

FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLERGY

Some Pastoral Considerations

For Christians, death, though real, is only an incident. Beyond death lies our reasonable hope of resurrection to life that is both dynamic and eternal in God's nearer presence. It is this Easter faith which enables Christians to contemplate their own mortality and ultimate departure from this earthly life calmly and without fear. In this spirit this form is offered to Church people with the hope that it may assist them in providing appropriate directions for their own funeral services and for the disposition of their mortal remains while they are in health.

It is a courtesy to provide to our survivors the personal data for which this form makes provision. Further, we show our love and concern for them by providing, in advance, clear instructions to guide them in making our funeral arrangements. This form attempts to provide, in one place, the information that will be requested during the hours and days immediately after death.

The Church teaches that the burial of the dead should be simple, reverent, with thanksgiving for the life of the deceased and affirmation of the comforting hope of resurrection for the bereaved. Elaborate and expensive displays focusing on the casket/corpse are inappropriate.

Before filling out this form, it is helpful to discuss it with your priest. There are a number of possible alternatives, both for the funeral and for the disposing of the body, which are in keeping with Christian tradition. Your priest or deacon can clarify them for you.

It is an increasingly common practice for persons to make their own funeral arrangements. Most funeral directors will be happy to keep this form on file.

You should make copies of this form available to your next of kin or to the person or persons likely to be responsible for arrangements after your death. You may change this statement at any time and should, from time to time in the future, bring it up to date.

Every Christian adult, regardless of age, should leave funeral instructions and should have a Will disposing of his or her temporal goods.

In time of serious illness, every Christian should summon a priest for comfort in illness and for reconciliation with God before departing this life.

STATEMENT FOR THE GUIDANCE OF MY FAMILY AT THE TIME OF MY DEATH

I believe in the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Having lived in the Faith of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, it is my desire that I should be buried in accordance with her traditions. I have, therefore, in consultation with the Priest of my Parish, expressed my desires for my funeral arrangements, and these wishes are contained in the attached statement.

Where specific pre-arrangements have been made, they are recorded herein.

A copy of this statement is on file in my parish church. Additional copies have been given to:

It is my hope that this statement will spare my family as may be possible in their time of grief

Signed: _____

Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Length of Residence in this State: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____

Are you retired _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Living

Deceased

Name of Spouse: _____

Name of Father: _____

Name of Mother: _____

Children: _____

Number of Grandchildren: _____

Number of Great Grandchildren: _____

Brothers and Sisters:

Name

Address

Living?

An earlier marriage may be listed here if desired:

CHURCH INFORMATION

Name of Parish: _____ Pastor _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

FRATERNAL LODGES & ORGANIZATIONS

| Name of Organization | Burial Benefits |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

MILITARY SERVICE

(It may be helpful to file a copy of Discharge Papers with this statement.)

Branch & Date of Service: _____

Service Number: _____ Veterans Admin. Claim No. _____

Grade, Organization, & Type of Discharge: _____

Do you receive Monetary Benefits for a Service-connected Disability? _____

LEGAL INFORMATION

I do _____ Do not _____ Have a Will.

The date of my most recent Will is _____

My Will is located at: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Social Security Number: _____

My Insurance Policies are located at: _____

| Policy: | Company & Number | Burial Benefits |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Other Financial Information may be listed below or on the reverse side of this page.

CEMETERY INFORMATION

I do _____ Do not _____ own a cemetery plot.

This plot is located: _____

Other Cemetery Information: _____

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

(Please discuss with your Pastor before filling out.)

I do _____ Do not _____ want "Calling Hours" before my Funeral.

If "Calling Hours" are desired, indicate location:

Church _____ Family Home _____ Funeral Home _____

If you ant "Calling Hours", specify if casket is to be

Open _____ or Closed _____. (The casket is never open in the Church.)

If available, I want the Officiant to be _____

I wish the burial Service to be:

1979 Prayer Book: Rite One _____

1979 Prayer Book: Rite Two _____

1928 Prayer Book Burial Office _____

I do _____ Do not _____ Desire a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Music at the Liturgy: _____

Flowers my be sent _____ I prefer that flowers not be sent. _____

Instead of flowers, I suggest that gifts be made to _____

I prefer the following type of casket _____

I would like to be cremated (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Before the service _____ After the Service _____

I do _____ Do not _____ want my body embalmed.

I want the following Funeral Director: _____

I have made the following advance arrangements with this Director: _____

I want the following persons (if available) as Pallbearers, or suggest that Pallbearers be chosen from the following groups: _____

PSALMS & LESSONS

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (1979): Rites One & Two

The structure of the funeral service as contained in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer assumes the celebration of the Eucharist. The service may, however, be concluded after the Intercession.

| OLD TESTAMENT LESSON | PSALM | NEW TESTAMENT | PSALM |
|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Isaiah 25:6-9 | 42:1-7 | Romans 3: 14-19, 34-35, 37-39 | 23 |
| Isaiah 61:1-3 | 46 | I Cor. 15: 20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 | 27 |
| Lamentations 3:22-26,31-33 | 90:1-12 | 2 Cor. 4:16-5-9 | 106 |
| Wisdom 3:1-5,9 | 121 | I John 3:1-2 | 116 |
| Job 119:21-27a | 130 | Revelation 7:7-17 | |
| | 139:1-11 | Revelation 21:2-7 | |

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:24-27 or 6:37-40 or 10:11-16 or 11:21-27 or 14:1-6

THE 1928 PRAYER BOOK

In the 1928 Book of Burial Office and the Eucharist are provided for separately. The Lessons for the Eucharist are fixed. It is however, appropriate to select Hymns.

| <u>Psalm (s)</u> (Select 1 or more) | <u>Lesson</u> (Select 1) | <u>Appropriate Additions</u> (Select as desired) |
|--|-----------------------------|---|
| 39 | I Cor. 115:20 | Nunc dimittis, page 28 |
| 90 | Romans 8:14 | Apostle Creed, page 29 |
| 27 | St. John 14:1 | Hymns (as desired): |
| 46 | | _____ |
| 121 | | _____ |
| 130 | | _____ |