

### Chapter 1 : Need Assistance? - Faggas Funeral Home

*Funeral Arrangement Planning Basic information for funeral needs Funeral planning can be stressful, and it will no doubt keep you very busy; the best way to reduce the pressure involved is to make sure you're well prepared.*

To order a copy of the book, visit our online bookstore or contact The Dougy Center, By adulthood, most of us have attended a funeral. But what is a funeral like for a child or teenager who unexpectedly loses a parent, sibling, grandparent or friend? And how do children say goodbye? What do they need, and how can families and funeral services address their needs? While every family has its own traditions and beliefs, and these will play a strong role in funeral and memorial service planning and decisions, parents may not be aware that one of the most helpful things they can do for their children during this time is to give them choices. Children appreciate having choices as much as adults do. They have opinions, and want to be valued enough to be allowed to offer them. It is a meaningful and important experience for children to have the opportunity to say goodbye to the person who died in a way that feels right to them. Saying goodbye is never easy, but it helps bring a sense of finality to the death that is helpful in the healing process. They said I was too young. People often wonder at what age a child should attend a funeral. Age is not the most important consideration. What works well is to invite children or teenagers to the funeral, without forcing them to make a particular decision. On the other hand, children who were forced to attend a funeral may feel resentful. In order to make their choice, children need explanations and information about what a funeral is and what is going to happen. After a death, the world as they know it is completely changed. Additional surprises and unfamiliar situations can complicate the grieving process. Not unlike adults, kids like to be filled in on the basics of who, what, where, when and why. Kids also expect us to be clear, direct and concrete in our explanations. Teenagers appreciate this too. They are experts at discerning when adults are beating around the bush. Whoâ€ will be at the funeral or memorial service? Whatâ€ is going to happen? Whereâ€ will the service take place? Whenâ€ will the funeral happen? Whyâ€ are we doing this?

### Chapter 2 : Pre-Need Funerals - Funeral Planning

*Funeral Planning Checklist* The following list of information is provided to help you plan your funeral. Organization is the key to planning in the midst of grief and sadness.

This can be a very stressful time. You are grieving and may have assumed a great responsibility by taking on the task of making funeral arrangements for someone you care about. The following information will make this difficult time easier for you. This page has information that can help you understand what steps you need to take right away.

**Deceased Transportation** The First Call results in an initial transfer of the deceased from the place of death to a funeral home or other facility. In some cases, a second transfer may be required either locally to another funeral home or to another city.

**Pre-Arrangements** Determine if the deceased left behind a pre-arranged funeral plan. A pre-arranged plan generally specifies the funeral service provider that the deceased selected.

**Funeral Services** Meet with a funeral director to make arrangements for the funeral services. This will include how the deceased will be cared for, whether you will have a burial or cremation, and what type of ceremony will be held.

**Cemetery Arrangements** If cemetery property has not already been purchased, meet with officials of the selected cemetery to purchase interment property e. The funeral director may be able to make these arrangements on behalf of your family.

**Funeral and Memorial Products** Select and purchase the necessary merchandise casket, burial vault, urn, etc.

**Estate, Financial, and Administrative Matters** Following the funeral, the affairs of the deceased must be put in order. This comprehensive document will help you gather all the information that you will need when meeting with the funeral service providers you will be working with. Once you make the request we will email you right away with a link to download the document. If a friend or loved one is seriously ill and expected to die in a matter of days or weeks, consider making funeral arrangements in advance. Preparing ahead of time puts you in control. It will make your meeting with a funeral director more productive and is likely save you money. Our online planning tools and forms can help you make funeral arrangements in advance. The links on the right sidebar at the bottom of the page on mobile can help you find more information on the details required in planning a funeral. How much public and private assistance is available will depend on where you live and your financial circumstances. Do I have to call the police when there is a death at home? You may not have to notify the police when there is a death at home. Exactly who you call will depend on the circumstances of the death. Are there people other than a funeral director that can help me plan a funeral? You will likely need a funeral director to help you make arrangements for handling the body, but in many states this is not required. If you are in an area that permits home funerals and burials, you may be able to handle most of the preparation yourself. As far as arranging the ceremony, you may find that you would like to work with a funeral celebrant. A funeral celebrant is a trained professional whose job is to help you plan the type of ceremony you would like. How do I decide if cremation is right for me or my loved one? Today, about half of people decide that cremation is the right choice for them. Whether or not to be cremated is a personal decision that only you can make. The best way to make an informed decision is to learn as much as you can about it. Visit our cremation section. Do I have to have a funeral? You do not have to have a funeral. For some people, a memorial service no body is present is preferred. For others, there is no ceremony at all. The way you are memorialized is entirely up to you. Simply print out your plan and take it to your meeting with the funeral director. Give it a try!

**Chapter 3 : The Purpose of Funeral Service | Batesville**

*The Funeral Home Staff. When you plan a funeral for a loved one, chances are you will be in contact with the funeral director and/or the funeral assistant for most of the time.*

Aadil Patel With 11 official languages and nearly 56 million citizens, South Africa is a true melting pot of diverse cultures, traditions and beliefs. Although the Constitution protects diversity, it is often difficult for employers, especially entrepreneurs, to align their business needs with the cultural, religious and traditional beliefs of their employees. Fortunately, our courts have begun to provide guidance as to how to deal with this potential conflict in the workplace. We deal with two such cases below. The employee who sought to become a sangoma: She submitted a certificate from a traditional healer and other supporting documents to substantiate her request. The employee also informed the employer that this was a calling from her ancestors and that if she did not fulfil the request, she would die. The employer refused the request. Nevertheless, the employee went on the training without permission and she was subsequently charged with insubordination and absence from work and thereafter dismissed. The employee did not argue that she was sick in the conventional sense. She said that, owing to her cultural beliefs, her ancestors had called her to undergo training to become a sangoma. The interesting question before the court: This case shows how employer and employee interests often conflict. On the one side, you have an employer who is trying to run a business while on the other, you have an employee who believed that her ancestors were summoning her to become a sangoma. The Supreme Court of Appeal confirmed that South Africans have different belief systems which form part of their culture that is, customs, ideas and social behaviour. An employee Mr Ndele was assaulted by a fellow employee Mr Ndabeni at a hostel bar. Mr Ndele fractured his leg during the assault. Mr Ndabeni and his delegation then, in terms of the Mpondomise tradition, visited Mr Ndele to ask for forgiveness and to offer monetary compensation. However, the parties could not agree on the amount of compensation. Mr Ndele then formally reported the assault incident to the employer. Due to his involvement in what the employer viewed as behind-the-scenes negotiations, the employer charged Mr Puzi with bribery and dishonesty, and the employer later dismissed him. The matter posed two interesting questions: Would the practice of those cultural norms and traditions prohibit the employer from disciplining employees? An expert on African norms submitted, in court, that the practice of traditions cannot be used to defeat the ends of justice or conceal a transgression. In this matter Mr Ndabeni and his delegation sought to make peace, through methods of cultural conflict resolution, with Mr Ndele following the assault. However, the employer viewed the actions of the employees as constituting dishonesty and attempted bribery. The court disagreed, holding the claims to be unfounded. The following extract from the judgment is worth noting: Even though employers may not be bound by the cultural traditions, they cannot simply ignore the reality of their existence, especially in instances where the cultural traditions are aimed at achieving societal good and are not in conflict with the Constitution where the perpetrator showed true remorse and was willing to promote peace with the victim in accordance with their norms and traditions, the employer would be expected to earnestly consider same in good light. At the end of the day, entrepreneurs must be cognisant of the fact that employees have their own unique religious and cultural belief systems. Implementing an approach that is blind to this reality may result in employers treating their employees unfairly.

### Chapter 4 : Why Employees Need Funeral Cover | Entrepreneur

*Funeral Planning Resources You Need We want you to feel confident and comfortable planning a funeral for yourself or a loved one. Use our funeral planning checklist and other resources as a starting point, then contact a Dignity Memorial provider to learn more.*

Understand the differences and how best to plan one for yourself or someone you love. A visual tour of our favorite meditative labyrinths in the San Francisco Bay Area. There are peace walks, candlelight walks, and yoga classes every week. Either independently, or through one of their many scheduled walking events, a journey through this labyrinth can be a rejuvenating and transformative experience. Reaching the labyrinth via the winding rock trails brings the cleansing relief of a destination achieved. When the stairs turn sharply left, continue straight ahead on the trail. The labyrinth will soon come into view. To wander its rock-lined aisles, accompanied by no sounds but the playful surfs and the flocking birds, is to discover in yourself, and in your environment, a place of peace and contentment. The Labyrinth is located on the left of the trail five minutes from the parking lot leading to Mavericks beneath the Pillar Point Air Force station. Marked by the ash of old bonfires and accumulated debris, the McLaren Park Spiral offers a secluded retreat for the rugged urban dweller. Enter through Mansell St. Park in the parking lot about a mile further. Follow the trail leading from the parking lot, along the lake, and take the first trail branching off to your left into the woods. There are an endless variety of celebrations, services, and traditional funeral options. By thoroughly planning your event beforehand, you can be surer that it will best reflect both your wishes, and those of the deceased. What is a memorial service? What is a funeral? What do you need to remember when planning a funeral or memorial service? What is a life celebration? This section of SevenPonds will help to guide you through these questions. You can also see [Preplanning a Funeral or Memorial Service](#) for more information. If you are planning a funeral, with the body present, soon after death, and if no plans have yet been made, you may want to hire an event planner or celebrant to assist with logistics. The memorial service or funeral should be an expression of the deceased and his or her loved ones, in total accord with their wishes. As such, it is completely up to you what form your event will take. You can plan a funeral, where the body is present, or a memorial service or life celebration, where it is not. We at SevenPonds encourage our readers to consider natural or green burial or a home funeral, should they be so inclined. A defining difference between a funeral and a memorial service is the presence of the body. The body is present at a funeral, and the body is absent at a memorial service, therefore affecting limitations on scheduling and form of after-death care, among other considerations. The definitions of funerals and memorial services vary considerably by culture, religion, and place. They have meant different things at different times to different people. We have noticed a trend in North America towards freer interpretations, where religion is less a defining factor, and decisions are as much at the whim of the family as they are the edicts of tradition. Alternatives such as cremation, natural burial, and home funerals have further widened our options, and we encourage our readers to look into these more recently embraced grieving events. Traditional funerals are generally held in places of worship or funeral homes. But less traditional funerals, memorial services, and life celebrations can be held in places as diverse as a private home, a hotel, a public meeting space, a mountaintop, a beach, or a park. Funerals and memorial services may be religious or nonreligious, spiritual or nondenominational. Memorial services and funerals can include elements of a traditional service, including music, flowers, prayers, readings, eulogies, and sermons. Memorial services and funerals can also be highly nontraditional, secular affairs; they can include the sharing of stories, displays of photos or memorabilia, bouquets of organic rather than mass-produced flowers, and requests for charitable donations. You can hire a professional caterer, or family and friends can bring food. The event may last an afternoon, a day, a weekend, or even longer. Funerals are typically held several days following death. It may be difficult to coordinate the event if it has not been preplanned, so consider hiring an event planner. Bodies are typically displayed at the visitation, usually held the evening before burial so that the bereaved can pay their final respects. Funerals can be religious, nonreligious, or spiritual, based on the preferences of the family. If you choose cremation as opposed to burial but still wish to view the body to better facilitate the grieving

process, you can still have a funeral. Many cremation providers allow grievors to view the body before cremation, and they may have facilities for on-site services with the body present. Home funerals are events in which the visitation is held in the home, with the body present and the house adorned as the hosts see fit. Friends or family prepare the body, complete some or all of the paperwork to attain after-death documents, and in some cases may also transport the body for cremation or burial after the home funeral ends. If you choose to conduct a home funeral, make sure you are in full accordance with your state and local laws, and you may wish to contact a home funeral consultant near you, through the Home Funeral Directory , for further information. See our article on Preplanning a Home Funeral for more information. Home funerals generally bypass the embalment process, and as such are perfect precursors to an environmentally friendly green burial. Memorial services are held according to scheduling, frequently without the body present, as much as a month or more after death. For this reason, if you have not preplanned your event, this may be an easier logistical alternative to a funeral. Memorial services are remembrance events held for a deceased person whose body is not present, typically preferred following a cremation. Like funerals, memorial services may be religious or nonreligious, spiritual or nondenominational. Life celebrations are fresh and unique. Like memorial services, the body is not present at a life celebration, and the event can therefore be held days, weeks, or even months after death. By holding services at a later date, it is easier to gather the family and friends who want to attend. With enough preplanning, before the death, a more personal service may be able to proceed more quickly. See our article on Preplanning a Funeral or Memorial Service for further information. Decide on the type of service. Did the deceased have a known preference for a funeral or memorial service? If the deceased preferred for their body to be present at their service, than you must have a funeral, and will need to quickly make the necessary legal and logistical arrangements for handling the body. SevenPonds encourages you to consider a home funeral or green burial , if you see fit. Would some combination of funeral, memorial service and life celebration be suitable? For example, you may hold a memorial service with prayers and a eulogy , or a funeral with elements of a life celebration, such as popular music and dancing. Make a list of attendees. Compile a list of those who will be invited. Decide how to notify invitees. Do you have enough time to mail the announcements, or should you e-mail them? Should you invite them by telephone? You may wish to design a paper or electronic announcement or have one designed, and again, remember to consult any preplanned preferences documented by the deceased. Consider group invitations, such as to the members of a book club, a volunteer pet rescue group, or a yoga group. The location will need to be appropriate to the service, the season, the number of attendees, and any special considerations. Refer to any preplanned arrangements or preferences documented by the deceased. It may help to use this location checklist: Must the location be reserved? If so, how long in advance? If not, is there an alternative? Will there be enough parking? Will the location be accessible for everyone? If you plan to scatter the ashes you will need a location where scattering is legal. Is the location pet friendly? Is it wheelchair accessible? Identify one or more facilitators. Whether the funeral or memorial service was preplanned or not, you may need one or more facilitators to aid in implementation. You may designate someone other than yourself to speak or make introductions at the funeral or memorial service. Facilitators may be family members, friends, or professionals. In larger communities, you may be able to hire an event planner or celebrant, much as someone hires a wedding planner. Determine who should facilitate the various tasks. For example, you may designate a relative to select music, a friend to make speeches and introductions, and a professional planner to reserve a location and arrange for catering, while you handle the invitations yourself. Commit the details to writing. Write down the details, especially if your event is in only a few days and you find yourself straining to remember the various logistical concerns. You may find the following checklist helpful: Remember to refer to any preplans left by the deceased. Who will facilitate any prearranged details? What details will the facilitator s handle? Who will speak at the funeral or memorial service? Which family members or friends would the deceased have asked to speak? Did the deceased specify any particular people?

### Chapter 5 : Funeral Needs | The Batavian

*Our Funeral Provider Search Directory can help you locate a funeral home, cremation service, cemetery, or other provider of funeral products and services. The links on the right sidebar (at the bottom of the page on mobile) can help you find more information on the details required in planning a funeral.*

Jackie Parsons Every burial involves more than 1, decisions that have to be made by the organiser during the worst five days of their life. The first time I helped to organise a funeral, I found it baffling, terrifying, weird, overwhelming, devastating and incredibly important – a very bad mixture. The third time, I was beginning to feel like something of an expert treading this strange dark path. It is an odd topic, but one that most of us end up investigating at some point. You may not think you need it now but keep it handy. If only for the little cake idea at the end. Soon after the death, you need to chat everything through with the funeral people. I did this once. I was terrified that it would be complicated – like changing schools mid-term because you fancy a different headmaster – but actually it was really easy. They moved the body without any fuss, handed over the paperwork, and no one shouted at me for changing my mind. This is about times nicer than doing it in their office. You can drink your own tea. Sit in your own chair. PA The order of service This invariably becomes the emotional focus of the week. It needs to be a collective effort and is probably the moment when family tensions emerge in that lovely dysfunctional way that only a close death can inspire. For my dad, we had a few jokes the front page said: For my mother-in-law, we had photographs. For my father-in-law, we kept it formal. For my hippie friend, it was a party on a page. Whatever you do, the congregation is going to be staring at it for the best part of an hour, so make it special. And whoever ends up delivering the eulogy needs more love and support than you can possibly imagine. Comfort food and beer and wine and memories. Strangely, it can be a very good night – like a team bonding before facing a big match the next day. Just before it was too late, we remembered that the one bloom he had time for was the forget-me-not – and, fabulously, he died bang in the middle of the pitifully short forget-me-not season. So we ordered a massive bunch of these tiny blue blossoms, which covered the whole of the coffin – and on top of this huge bed of flowers we put the teddy bear with which he always travelled. As soon as anyone entered the church, they knew that this girl was an amazingly free spirit and remembered that her hair was mostly dyed all the colours of the rainbow. For my mother-in-law, who loved her garden more than she loved her children and she loved her children more than any mother I have ever met, we spent all the flower money on little pots that had been planted with white daffodils she died during a February. We used the potted plants to line both the path into the church and the length of the aisle – then we brought them back to the house after the service to decorate the house, and at the end of the wake, we gave one to each guest to take home, plant in their own garden and remember her by. Turns out you can actually say quite a lot with flowers. Cars I have a feeling that, for my generation, the day of the black-car procession with uniformed drivers may be over. Emma Freud and her husband, film director Richard Curtis. Something on top of the coffin is nice. Broadcaster Ned Sherrin had his ancient leather gladstone bag. One lady had her best hat on the coffin and the rest of her millinery collection hung at the ends of each pew lining the aisle of the church. Food The service is over, the words are spoken, the tears are shed, the songs are sung – Nobody wants complicated food when their heads are already complicated enough with grieving. Hence the deafening chorus of: They arrive at the funeral feeling like someone who is contributing, rather than someone useless who is trying not to cry. And your funeral tea will be glorious, giving everyone lots of chances to say "Bernard would have adored the battenberg", and opportunities for quite a lot of Great British Bake Off-style banter. Also, you get left with enough cake to see you through the rest of that very difficult week. I found about 50 shots of my father-in-law on my computer after he died, and I was sent more by the guests coming to the funeral. We printed them all super-size on A4 paper and Blu-Tacked them on to every bit of wall we could find – reminders of so much happiness in so many places and the same "photo smile" in each. Photo albums lying around on tables for guests at a loose end are also good. And do bring all the flowers from the church back to the party if they are movable. Anything to stop it being the worst, quietest and saddest party of all time. Alcohol Alcohol was virtually invented for funerals. As soon as you can, bring

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out the booze. And then give them another for good luck. And then one last one because they should never have died in the first place, FFS. This article also appears in the February issue of Tatler Topics.

## Chapter 6 : Funeral Planning Checklist

*Pre-need Q & A. Printer Friendly Version. A guide to making advance funeral and cemetery arrangements. Advance Planning for Peace of Mind. When you make funeral and cemetery arrangements in advance, you ensure that your final wishes are carried out, and you spare your family the burden of making choices at a difficult time.*

Organization is the key to planning in the midst of grief and sadness. We hope the following list will lend a helping hand. Print it out and keep it in a convenient place.

**Notify Authorities** If the death occurs outside of a hospital or nursing home you may need to notify authorities of the death. Call or your local emergency number to report the death. The authorities will call the coroner. Although it may not actually be necessary to call the coroner, it is a good idea to do so, especially if the deceased had insurance policies. Notify close relatives and friends The police are required to notify next of kin, but there will likely be other relatives that should be included, especially if they need to travel some distance to attend the funeral. You or the authorities may call the funeral home that will be taking care of the arrangements for the funeral and calling hours. Notify any relatives who will be having a part in planning the calling hours and details of the funeral and set up a time to meet with the funeral director to finalize the plans. Discuss who will be responsible for funeral expenses for billing purposes. If there is an executor for the estate of the deceased, this person usually handles this responsibility, but it is entirely up to the family to determine who should handle this responsibility. Often families will divide this responsibility between several family members. Gather the information you will need for the completion of the death certificate at the funeral home. See Vital Statistics Form.

**The funeral director** will guide you through the much of the planning process. Use the following checklist to when meeting with your funeral director.

**Consider embalming the body** This decision will determine the timing of many decisions you make. The law requires bodies that are not embalmed be buried sooner than bodies that are embalmed. If this will be a cremation you can eliminate this step.

