

Preplanning your funeral

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The hardest conversations
are the ones worth having.

Have you ever spoken about your funeral?

Do you know what you want?

Do your loved ones know?

Why leave the ultimate celebration of your life to the last minute?



Beechwood believes that preplanning a funeral is an important thing to do.

We can help to start the conversation.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRE-NEED VS. AT-NEED FUNERAL

Pre-Need plans (also known as “Preplanning”) are the funeral plans that people make for the living. Pre-Need funeral plans can be made at any time and offer many advantages.

At-Need funeral arrangements are made at the time of death, usually by an executor, surviving family members or by a trusted friend on behalf of the deceased.



The **Top 5 Reasons** to Preplan Your Funeral



1. YOU WANT TO EASE THE BURDEN ON YOUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES

If your wishes are unknown when you die, your family will be faced with making difficult decisions at a trying time. Will they agree on an open or closed casket? Will they know if you wish to be buried or cremated? Will they agree on how much to spend? Confusion and disagreements are common occurrences when there is no plan to follow. You can avoid this by leaving behind a plan.

2. YOU WANT TO ASSUME THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR FUNERAL

Planning ahead allows you to make financial arrangements to cover your funeral costs. Even if you are leaving behind sufficient money, will your survivors be able to access it in time? Preplanning provides you with sound financial planning options you can consider ahead of time.

3. YOU WANT YOUR FINAL WISHES TO BE FOLLOWED

If you have specific preferences for the disposition of your remains and the nature of your funeral services, you can clearly express them in your funeral plan. You may have a preference for burial or cremation, the epitaph on your headstone, or the music and readings at your funeral. Or you may not want a traditional service, you may prefer a celebration of life. Whatever your wishes, they need to be set forth in your funeral plan.



4. YOU WANT YOUR FAMILY TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF A MEANINGFUL FUNERAL

A funeral is an important event for a grieving family. Psychologically, it provides a sense of closure and enables the family to begin the healing process. Families benefit emotionally and socially by honouring the lives of their loved ones with a fitting ceremony and by giving them a proper send off. It is difficult to make the funeral the best it can be when planning it in a short time.

5. YOU WANT TO BE SELF-RELIANT AND HAVE YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER AT THE END OF YOUR LIFE

Taking care of your funeral arrangements is a thoughtful and caring thing to do for your family. It is comforting to know that you have done all you can do to ease their burden. And you can be assured that they will appreciate that your caring for them continued after you are gone.

Plan your funeral your way

You are in control of your funeral plan. Beechwood Cemetery can help you prepare today, so your loved ones can cherish the memories tomorrow.

Book your no-obligation appointment today.



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Take advantage of all the services offered by Beechwood Cemetery, including pre-arrangements, full service funerals, cremation, cemetery services and executor assistance. Beechwood Cemetery can meet whatever wishes you may have from visitations, informal gatherings, life celebrations, memorial services, catered receptions, to a custom monument or memorialization.

Beechwood Cemetery is here to provide you with everything you need to make the right decision for you and your loved ones.

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