



Dignity Memorial® Personal Planning Guide

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MEMORIAL



Having plans in order means gaining peace of mind.

This planning guide was designed to help you record and organize important information, personal thoughts and your final wishes. Making final plans now is one of the most thoughtful gifts you can give your family. And, when you plan ahead, your Dignity Memorial® professionals can help you coordinate every detail to create a personal, meaningful tribute.

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PERSONAL PLANNING GUIDE

Documenting Your Wishes

I'd like help with...

- My Legacy & Special Memories
- Planning a Unique Service
- Financial & Legal Matters
- Choosing a Final Resting Place

We're here to guide you every step of the way

Making final plans now is one of the most thoughtful gifts you can give your family. Along with planning comes documenting your wishes and recording important personal information. Getting the details down can feel overwhelming, but we're here to help.

- Family History
Connect across generations
- Important Information
Gather your documents
- FAQ about Prepaid
Learn about planning ahead
- Veterans Benefits
Design a fitting tribute

? Need help filling out this PDF?

Visit the [Personal Planning Guide companion website](#) for assistance on recording and organizing the most important information about your life.

- Your legacy and special memories
- Recording your final wishes
- Filling out your personal information
- Financial and legal matters

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This Personal Planning Guide, when completed, will contain information of a confidential and private nature. For that reason, we recommend that you keep this guide in a safe, secure place where it can be accessed by your loved ones at a time of need.

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My Legacy

In this section, share the details of the legacy you wish to leave behind, documenting your accomplishments, special memories and favorite things.

How I've lived my life:

My earliest ambitions:

Things that make me laugh:

My proudest family moments:

My proudest career accomplishments:

What I hope others have learned from me:

Special achievements/awards/offices held/additional points of interest:



UNIQUE WAYS TO HONOR YOUR LIFE

Each of us is unique and has a special story to tell. On our [Personal Planning Guide website](#) find inspiration in the little things that make you special.

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My favorite songs:

Pastimes and hobbies I enjoy:

What I love most:

How I'd like to be remembered:



Service Preferences

A memorial service is a time for family and friends to gather and remember. When you plan your service in advance, your tribute can be a unique and personal reflection of you.

★ MY PREFERRED FUNERAL HOME OR CREMATION PROVIDER

Name

Street Address

City/County

State

Zip

Phone Number

Email/Web Address

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I PREFER:

- Cremation
- Burial

TYPES OF SERVICE

- Traditional
- Religious
- Celebration of Life
- Simple

PLACE OF SERVICE

- Funeral Home
- Church/Synagogue/Temple
- Outdoors
- Home

What are some special reminders of you?

A keepsake is a unique token for guests to take with them following a service. It can represent a cherished memory, special event or beloved hobby. Perhaps it's an engraved golf ball, a seed packet or something that was part of a personal collection.

Keepsakes for guests

Favorite items, colors, or special touches to be displayed

Musicians or musical selections

Selected readings (poetry or other special selections)

Most of us don't realize how important remembrance is to those who love us. Explore the possibilities for a personalized and enduring tribute, however you dream it up.

What special touches would make it most memorable to you?



RECEPTION INFORMATION

Location

Food and Beverage Preferences

Entertainment



A key part of creating a memorable memorial is music. View our tips for hitting the right note and more than 140 celebration of life songs to get you started.

VIEW THE SONGS

dignitymemorial.com/celebration-of-life/songs

TYPE OF URN

- Wood
- Metal
- Porcelain
- Scattering

TYPE OF CASKET

- Hardwood
- Metal
- All Wood Construction
- Cremation/Ceremonial Casket

FLAG

- Draped
- Folded
- Presented to _____

WAKE/ROSARY

- Yes No
- Location _____
- Officiant _____

CASKET

- Open
- Closed

VISITATION

- Yes
- No

VISITATION PREFERENCE

- Public
- Private



Genealogy & Family History

This page will serve as a reference and reminder of your unique lineage.

