

## Pre-Planning Your Funeral

Nobody likes to think of a family member passing on, but there are ways we can make it easier on those we leave behind when the time comes. When pre-planning your cremation, here is a list of things to prepare for.

### Decision Making

#### Service Preferences & Requirements

- Create your custom cremation plan and after-life wishes.
- Are you having a service? If no, move onto next segment.
- Service before or after cremation?
- Service location preference?
- Flowers or donation? If donation, select charity.
- Name people you would like to speak at service.
- Arrange preferred clergymen, officiant, minister etc.
- Make note of a preferred caterer (if you prefer a meat-free meet).
- List any religious or cultural rites requires.
- Would you like to arrange transport for family to and from service?

#### Immediate After Death Information

- A list of people who need to be notified.
- If you have pets, arrange for immediate care and future plans for them.
- Your preferred crematorium if possible.

#### Ashes Preferences

- Would you like your ashes scattered or given to your family?
- If you prefer scattering, organise any wishes regarding a specific person or place you would like involved.
- If your ashes are to be given to your family, organise an urn or alternative, such as commemorative diamond or to be included in a reef ball.
- Alternatively, arrange for a cremation plaque and plot at a cemetery.

#### Other Information

- Update your will and Powers of Attorney information.
- Make a list of people you would like notified directly about your passing and the funeral.
- Note any specific places you would like your obituary and memorial information displayed.
- Name the executor of your will and estate.
- Let someone know where your will and important paperwork are located.
- List any safety deposit boxes, assets and other valuables.

- Prepare a list of your bank accounts, retirement accounts, super funds, insurance policies, credit cards, loans, utility providers and other financial information.
- If you would like special mentions made at the service.