

Stockton-on-Tees
BOROUGH COUNCIL



*Please consider my
'wishes' for my
funeral*

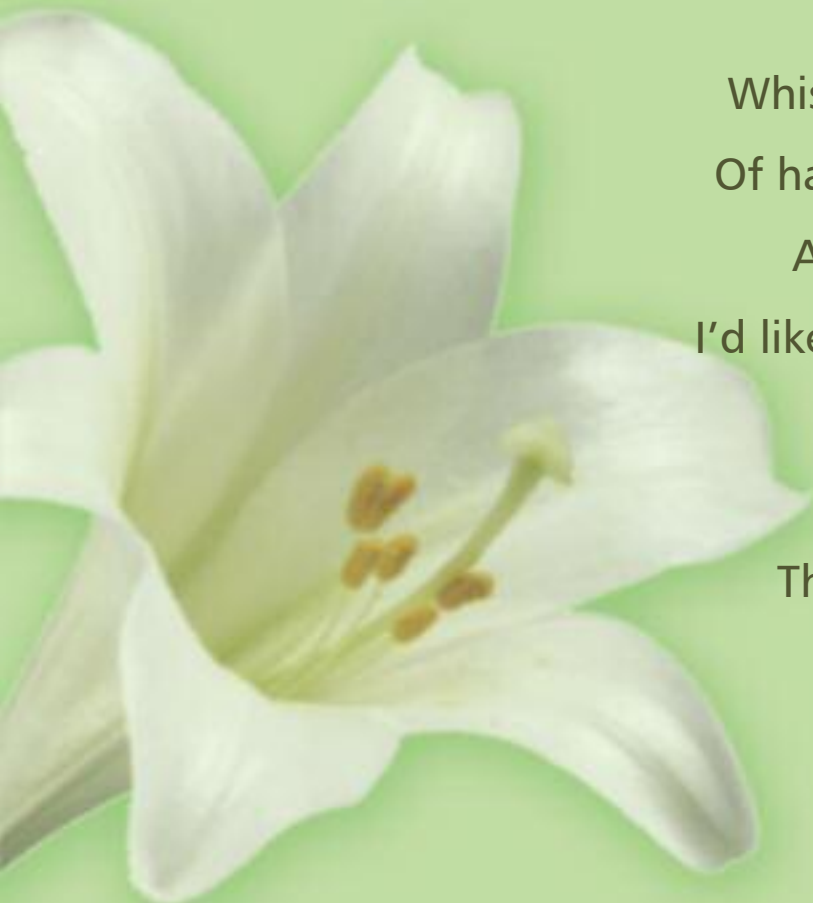
I'd like the memory of me
To be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
And bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories
That I leave when life is done

Anon



We have produced this document to help you to make decisions and to inform others about the kind of funeral you would like. We appreciate that there is a lot to think about and that you will want to carefully consider the options available before making an informed decision regarding your funeral wishes. To assist you, we have a range of leaflets available; where we think a particular leaflet would be useful, we have noted its name against the relevant section of this document. A full list of our leaflets is also shown at the back of the form along with our contact details.

If you would like further assistance, we would be honoured to help you to complete your funeral wishes form in the comfort of our new Bereavement Suite and we can also show you a selection of alternative coffins; if you would like to make an appointment, our contact details are shown at the back of the form.

Kind regards

Your Bereavement Services Team





My Funeral Wishes

I have been giving some thought to the kind of funeral I would like and have written everything down on this form to help you to make decisions when the time comes.

My name is

Affectionately known as

I live at

.....

.....

My religion is

My immediate next of kin is

I would like (*state names*)

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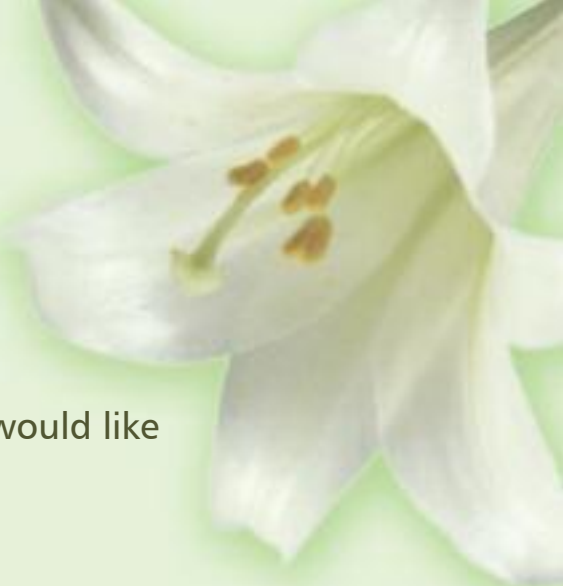
Of (*address*)

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Who is/are my (*relationship to you*)

.....