My grandparents

My spouse

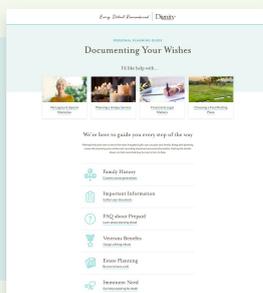
My parents

My children

My siblings

My grandchildren

Our most memorable family traditions:



IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY REMEMBRANCE

Recording details about your family tree will preserve the unique history that has been a part of your family for generations. Learn more about capturing your legacy and special memories.

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Cemetery & Cremation Property Preferences

Preserve your legacy and leave family and friends a lasting place to reflect and remember.

★ MY PREFERRED MEMORIAL PARK/CEMETERY

Name of Memorial Park/Cemetery

Street Address

City/County

State

Zip

Phone Number

Email/Web Address

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FINAL RESTING PLACE

Family - At some cemeteries, a family can purchase a small area of the cemetery that will be dedicated to the burial of all family members. The area could simply be a row of single plots.

Companion - This is the purchase of two burial plots right beside each other. Generally, married couples choose to purchase their burial plots in this manner.

Single - This type of plot accommodates the burial of one individual.

Mausoleum

Family

Companion

Single

Ground Burial

Family

Companion

Single

From a serene outdoor setting to the elegance of an enclosed mausoleum, your final resting place can reflect your special life and story.

[VIEW TYPES OF CEMETERY PROPERTY](#)

CREMATION

Scattering

Location _____

Urn at Home

Person responsible for urn _____

CREMATION GARDEN OPTIONS

Cremation Bench

Cremation benches are granite benches that can be laser-etched with names, dates, and mottos and hold the cremated remains (or "ashes").

Glass-Front Niche

Typically housed in a columbarium, glass-front niches act as shadow boxes, allowing the contents of the niches to be seen. Along with the cremation urn, families often display photos, jewelry, dried flowers, stuffed toys, notes and small trinkets.

Scattering Garden

A designated area in a cemetery where cremated remains are meant to be scattered. There is usually a wall or scroll with the names and dates of the individuals whose remains have been scattered there.

MONUMENTS & MARKERS

- Monument
- Bronze Plaque on Granite Base
- Bronze Plaque
- Granite Plaque
- Other

Inscription/Emblem

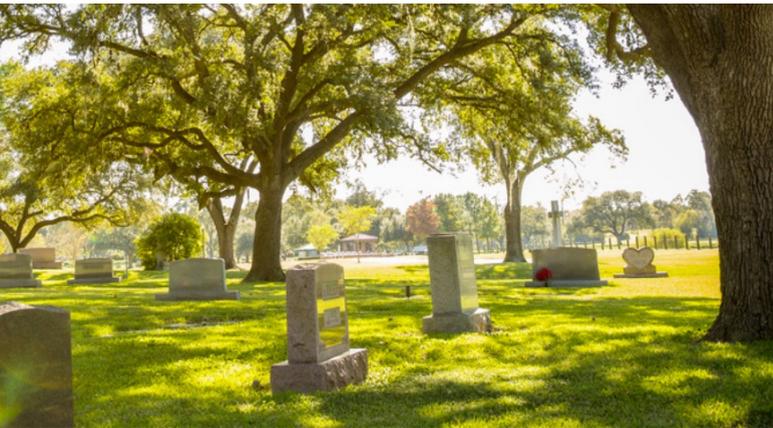
INTERMENT INFORMATION

Name of Owner of Interment Rights

Legal Description of Interment Rights

Location of Certificate of Ownership

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HOW MUCH DOES A GRAVE MARKER COST?

Grave markers and monuments are permanent tributes. Purchased separately from cemetery property, there are a few types in a range of shapes and sizes. Costs vary.

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TYPE OF CEMETERY SERVICE

Opening and Closing (Quantity/Description)

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PERSONAL REQUESTS

Family present during closing upon conclusion of Committal Service:

- Yes No

Description of Request

Military Honors

RELEASE OF:

- Doves Butterflies



FLORAL PLACEMENT SERVICE

With Cemetery Flowers, your loved ones will be able to honor your legacy with beautiful silk flowers hand-delivered to your final resting place.

