

being buried in church grounds, which gives a feeling of connectedness to one's roots that commercial cemeteries cannot offer. It is also far less expensive than standard methods of burial. If you wish to consider this option, consult with the clergy and they can direct you through that process.

I wish to be interred at:

Details for Burial Services

I would like the following readings:

[Note: If there is to be a Eucharist, a Gospel reading and at least one other lesson and a Psalm is standard. For non-Eucharistic services, two lessons and a Psalm are the custom. There are specified readings suggested in the Book of Common Prayer for burial services. BCP pgs. 470-480]

I would like the following hymns to be sung:

Special request for reflections or a particular poem or reading by particular individual(s):

I should like donations, or donations in lieu of flowers, to be given to:

Give copies of this completed form to your loved ones and your clergy.
If you have any questions or concerns please contact your clergy.

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Preparing for the End of Life

Signature above

Full Name:

Date:

Many people feel uneasy talking about, much less making arrangements concerning, their own deaths and funerals. However, planning for these things is a gift to our families and friends. It relieves them of uncertainty and confusion. Also, having the kind of service that you want is a statement about your values and beliefs. It begins to bring healing and hope to those who mourn.

It would be helpful to talk to your attorney and/or loved ones about:

Making a will. There may be things you would like to leave to loved ones or charities. Many church members like to remember their church with a gift. Remember, if you die without a will, state laws applied by the courts will govern the disposition of your possessions.

Making Powers of Attorney for financial and healthcare issues. This enables your chosen representatives to act on your behalf if you become incapable of making decisions for yourself. Having open conversation about your wishes in these matters, including alternative living arrangements should your health deteriorate, can put your mind at ease.

Funeral Arrangements

You may have ideas about what kind of funeral service you would like to have, whether at a church or a cemetery, and whether or not you wish to be cremated. The following information will be helpful to your loved ones and your church.

My name and address:

Place and date of birth:

Next of kin name and address:

Name of my church and its address, telephone, e-mail and clergy contact, if any:

I wish to be visited by a member of the clergy for prayers when my death is imminent.

Yes No (please circle one)

My preferred funeral home name, address and telephone:

**I wish to be cremated. Yes No
(please circle one)**

**I wish my funeral to take place in:
Name of church:**

I should like to have (circle wishes):

Burial Service

- Rite One or Rite Two
- with or without the Eucharist
- with or without remains

A Memorial Service / Thanksgiving Service

- with or without remains

A Simple Service of interment at the graveside or columbarium

Trinity Church, New Haven, and many other Episcopal Churches offer the interment of cremated remains in their columbarium. This is a way to maintain the old tradition of