



For when I die...



My details

Message	<i>TIP - Write a message here to the person who reads this document</i>
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...	<i>TIP - if you haven't, you probably should get a solicitor-written will, a service often offered in return for a charitable donation.</i>
I have a pre-paid funeral plan	<i>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.</i> 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. <i>TIP - This requires the landowner's consent and is not great for the environment or ecologically sound.</i>
Funeral director	First choice Second choice
Preferred coffin or shroud	<i>TIP - locally made from biodegradable materials such as wicker, wood, wool, or recycled fabrics like cotton sheets</i>
Embalming	<i>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> 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	<i>TIP - for some, this is important, but don't delay viewing</i> 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	<i>TIP - provide some help with an outline of your life, special events (we have collected some here www.leedam.com/advice/poems-and-words)</i>
Music	
Order of ceremony	Photo to use: Style:
Video	
Flowers	<i>TIP - instead of florist's flowers, gather flowers from the garden or specimens from the veg patch</i>

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