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Month

Type

Month

Type

Month

Type

Important Places and Dates

NAME

First

Middle

Last

MY CONTACT INFORMATION

Street Address

City/County

State

Zip

Phone Number(s)

Email

PLACE OF BIRTH

City/County

State

Zip

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

MARITAL STATUS

Married - Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Name of Surviving Spouse (Maiden Name, if Wife)

Previously Married - Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Name of Spouse

Never Married

Widowed

Divorced

MILITARY SERVICE

Yes (Complete **Military Service** on page 13)

No

EDUCATION (Highest Grade Completed)

Elementary/Secondary (0-12)

College (1-4 or 5+)

College/University Name(s)

Degree(s)

CAREER

Occupation(s)

Type of Business/Industry

Employer(s)

INFORMANT INFORMATION

Please inform this person of my death so they can complete my final arrangements.

Name

Relationship

Street Address

City/County

State

Zip

Phone Number(s)

Email

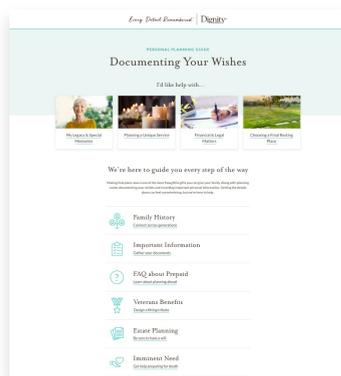
OTHER PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

Driver's License No./State

Visa No.

Passport No./Issuing Country

Green Card No.



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- Life Insurance and Benefits
- Credit Cards
- Financial Assets
- Investment Accounts

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Military Service

Branch of Service

Service Serial Number

Highest Grade, Rank or Rating Received

Wars/Conflicts Served

Additional Information/Medals/Honors/Citations

DATE ENTERED SERVICE

Place

DATE OF SEPARATION

Type of Separation or Discharge of Service

Place of Separation

Location of Military Discharge Papers (DD-214)



FREE VETERANS PLANNING GUIDES

For more information on Veterans benefits, download the FREE *Veterans Planning Guide* and *10 Important Facts About Your VA Burial Benefits* from your Dignity Memorial professional.

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Estate Information

IMPORTANCE OF A WILL

If you die without a will, state law and the courts may determine who will administer your estate, handle financial matters and act as guardian for your minor children. With a will, you decide.

The law is very exacting in its requirements with respect to the publications, signing and witnessing of wills. It is recommended that this matter be handled by a competent attorney. Homemade wills may not stand up in court. Additionally, in some instances, joint ownership of property may not be a good substitute for a carefully drafted will.

You should review your will every few years, particularly if you have moved or your family situation has changed since you last executed a will. State laws vary as to formal requirements and as to the rights of children and grandchildren born after a will was executed.

When you realize how much is at stake—the well-being of your entire family and the protection of your property—we believe that you will find that the attorney’s fee for drafting your will and planning your estate is a worthwhile investment.

I HAVE A WILL:

No

Yes - Date of Will (MM/DD/YYYY)

LOCATION OF WILL

At Home

Attorney’s Office

Other _____

PREPARING YOURSELF FINANCIALLY

Learn about the importance of having a thorough financial plan prepared for unexpected events in your life. Visit the companion website for your Personal Planning Guide.

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EXECUTOR

This is the person who is named in a will to deal with the estate.

Name Phone Number Email

Street Address City/County State Zip

MY WILL WAS PREPARED BY:

Name Phone Number Email

Street Address City/County State Zip



To my loved ones...

It's my wish that my final good-bye is a reflection of all I have been and loved.

This planner includes personal information and details concerning my final arrangements.

Please know that it was thoughtfully prepared with you in mind. I hope these pages will relieve you of some unnecessary stress and guesswork at the time of my death.

I also hope these pages serve as a lasting memory of my life.

To my cherished family and dear friends, I leave these thoughts and my love.

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

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