To help with the arrangements for my funeral



The following are requests I would like to make with regard to how I would like my funeral to be. I understand that some requests may not be possible but I hope you will do your best!

When I die, the first thing you need to know is that I would like my body to be:

- Buried
- Cremated
- Donated to medical science (details of where to find my consent form are given on page 3)

I would like my funeral arrangements to be dealt with by:

- My preferred Funeral Director, namely
- A Funeral Director, I don't mind which, but please obtain three fully itemised quotes for my funeral before appointing anyone
- I would like my family/friends to do everything (*leaflet: Independent Funerals*)

I would like to be buried:

- in cemetery, *Grave Number (if applicable)*
- in a woodland cemetery, name of cemetery (*if applicable*)
- in my garden (*leaflet: Can I be buried in my back garden*)
- at sea
- other:

I would like to be cremated at: Crematorium

Following the cremation, I would like my cremated remains to be:

- kept at home in a decorative urn
- buried in the cremated remains garden at cemetery
- buried in my family grave at cemetery, *Grave Number*
- buried in my garden near to
- interred in a vault at
- scattered on land at *
- scattered over water at *

* Please remember to ask permission from the owner of the land or waterway first!

When I die and I lay in my coffin, before the funeral, I would like to rest at:

- home (if it is convenient for my family) (leaflet: Laying out and caring for the deceased)
- the Chapel of Rest at
- the hospital

I would prefer:

- not to be embalmed (leaflet: Embalming)
- to be embalmed
- to have my coffin lid open for my family to see me
- to have my coffin lid closed

I would like my coffin/casket to be:

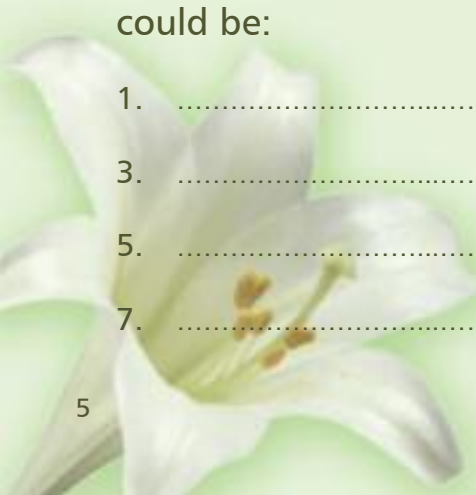
- traditional veneered chipboard
- cardboard
- wicker or bamboo
- an eco-pod
- pure wood from a sustainable source
- solid wood (i.e oak/walnut/mahogany)
- other:

I would prefer the cost of my coffin to be:

- up to £300
- between £300 and £500
- £500 up to £1000
- £1000 plus

If it is possible, and they are willing, it would be lovely if the bearers of my coffin could be:

- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1. | 2. |
| 3. | 4. |
| 5. | 6. |
| 7. | 8. |





I would like to be buried/cremated in my favourite outfit, which is:

.....

and, I would like to be buried/cremated with: *(personal items)*

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.....

My favourite flowers are

- I would like these to be included in the floral tributes given by my family and friends
- I would like these at my funeral in a simple spray without being wrapped in plastic/cellophane
- I would like these as a personalised tribute
- I would like locally grown/woodland flowers
- I do not want any flowers but would prefer donations to go to:

.....

I would like my funeral ceremony to be:

- A traditional religious ceremony
- A mixture of religious and non-religious content (*leaflet: Civil Funeral Ceremonies*)
- A non-religious celebration of my life
- Written by a friend/relative; if possible,
- I already have a ceremony script, please see page 3 for details of where to find it

I would like my funeral ceremony to be held at:

- The cemetery/crematorium
- My place of worship, namely:
- At home
- At the following venue:

I would like the ceremony to be conducted by:

- A religious leader, namely:
- A civil celebrant, namely:
- A family member/friend, namely:
.....

