



### Pre-planning

- Prepare last Will and Testament
- Decide on organ & body donation
- List people to be contacted, and contact information
- Collect personal social media information
- Collect information for obituary
- Choose charity for donations
- Choose funeral home
- Prepare funeral plan
- Pre-pay or purchase funeral insurance



### Notifications

- Contact friends and family
- Notify religious organization
- Write obituary
- Notify social media accounts



### The Wake

- Choose burial or cremation
- Choose casket or cremation container
- Choose burial vault or cremation urn
- If burial, decide if embalming
- Select who will prepare the deceased
- Choose clothing and styling
- Decide on type of viewing, if desired
- Decide on location of wake
- Choose decor for wake
  - Things to consider: music, flowers, photos, candles, special items
- Select memorial register



the *Funeral*  
Service

### The Funeral Service

- Decide on the location of the service
- Decide on the type of service
- Choose notification / invitation method
- Select programs
- Select memorial cards
- Decide if there will be a speech or eulogy
- Choose scripture or literature
  - Things to consider: prayers, poetry, scripture readings
- Choose music
  - Things to consider: type of music, instruments, specific songs
- Participants
  - Select officiator or clergy
  - Choose readers
  - Choose people to bring the gifts to altar
  - Select musicians
  - Select pallbearers
- Choose decor for funeral service
  - Things to consider: Flowers, plants, candles, photos, displays, special items, military decorations, flags, medals, symbols



*Funeral*  
Transportation

### Transportation

Transportation may be needed from funeral home to funeral service location and from funeral service to cemetery

- Transportation for the deceased
- Family
- Clergy or officiator
- Pallbearers
- Directions for guests



The final  
*Resting*  
Place

### The Final Resting Place

- Choose cemetery plot, mausoleum, or cremation plot
- Choose burial vault or cremation urn
- Purchase plots
- Choose memorial or grave marker
- Choose inscription
- Decide on grave-side ceremony or committal service
- Choose Grave side ceremony officiator



The  
*Funeral*  
Reception

### The Funeral Reception

- Choose a location
- Select food
- Provide directions for guests
- Invite guests



After the  
*Funeral*

### After the Funeral Service

- If a memorial service is desired items to consider include:
  - Memorial service
  - Slideshow
  - Final words
  - Location
  - Food
  - People invited
- Commemorative items, scholarships, donations, etc.
- Grief support
- Thank you notes
- Keep mementos