

# Planning a Funeral Service

The first decision in planning a funeral service for you or your loved one is to choose between the following:

## Cremation:

- Where will your loved one's final resting place be?
- Would you like them buried?
- Is there a special place you would like to scatter?

## Burial:

- Do you have a cemetery plot?
- Will you need help acquiring burial space?

Next, you will want to determine what type of service and location would best suit your loved one's life.

- Do you prefer a traditional service or a contemporary service?
- Do you prefer a viewing, visitation or wake?
- Are there any religious customs you want to include?
- Will the service be public or private?
- Will you receive flowers or donations?
- Was your loved one affiliated with a church or place of worship?
- Is there a favorite place such as a restaurant or park that was of importance to your loved one?

## Getting Started:

1. Create a List – This is helpful to layout all of your ideas for the service.
2. Ask for Assistance – Family and friends will be willing to help you make arrangements. If your loved one was involved in a church or a community group, there may be people there who would like to be involved in this process.
3. Personalize the Service – Making a list of hobbies and interests can help give you some ideas on how to personalize the service. Exploring what was unique and distinctive about your loved one will help you create a memorable event.
4. Post an Obituary – The obituary is a very important piece to invite friends and family to the service.

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