are often given by the church community or family and friends in remembrance and celebration. Flowers are often purchased as a condolence to remaining family. Please indicate your wishes regarding these.

MEMORIALS

Memorial designation that would be meaningful to me include:

(we recommend you include Mountain View Lutheran Church as one option; you can also choose another charity that has been important to you)

FLOWERS

- flowers used at discretion of my family
- no flowers
- I prefer that there be memorial donations in lieu of flowers

MILITARY CEREMONY INSTRUCTIONS

Military ceremony instructions include:
(contacts, etc.)

OTHER INFORMATION

Wishes not previously covered include:

Please let your family know of these plans so that they know to consult them. You can also review and affirm them together.

Signature:

Date signed: