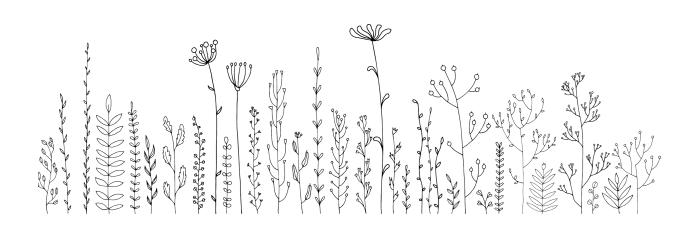


For when I die...





My details

Message	TIP - Write a message here to the person who reads this document
My full name	
My home address	
My date of birth	
The person or people to contact in case of my death	Name: Relation: Contact details:

Documents

I have a will, it is kept	TIP - if you haven't, you probably should get a solicitor-written will, a service often offered in return for a charitable donation.
I have a pre-paid funeral plan	TIP - Don't feel pressured into taking out a pre-paid funeral plan; it can be just as good to keep your money in a savings account, because of the fees charged by the plan provider and commissions paid out to the person who arranged it.
	Yes / No Plan details:



I have set aside money to pay for my funeral	Bank: Account No: Sort code:
Financials	I attach a list of my bank accounts, building society accounts, savings bonds, insurance plans, pension plans, shares and investments, etc.
Business	I attach a list of my Business partners, Solicitor, Accountant, Landlord(s), Tenant(s), etc.

Announcements

Telephone tree – who to call	I attach a list of people to call and have highlighted those who should be asked to let others know.
Newspaper announcement	No / Yes If yes, which newspapers?



Think about what's important when planning your funeral...

For example:

- Don't waste money on what doesn't matter
- Get it done quickly within a week if possible
- Don't mess around with dressing me in clothes, just keep me decent
- I do not want to be embalmed it's a gruesome, poisonous and invasive process
- Make sure the coffin isn't lined with plastic, I don't want to be shrink-wrapped.
 Use layers of newspaper and cotton calico instead.
- I'd like a natural burial in a peaceful, natural spot in a simple wooden box with rope handles or a big canvas body bag on a board
- Put a piece of my pottery in with me and my transistor radio tuned to Radio 4
- Fill the bottom of the grave with a deep layer of leaf-mould, compost or grass cuttings
- Take me in the van use their trolley and put me onto the putlogs across the grave
- Keep it small, keep it simple, and keep it real take the dogs
- Say a few words, read a favourite poem or two and sing Calon Lan
- Lower me in, leave me the crossword for something to do and raise a glass to say goodbye (sherry seems a good choice)
- Look after yourselves and be good to each other.



Funeral arrangements

I have decided to be	Buried / Cremated Name of burial ground or crematorium:
I reserved a burial or ashes plot	No / Yes If yes, the papers relating to this are attached Location: If no, I would like my ashes to be scattered. TIP - This requires the landowner's consent and is not great for the environment or ecologically sound.
Funeral director	First choice Second choice
Preferred coffin or shroud	TIP - locally made from biodegradable materials such as wicker, wood, wool, or recycled fabrics like cotton sheets
Embalming	TIP - a gruesome process that involves the replacement of blood in your body with toxic formaldehyde solution and piercing your abdomen and sucking out your innards. If you are having a natural burial, you should ask not to be embalmed. I do / I do not wish to be embalmed
Where to rest	Before the funeral, I would like to rest At home At a funeral director's No preference



Viewing	TIP - for some, this is important, but don't delay viewing
	I am happy for my body to be viewed: No Yes
	Instructions for laying out My family may / may not help lay me out if they wish
	Clothes, glasses etc. TIP - it's a struggle to dress a dead body, which you might prefer to avoid
Clothes	I would like to be dressed in
Hair	
Make-up	

Funeral service

Who to invite	I attach a list of people to invite
Dress code	
Venue	
Celebrant	
Transport	



Words	TIP - provide some help with an outline of your life, special events (we have collected some here www.leedam.com/advice/poems-and-words)
Music	
Order of ceremony	Photo to use: Style:
Video	
Flowers	TIP - instead of florist's flowers, gather flowers from the garden or specimens from the veg patch



Photos	
Special things	TIP - Something personal to you, like a hat, emblem, craftwork, baking, scent, tipple, crossword
Collection	Chosen charity
Bearers	TIP - list if there are any people you would like to be asked to bear the coffin
Special requests	

Memorial service

Place	
Conductor	
Order of service	



Decorations	
Readings	
Music	
Video	
Flowers	
Special instructions	
Memorial	
Type of memorial (If any is permitted)	
Inscription	