



Planning for the future

– Get peace of mind
by planning ahead

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Making funeral arrangements in advance can in no way hasten our death, but can avoid much confusion and anxiety for our family members and loved ones. Many of us die without making our funeral wishes clear to others.

This simple form is easy to use and completely free and aims to guide you through the process of planning your funeral. It also helps your relatives and the executors to your will by indicating your wishes clearly. If you have any questions about filling in the form, please contact us at info@rosedalefuneralhome.co.uk

If you would like to attach any other files such as the words for a reading, or any additional instructions you can do that too. It would also be sensible to file a copy with your personal documents and/or will. You may complete as much or as little of the form as you wish.



You may like to consider some of these simple, low cost ideas that can personalise and enrich a funeral service enormously.

- Some types of coffins can be personalised with photographs or messages.
- Family and friends can record their thoughts and place them in the coffin. This can be a nice way to include children too. Little ones can draw pictures.
- Do you have some favourite clothes that you would like to be dressed in for your final journey? You can dress up or down, your gardening clothes or comfy jeans are just as appropriate as your wedding suit or best dress.
- A funeral can be a small, private affair with a celebration of life at a memorial service later in the day, or at a later date, which gives you more time to plan and get everyone together.
- Be creative when thinking about a venue, Rosedale have arranged funerals in a hotel, a private garden, a bowls club and a local community centre.
- It is possible for a family member or close friend to conduct the funeral service, or you can leave time for private reflection and invite mourners to contribute.
- You could consider a colour theme where you blend the mourners' clothes and the floral tributes. Rosedale staff can wear matching ties and thread the service sheets with colourful ribbon.
- Music choices don't have to be restricted to hymns. Why not include the theme tune of a favourite television show? What about a choir, Scottish piper, jazz band or string quartet, or a bugler playing the last post at the grave side. Perhaps there are musicians within the family who would like to play a special role.
- If there are family members who want to play a part, they could create a slide show of photographs to be shown during the ceremony or contribute to a MUCH LOVED tribute website.
- Floral tributes can include flowers and herbs from the garden. We've organised tributes to include vegetables, butterflies and ladybirds and even a riding hat.
- If you have a favourite flower, ask mourners to simply bring one stem to place on the coffin at the point of committal, and request donations in lieu of flowers to a favourite charity instead.
- You could arrange for the mourners to be given funeral favours, perhaps you love chocolate brownies or creme eggs. To represent a symbol of new life, you could consider bulbs or seeds.
- Inviting mourners to contribute messages and personal memories of the deceased in a special book creates a lovely keepsake which can be treasured for years to come.
- Don't forget to write down what you don't want, as well as what you do!

- My personal representative or next of kin *(most likely to be dealing with my funeral)*:

Title: First names: Surname:

Contact No: Email:

Relationship to me:

Address:

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- If you have made a will, please note the name and address of your solicitors and/or executors:

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If you wish you can send a copy of this form to your solicitors to be kept with your will.

- My funeral will be paid for by:

☐ My estate ☐ My family

☐ An insurance policy with:

☐ My funeral plan with: Plan No:

- ☐ I would like to receive information about paying for my funeral in advance.

- These are my funeral wishes and I would like Rosedale Funeral Home to carry out my funeral arrangements. I hope that those people who are responsible for my funeral will be able to carry my wishes out. Any questions left unanswered, I leave to the discretion of those arranging the funeral.

Signature:

Name: Date:

Witness Signature *(if desired)*:

Name: Date:

Address:

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It is important to let your next of kin, executor or personal representative know that you have filled out this form, so that when the time comes, they will know where to look for it. We will keep a copy of this information on file until we are informed of your death and asked to undertake your funeral arrangements. We will not disclose your data to any third party or use it for any other purpose.

MY PERSONAL DETAILS

- Title: First names: Surname:

Contact No: Email:

Address:

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BEFORE THE FUNERAL

- ☐ I wish people to see me in the Chapel of Rest before the funeral, if requested.

☐ I do not wish people to see me before the funeral.

- What I would like to be dressed in:
(You can choose your own clothes or we can provide a gown.)

- There is a wide range of coffins to choose from:

☐ Traditional veneered wood ☐ Traditional solid wood

☐ Bamboo ☐ Willow ☐ Cardboard

☐ Personalised picture coffin *(please give details)*:

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☐ Other *(please give details)*:

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- Prior to the funeral, I would like the coffin to:

☐ Be taken home

☐ Be placed at the place of service before the mourners arrive

☐ Remain at the funeral home

- Items I would like to be placed on or in my coffin:

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- Any other requests:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, FLOWERS & DONATIONS

- I would like my death to be announced in the following newspapers:
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- ☐ Family flowers only ☐ No flowers ☐ Left open for family and friends to choose
- After the funeral, I would like my floral tributes to be taken to:
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- My preferred charity/charities:
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- Any other requests:
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PLACE OF FUNERAL SERVICE

- ☐ Cremation ☐ Burial ☐ Donate body to medical science ☐ Burial at sea
- Green funeral ☐ Yes ☐ No
- My faith or belief:
- Preferred minister/celebrant (*if known*):.....
- ☐ Motor hearse ☐ Motorcycle hearse ☐ Horse-drawn hearse
☐ Other:
- Any preferred route for the funeral cortege:
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- Venue for ceremony:.....
- Place for final committal:
- After the funeral I would like my life to be celebrated at:
- Any other requests:
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CONTENT OF CEREMONY

- ☐ Religious ☐ Non-religious
- Music/hymns:
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- Specific readings/poems:
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- Any other requests to make your funeral personal and involve your loved ones.
Please see our **When We Remember** book for ideas and suggestions.
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IF BURIAL

- ☐ New grave ☐ Existing grave
Please give details:
- Any instructions for a memorial:
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IF CREMATION

- I would like my ashes to be:
☐ Scattered at the crematorium ☐ Returned to my family to keep
☐ Scattered privately ☐ Turned into fireworks
☐ Interred in a grave or garden of remembrance in a church/cemetery
Please give details:
- ☐ Scattered at a favourite place, beauty spot or at sea
Please give details:
- ☐ Turned into a glass memento, picture or jewellery
- ☐ Other: