

Questions to Ask Your Parents about Their Funeral Plans

One of the best things parents can do to demonstrate their love for their children and extended family is to help with their own funeral plans! Please don't put your funeral plans in your will or Trusts, which are typically read after the viewing or funeral! Put them in a Funeral Plans folder.

Grandma showed us what dress and jewelry she wanted to wear for her viewing and burial. She went to the funeral home, planned her funeral, wrote her obituary, and picked out her casket. Once home, she started making a list of her favorite scriptures and songs and put them in her Funeral Plan folder. When she died suddenly, a few years later, everything was ready. What a blessing for our family!

Grieving is never easy, but the process was stress-free because she had preplanned and the whole family knew her wishes. However she did not prepay her funeral! Your money can do better staying invested in the Free Market account until death.

1. Where is your Funeral Plan folder?
2. What funeral home do you want to use?
 - a. Do you want visiting hours? If so, how many times?
 - b. Do you desire a viewing or closed casket?
 - c. What type of casket?
 - d. What clothes and jewelry do you want on your body?
 - e. Which clergy do you want to officiate?
 - f. What are your favorite scriptures and songs?
 - g. Is there anyone special you want to read scripture or sing?
3. Do you want cremation or burial?
 - A. Cremation: What do you want done with your ashes?
 - B. Burial:
 - 1) Do you have a burial plot?
 - a. If so, where?
 - b. Where are the ownership papers?
 - 2) Do you have a headstone?
 - a. If so, where are the purchase papers?
 - b. What do you want on the headstone?
4. Have you written your obituary? If so, where is it? If not, let's do it together.
5. Have you written out your history? We want to hear in your own words, all about your successes, failures and your regrets. We need to learn from them and how you changed your life for the better.

Some of our clients have written the history of their lives and of their grandparents. This is a great way to pass on your story, as typically the history is lost by the time the next generation ends.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.
Luke 6:31 (NIV)

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