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The purpose of this 'Funeral Wishes' booklet is to provide your loved ones, executors, or others responsible for arranging your funeral following your death, with certain information and answers to questions they will be asked at the time of need. Your wishes, as outlined in this booklet, will help immensely by taking the guesswork and uncertainty away, leaving your loved ones with clarity and the confidence to make the right choices for you, whilst still leaving scope for them to add their own personal touches as they wish.

Once completed, place this booklet with your Will or any other important documents that will need to be accessed in the event of your death. Alternatively, leave it with your next of kin or whoever you are asking to help arrange your funeral. If possible, do let those who will be organising your funeral know that this 'Funeral Wishes' booklet exists and, as importantly, where to find it!

To whom it may concern...

I have been giving some thought to the kind of funeral I would like and have now recorded my personal preferences on the following pages.

I do hope this will guide you through certain decisions after I am gone and help you in some small way. They are only suggestions; they are not legally binding, and whilst some of my requests may not be possible at the time, I know you will do your best.

Thank you.

Signed:

Date:

Some personal details...

My full name

Previous name
(if applicable)

Address
.....
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Date of birth / / Place of birth

Next of kin details...

Name

Address
.....

Email

Contact no Relationship to me

I have a Last Will & Testament; it is held by: ☐
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I have a pre-paid funeral plan with: ☐
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I have a Life Policy to cover funeral expenses with: ☐
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I would like my funeral to be a...

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Cremation

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Burial

Type of Ceremony...

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Religious service

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Celebrant led service, with possibly The Lord's Prayer and maybe a hymn

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A humanist service (non-religious)

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Unattended 'direct to crematory', with no service

I would like a service to be held at...

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A church service, followed by burial in the churchyard/cemetery

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A church service, followed by a Committal service at a crematorium, or direct cremation

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A crematorium

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A graveside service

Details of my preferred church/crematorium/cemetery:

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Somewhere else (see below)

Alternative venues are becoming increasingly popular, it may be possible to hold a service at a local community hall, barn, a favourite pub, in the garden at home, a woodland burial ground.

My preference is detailed below:

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If Burial...

I do / do not have an existing burial place reserved. Details as follows:

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Following my cremation, I would like my ashes...

- ☐ Returned to my family
- ☐ Scattered/buried (see below)

Detailed below is a specific location where I would like my ashes scattered or interred:

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My coffin choice...

- ☐ Traditional (wood veneer)
- ☐ Sussex Willow
- ☐ Simple Willow
- ☐ Personalised (photo or picture style)
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I have no preference, please choose for me

Clothing...

- ☐ The outfit I would like to be dressed in is:
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- ☐ I would like to be dressed in my clothes of your choosing
- ☐ No specific clothes, gown to be supplied by funeral director

Jewellery to be worn/removed?

Music I would like...

☐ Entry Music

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☐ Hymns

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☐ Reflection Music

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☐ Exit Music

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Poems / Readings I like...

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Donations...

My preferred charities for donations are:

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You can decide on my donation charity

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Flowers...

☐ All flowers welcome

☐ Family flowers only

☐ Coffin spray/tribute only

☐ I don't want flowers

Particular variety

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Colours I like

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Other requests...

Different mode of transport to traditional hearse (i.e. horse-drawn, tractor, etc). Items to be placed in or on coffin during service (medals, hats, flag, etc) or any other special wishes you may wish to record:

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My preferred Funeral Director is...

..... Tel:

Need help?

We hope that by completing this booklet, it offers peace of mind to all involved, at a time when families will need it most. If you have any questions when completing this booklet, you are very welcome to contact us and we will assist in anyway we can, by answering questions to explaining various options. There is no charge and no obligation to use our services.

This booklet is available from Waterhouse Funeral Directors and Heathfield Funeral Directors. Should you, your family or friends wish to complete further copies of this booklet, please ask us for a copy - our contact details are on the back page.

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