

FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION FORM

**ST. VINCENT'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH
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I, _____, a baptized Christian and a
(full legal name)
communicant of St. Vincent's Cathedral Church, direct my funeral to be conducted in accordance
with the Book of Common Prayer and in the parish church under the direction of the Rector.

I direct that when I am at the point of death, the parish priest be notified so that I may receive the
Church's Ministration at the Time of Death.

Further, I direct that immediately upon my death, my survivors contact the parish priest (if he has not
already been notified) to assist in making the funeral arrangements.

Name, address and phone number of next of kin:

Name, address and phone number of Funeral Director preferred:

I. THE VISITATION is not required, but it does often provide an opportunity for family and friends to support one another at a time of loss. It is recommended that the Visitation take place in the afternoon and/or evening preceding the day of the funeral. It is strongly encouraged that the Body be brought to the Church so that it may be received and a Vigil service offered with the family greeting visitors in the Narthex or Parish Hall following the service. Following the Vigil service and during the visitation in accordance with the desires of the deceased and the family, the casket may be opened for one (1) hour for those who wish to view the body. Following the viewing, the casket will be closed and sealed.

If there is no body to be received, visitation may also take place at the church. In this case, the Office of Evening Prayer would be recited and visitation would take place in the Narthex.

Note: All Episcopal funerals are celebrated with the casket closed. The casket is covered at all times during the liturgy with a white funeral pall, by which we are reminded that no matter what our status in our earthly life, all stand alike before God, and white being the color appropriate for a Liturgy of Resurrection.

Please check the items below which express your preferences regarding the Visitation:

- No Visitation.
- Vigil Service and Visitation at the Church.
- Visitation at the Funeral Home.
- Public viewing of my body at the Church for one hour, following the Vigil. Service during the Visitation.
- Public viewing of my body at the funeral home.
- No public viewing of my body.
- The Rosary recited at the Visitation.
- Visitation at the church, preceded by Evening Prayer.
- No Flowers
- Memorial gifts may be made to (name and address):

II. THE FUNERAL: The Christian Funeral is a gathering of the Community of Faith to re-affirm its belief in the Resurrection and to commend the departed to God's love and care. The Burial of the Dead: Book of Common Prayer celebrated in the context of the Eucharist, is the normal service for a baptized communicant of this parish. All baptized Christians who are members in good standing in their own denominations and believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament are encouraged to receive communion at the funeral as an act of faith, hope, and love.

Please check those items below which express your preferences regarding the Funeral:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Choral Eucharist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organ Music Only | <input type="checkbox"/> Choral Eucharist with choir
(if possible) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hymns Only | <input type="checkbox"/> Incense |

Note: Music selections are to be made in consultation with the Clergy and Music Director.

Hymns: 1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ (optional)

The Prayer Book provides many alternatives for the scripture readings and psalms to be used. (See the Book of Common Prayer pages 494-495). Normally, the Clergy will select these in consultation with the family. If you wish to indicate any preferences, please list them:

Rite I _____ Rite II _____

Old Testament Reading: _____

Psalm: _____

New Testament Reading: _____

Gospel: _____

Participants (if no preferences, Cathedral will procure)

Celebrant _____

Preacher (if different) _____

Deacon _____

Sub-Deacon _____

Assisting _____

Lay Readers _____

Acolytes _____

Ushers _____

Pallbearers _____

III. The Burial: For a Christian, the body of the departed is to be treated with respect as God's creation, yet we know it is only the remains of the one who is continuing in a new and fuller life with God. Therefore, the disposal of the body while a matter of personal choice should be done with reverence.

Please check those items below which express your preferences regarding burial:

_____ A simple and inexpensive casket

_____ Burial

_____ Cremation

Please indicate below the name of the cemetery or place of burial or immurement of ashes:

If the body or any parts thereof are to be donated to Medical Science (Eye Bank, organ donor, etc.), please state these arrangements specifically with address of agency to be contacted:

The participation of non-Church organizations in the Funeral Services is not permitted. Any services of non-Church organizations are to be concluded before the services of the Church are conducted. For military veterans the American Flag may be used at the grave site.

Please indicate any other requests or instructions:

IV. PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Social Security Number _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

My rings are to be left on _____ removed _____

Wedding _____ Engagement _____ Class _____ Other _____

My glasses are to be left on _____ removed _____

I would like the following items buried with me in the casket _____

Please use new _____ or my own _____ burial clothes

Choice of burial clothes: _____

Headstone desired _____ Information on headstone: _____

I have made a will _____ It is kept by or in _____

I have life insurance _____ Name of Company _____

Policy location _____

Name of Attorney who prepared Will _____

I have a Safety Deposit Box – Yes _____ No _____ It is located _____

It is listed in the names of _____

I have a safe – Yes _____ No _____ It is located _____

The safe combination or keys are kept by _____

My insurance, retirement, military service and pension papers are kept by or in _____

Military Veteran _____ Yes _____ No

Signature _____

Witness _____

Witness _____

Date _____

NOTE: Signed copies of this form should be prepared with assistance of the clergy. A signed copy should be kept by you, one given to the person legally responsible for your affairs, one to the parish office for their confidential file, and one to any other person you wish to be informed.