

Name: _____

Date: _____

It's Your Funeral...

a planning worksheet

1) Do you wish an earth burial ____ or cremation ____ ?

- For an earth burial, where would you want to be buried? _____

- For an earth burial, who might serve as pall-bearers?

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

iv. _____

v. _____

vi. _____

- For cremation, where would you want your ashes interred? _____
(This assumes an interment, as opposed to scattering!)

2) Would you imagine having your body present at the funeral? _____

3) Where would you want your funeral to take place? _____

4) If it is held in the church, would you want it to include communion? _____

5) Would you want it to include a eulogy (memorial tribute), a sermon, or both? And who would you want to speak?

6) Normally there are two readings as well as a psalm. What texts do you think you might want to have read? *Note that normally the second reading is from the Gospels if it is a Eucharistic funeral.

Psalm _____

1st Reading _____

2nd Reading _____

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7) What music would you want to have sung or offered? If the service is communion, there are normally five pieces of music; if not there are normally three.

And as you think about music, consider how much the congregation will be invited to sing, and how much might simply be offered for listening.

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

iv. _____

v. _____

Who you might want to be involved in music leadership: _____

8) Do you imagine having a reception following the funeral? If so, is that immediately after the service itself, or following the burial/interment?

9) If there is to be a reception, does it include any program? And what would you imagine might be served at that reception?

10) Are there things that you most definitely would not want to be a part of the funeral and/or reception? Any special instructions you'd want to leave to those entrusted with these matters?

11) People often designate a cause or organization for donations "in lieu of flowers"; any thoughts about what designation you might make? _____

12) Other notes: _____
