



## Top 5 Reasons to Preplan Your Funeral

If any of the following statements describes you, then you are probably someone who will appreciate the benefits of preplanning your funeral.

1. **You want to ease the burden on your family.** If your wishes are unknown when you die, they will be faced with making difficult decisions at a trying time. Will they know if you wish to be buried or cremated? Will they agree on an open or closed casket? 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 enables 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? Funeral insurance prearrangement agreements are sound financial planning options you can consider ahead of time.
3. **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 honoring 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.
4. **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 funeral ceremony. Whatever your wishes, they need to be set forth in your funeral plan.

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 you're caring for them continued after you are gone.
6. [Click here to receive our planning kit](#) and start your journey to giving your family peace of mind