It would be lovely if, at my funeral service:

- my family and friends could wear my favourite colour, which is
.....

- the following songs/hymns/music could be played/sung:
.....
.....
.....

- the following poems/readings could be included in the ceremony:
..... read by
- read by
- read by
- read by

- I would also like the following people to be given the opportunity to say a few words at my funeral ceremony:

- 1 2
- 3 4





I would like the memorial commemorating my life to be:

- a traditional headstone made from granite, marble or similar
- a traditional headstone and kerbset
(please note, some authorities, including Stockton Borough Council, no longer allow kerbsets)
- made from local/reclaimed wood or stone

In place of a headstone, I would much prefer:

- a wall mounted plaque
- seasonal bulbs/plants/flowers
- meadow flowers
- a dedicated tree
- other:

Please find a loving and caring home for my pet(s):

..... (name of pet) is a

and she/he likes to eat

and likes to sleep in/on

and her/his favourite toy is

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Associated Literature – Registration & Bereavement Services

- How to register a death
- How to register a death by declaration
- Laying out and caring for the deceased
- Embalming
- Can I be buried in my back garden?
- Choosing a Memorial
- Assessing the environmental impact of a funeral
- Civil Funeral Ceremonies
- Independent Funerals - a brief guide to funerals without a funeral director
- Green Funerals
- Buying a Grave
- Environmentally Friendly Coffins
- Cemetery fees and charges

You should keep your funeral wishes form in a safe place, along with any other important documents that might help your loved ones to arrange your funeral and deal with your estate, such as a Will, pre-paid funeral plan, etc. You should also tell others that you have prepared this document, so that when the time comes for your wishes to be acted upon, family and friends will know where to find it. You may also wish to discuss your choices with friends and family and show or give them a copy of this document. We recommend that you review your funeral wishes from time to time to ensure that they reflect any changes in your wishes or personal circumstances.

If you require any further help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

Bereavement Services
Nightingale House, Balaclava Street
Stockton-on-Tees TS18 2AL
Telephone: (01642) 527341/42
Fax: (01642) 527725
Email: bereavement.services@stockton.gov.uk

If you would like this information in any other language or format for example large print or audio, please contact 'Bereavement Services' on (01642) 527341/42

إذا كنت ترغب الحصول على هذه المعلومات بلغات أو
بأشكال أخرى على سبيل المثال بالطبعة الكبيرة أو بالشریط
المسجل فالرجاء الإتصال 'بدايفرستي تيم' [Bereavement Services]
على هاتف رقم 01642 527341/42

ARABIC

欲要這份資訊的其它語言版或其它版式例如大字
體印刷/錄音帶，請致電 01642 527341/42 接洽
'多元化隊' (Bereavement Services)

MANDARIN

اگر شما این اطلاعات را به زبان یا شکل دیگری مثلا چاپ
بزرگ یا بصورت صدا میخواهید لطفا با تیم دایورسیتی
(گوناگونی) [Bereavement Services] با شما ره 01642 527341/42 به تماس شوید

FARSI

**Si vous souhaitez obtenir ces informations dans
d'autres langues ou sous un autre format, par exemple,
en gros caractères / version audio, veuillez contacter
l'équipe "Bereavement Services" au n° 016 42 52 73 41/42**

FRENCH

نه گهر هزت لئ یه ئەم زانیاریه به ده سنتت بکه ویت به زمانه کانی
تر یان به شیوه به کی تر بو نمونه چاپی گه وره/یان به تیپی تۆمارکراو
تکایه په یوه ندی بکه به 'تیمی دایفرستی' [Bereavement Services] له سه ر
ژماره ی ته له فۆن 01642 527341/42

KURDISH

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਬਣਤਰ ਜਾਂ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਿੱਚ, ਵੱਡੀ ਛਪਾਈ
ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਂ ਟੇਪ/ਸੀ ਡੀ 'ਤੇ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 'Bereavement
Services' ਨੂੰ 01642 527341/42 ਨੰਬਰ ਉੱਤੇ ਫ਼ੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

PUNJABI

اگر آپ ان معلومات کو کسی بھی اور زبان یا انداز، مثلاً بڑے پرنٹ/آڈیو ٹیپ وغیرہ میں حاصل کرنا
چاہیں، تو ڈائیورسٹی ٹیم (Bereavement Services) کو اس نمبر پر فون کیجئے 01642 527341/42

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