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WHAT IS A FUNERAL PRE-ARRANGEMENT?

A funeral pre-arrangement is simply you making your decisions on what kind of funeral you will like to have, be it a traditional burial, cremation, or even a natural burial, while at the same time eliminating some of the stress that family members frequently experience at the time of passing.



6 REASONS TO PRE-ARRANGE YOUR FUNERAL.

1. **You'll reduce the stress on your family.** When someone close to us passes away, grief often makes even the simplest tasks difficult. By pre-planning your funeral, you minimize the stress giving them the ability to execute your instructions and wishes to the best of their abilities.
2. **You'll help prevent family conflict.** If you pass unexpectedly and you haven't outlined your funeral wishes, your family will be left to guess what you would have wanted. For example, if two family members disagree with the rest of the family on the choices they made having a pre-arrangement will avoid the conflict.



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3. **You'll be able to personalize your service.** Many people have ideas of what they would like to have done regarding their death. Whether you feel that a traditional burial is important due to your religion or you'd prefer a lively celebration of your life or a somber affair, planning your funeral in advance will help ensure that the things you find most important will happen. It also provides you to inject some of your personality into the event and reflect on how you'll be remembered. This can provide comfort not only to you but to your family and friends.

4. **You'll save money.** many people don't think to shop around when they're grieving and rushing to plan a funeral for their loved one, which can lead to thousands of dollars in unnecessary costs. If you plan ahead you are able to choose exactly what you want at the price point that you are comfortable with without overspending.

5. **You'll be able to prepare financially.** Funerals are expensive, even for the savviest of us with simple plans. A basic cremation with a small service will still generally cost thousands of dollars. By preparing for your funeral in advance, you'll be able to determine exactly how much everything will cost and make a plan for how to pay for it. Once you know how much you'll need, consider purchasing funeral insurance or putting the funds in a funeral trust, payable-upon-death.

6. **It will encourage meaningful conversations with your family.** While talking to your family about death may sound uncomfortable, many people find that it leads to many meaningful conversations about what's important to each of you. Frequently, people want to talk about the end of life, but feel awkward or don't know how to bring it up themselves. When you open the door, you may find that others in your family have been thinking about their own end of life and also want to share their thoughts and preferences.



WE CAN HELP YOU MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE.

We at Smith Funeral Manor, strive to serve our community members with the highest standards, professional staff, and dedicated and supporting care for our families. We will be glad to schedule an appointment to help you make informed choices regarding your arrangements. We will answer all of your questions or concerns to enable you to have peace of mind while planning a meaningful service as you exactly want it, freeing your family from worries.

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