

Preplanning your funeral: answers to common questions

It can be difficult to talk about your funeral, especially when discussing it with loved ones. But planning and prepaying your funeral does not have to be an intimidating process. It's normal to have questions; so we've provided answers to some common ones. Use the space beneath each section to note your preferences and any follow up questions. And then take this with you to use as a discussion guide when you meet with your funeral director.

Preplanning

Q: What parts of my funeral can I plan now?

A: There are many options to personalize your funeral. You should think about how you'd like to be remembered, discuss your thoughts with your loved ones and record your preferences now. Here is a list of aspects that people commonly personalize:

- Traditional burial or cremation
- Viewing or visitation
- Service type and location
- Obituary information
- Your clothing
- Pallbearers and officiants
- Music and readings
- Memorial contributions
- Your memorial service
- Your post-service reception

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I'd like my funeral to include:

I do NOT want my funeral to include:

I'd like to know more about:

Prepaying

Q: What is the value of paying for my funeral today?

A: By funding your funeral today, you can spare your family from an unforeseen financial burden at the time of your passing. In addition, you may be able to secure today's prices on goods and services.

Q: What happens to the money I use to pre-pay my funeral?

A: The funeral home you work with is not legally permitted to keep the money you pay them today for your future funeral. They are required to place the money into either a life insurance policy or a trust.

Q: What happens if I move, decide to have my funeral at a different location, or if the funeral home I plan with goes out of business?

A: You can move your preneed policy to the funeral home of your choice.

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Q: Do I have to pay everything in advance, or can I pay over time?

A: You can choose to pay for your funeral over time. Your funeral director can help you understand your payment options.

Q: Can I cancel my preneed policy?

A: Yes, you may choose to cancel your policy, but you might lose the value of what you've paid up to the time of cancellation.

Q: Are there special benefits for veterans?

A: Yes. Your funeral director will help you understand for which veteran benefits you may be eligible.

My thoughts on prepaying are:

I'd like to know more about:

To learn more about planning and paying for your funeral today, reach out to your local funeral director or visit globalatlantic.com.

