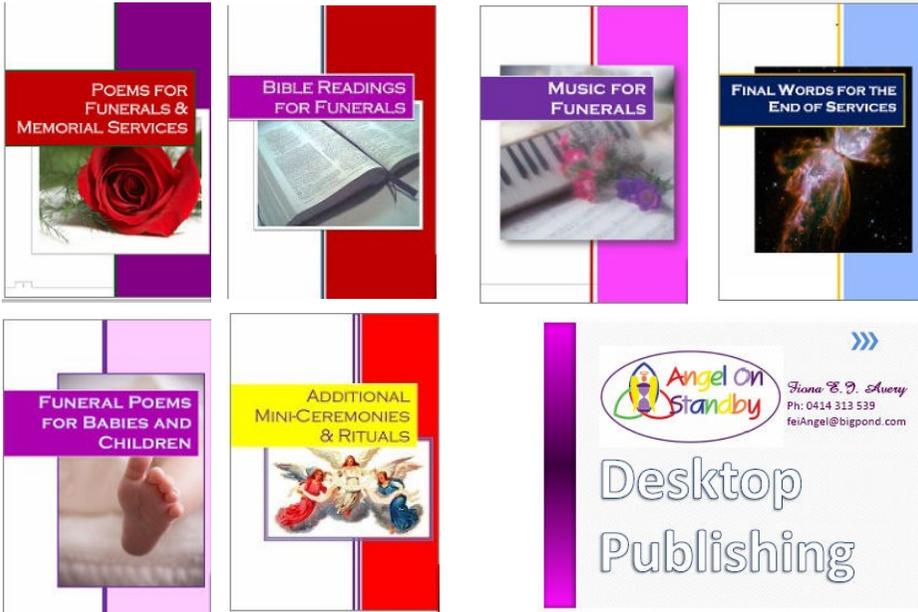


Further Resources available:

- **Guide to Writing Eulogies**
- **Sample Orders of Service**
- **Sample "Pre-death/Living Wake" services**



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If you have any questions, want copies of the above documents, assistance completing this booklet or to discuss a future service, please feel free to contact me.

**Free
Booklet**



MY CHOICES

WHAT I WOULD LIKE AT THE END OF MY LIFE AND FOR MY FUNERAL



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A lot of people are opting for a “no fuss” attitude for their funeral. Partly this is to minimise the costs. However, a funeral is the final opportunity to say goodbye to a loved one, an occasion for family and friends to come together to support one another and an important element of the grieving process. The funeral is also important as a reflection of the person who has died. We want to help you to be remembered in the sort of ceremony you would choose, to express your own personality and to comfort those you leave behind, as grandly or simply as you wish.

Even if you put your funeral wishes in a will, this is not legally binding. Therefore it is important to decide in advance who you want to give instructions for your funeral – someone you can trust. If you are married, this person is usually the person to whom you are married; if you are both elderly, it may be one of your children. If you have a partner, they may wish to carry out your chosen arrangements for you.

However, you will need to make it clear that this is what you want: your parents may feel they should step in and this may leave your partner leaving excluded altogether. It is helpful if partner, family and friends work together as this will assist their grieving process. There are many opportunities for people to help, and this helps them to feel involved.

WHY SHOULD I FILL IN THIS FORM?

Filling in this form will ensure that you have some control over the arrangements made for your funeral. It gives you time to think through what you really want, and to consider realistically what you can afford. It is very difficult for families to decide these things at the last minute, after a death has occurred, when they are in the depths of mourning. Even if you have told them what you want, in grief, they may not remember.

WHERE SHOULD I KEEP IT?

Keep this document somewhere known to the person in charge of your affairs and arranging your funeral, or where your carer team can readily locate it.

Don't file it away in a place where it can't be easily found. If you want to make changes later, that's fine.

This booklet can be photocopied, but please include the contact details on the back page..

There are letters / messages for:-

- I.
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- II.
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- III.
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- IV.
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- V.
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- VI.
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Thank you for doing all you can to follow my wishes. It is particularly appreciated at this time.

Signed:

Date:

Name: (PRINT)

Full address:

.....
..... Postcode

I would / would not prefer, if possible, to die at home.

If I die in hospital or a nursing home, in some situations, nurses lay out the body at the time of death. If possible, I would like the following person to lay out my body or to help lay it out:

Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Telephone No:

My will can be found at:

The person I want to be responsible for arranging my funeral is:-
(if different from the next of kin stated above)

Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Telephone Nos:

I would like you to arrange my funeral using a Funeral Director. The funeral director I should prefer to be used is:

Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Telephone Nos:

I have / do not have a pre-paid funeral plan through:

It should cover the following aspects of my funeral:-
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I would / would not like my body to be viewed. *(This is usually arranged by funeral directors using their chapel of rest. A fee may be charged for viewing at agreed times)*

I would like my coffin to be: Standard / Pure wood / Other (Green / LifeArt) *(include picture/details)*

I would like
to write / deliver my Eulogy,

Other people I would like to be included, if they feel able:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

ADDITIONAL INCLUSIONS (see separate booklet) :

- Masonic**
- RSL**
- Slideshow**
- Balloon / Butterfly release**
- Candle Ceremony**
- Special Sands blending**
- 4 elements ceremony**
- Other:**

AWKWARD SITUATIONS:

As there is awkwardness and tension between various family members, it is my wish that

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Not attend my service at all / hold a separate memorial service if they wish / attend the main service and all parties are to remain civil, in my honour, as is my wish.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE

I would / would not like a funeral service to be held.

Please discuss this with close family and friends. Ceremonies mark most of the major events in our lives. The end of a life of a loved one is a milestone in most people's lives. Although many people do not want a fuss made of their passing, or a large sum of money spent on a funeral, it should be remembered that many people would find it difficult to cope without some sort of ceremony or ritual. To many people, it is a way in which they can show their love and respect and say goodbye. A funeral service is now seen as the celebration of a life and can be extremely important in the grieving process. A service is often more for those left behind, but should reflect the person whom they are remembering.

I would like my funeral service to be

religious / semi-religious / non-religious.

Please specify any particular religious service or inclusions you would like (eg denomination, Lords Prayer only , reference to eternal life etc):

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I would like the following person to be **appointed officiant**
(Religious / Civil Celebrant / Family member / Friend) at my funeral:-

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone No:

(Unlike weddings, there are no special qualifications for conducting a funeral, but they should be able to follow your wishes and be composed enough to make sure the service flows, especially if there are special requests – we have all been to bad funerals and someone who has had professional training or is used to public speaking can be the difference between a memorable and moving ceremony and one that is remembered for all the wrong reasons)

SERVICE OPTIONS (you may choose more than one):

- Pre-death/Living Wake service *(attach separate details)*
- Funeral Service at
Church in
- Funeral Service at
..... Chapel/Crematorium
- Funeral Service at Graveside at
..... Cemetery
- Funeral Service at other location (Home, Hall, Function Room, Outdoors, Beach headland etc, subject to Council approval)
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- Private Interment at
.....*(on private property must be pre-arranged - attach separate details)*
- Funeral Service at
prior to private cremation at
- Memorial Service at
following private cremation / at other time:.....
- Scattering of Ashes at
..... following cremation / at other time:
.....
- Interment of Ashes at
following cremation / at other time:
.....
- Burial at Sea - must be pre-arranged - *attach separate details*
- Donation of body / organs to medical science - should be pre-arranged - *attach separate details*
- Aquamation - should be pre-arranged - *attach separate details*
- Other *(ashes / hair to be turned into created diamonds, glass paperweight, cryogenics, etc):*