**Clothing** - You may want to bring this with you when you meet with the funeral director to make the plans, but this is not essential.

**Jewelry** - Remember any special pins or jewelry. Special pins would include but are not limited to Union and association membership pins. Also Watches, earrings, necklaces, tie tacks, cuff links, or anything that the deceased particularly liked or directed to be included. Otherwise a plot will need to be purchased. The funeral director will assist you with this. Your funeral director will describe the various types available. Some clergy persons insist that the casket be closed for the memorial service. If you have a specific wish for the casket to remain open during the service, be sure to specify this when selecting a clergy person to deliver the eulogy. Some families choose not to have calling hours at the funeral home. There is great flexibility and the time s selected should try to accommodate the needs of the family and friends. Traditionally hours have been from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.

**Funeral services** If you plan to have a funeral service, you need to consider when and where the service will be conducted.

### Chapter 7 : Funeral Planning: Your Complete Resource on How to Plan Your Funeral

*For starters, a funeral home or cemetery that sold the pre-need plan many years before may go out of business before the "at need" period arrives. In such a case, there are plenty of legal safeguards enacted by legislators who wanted to assure good regulatory protection for "pre-need" buyers.*

Manage your funeral costs with our interactive pricing tool. Get advice from experts. Evaluate funeral products and services. Explore funeral payment options such as preneed funeral contracts, funeral trusts, and funeral insurance. The Quick Plan is the first step and is a great way to jump start your funeral planning. For those who prefer to put their funeral plans on paper, our Funeral Planning Form is the perfect place to start. This handy funeral planning checklist will help you compile all the information you need in one convenient location. The best time to plan ahead for a funeral is any time except at the time of the funeral. A funeral is the ultimate celebration of your life. Planning ahead will give you the opportunity to decide what you want, how you want it, and when you want it. If you change your mind, just update your plan. Deciding whether or not to fund your pre-planned funeral in advance can be confusing. Even better, the burden will be taken off those you leave behind, and you can lock in prices. Be sure to carefully check ALL the terms of your pre-need funeral contract before you sign it. Some contracts allow for changes down the road while others do not. Like just about everything in life, there are advantages and disadvantages to prepaying for funeral goods and services. You want to be certain that the arrangement you enter into will suit your needs down the road. Carefully read over all terms and conditions, including the fine print. Green burial is a relatively new option but it is becoming increasingly more popular. Pre-planning is the perfect time to investigate your options. Visit our Green Pre-Planning and Green burial sections so that you can be sure to explore all the options available to you. Your Family and Grief. It is vitally important for your family. They will want to give you a meaningful tribute. A funeral for a loved one is an important part of the healing process. From the services provided by the funeral director to the casket to the flowers, costs continue to rise. Leaving behind no mechanism to pay for these items can place a heavy financial burden on your loved ones. Remember, payment is due at the time of the funeral. So how do you know how much to set aside and how to control the cost? The best way to manage your funeral costs is to do some advanced planning. Our Wise Planning System can provide you with instant cost estimates and guide you step-by-step through the process of making cost effective selections. Our section on Funeral Costs will help you understand just what goes into the cost of a funeral and some of the financial and legal issues you need to consider. Funeral Planning Your Way Find out the best time for planning a funeral and how to safeguard your family from the pitfalls of making your funeral arrangements. Watch our short video. The Types of Funerals People are Choosing Thousands of people have used our free online planning tools where we guide you step-by-step in making a few key choices about the kind of funeral you want as well as what that type of funeral usually costs. Below is a sample of the funeral plans people are making so you can see you have lots of options to choose from. Who Are the Wise Guys? Meet the Wise Guys Top Questions.

### Chapter 8 : [blog.quintoapp.com](http://blog.quintoapp.com) | After Death | Planning a Funeral or Memorial Service

*Choose a funeral provider. If you're trying to make arrangements for someone's funeral, you're probably feeling a little overwhelmed. One of the first things you'll need to do is decide on a funeral provider to organize the service.*

### Chapter 9 : Kids and Funerals | Grief Resources | The Dougy Center

*If the death occurred far away from where the burial will take place, you will need to work with a funeral director in the place the person died as well as a funeral director at the destination to make transportation arrangements.*