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Pre-planning, Pre-Arranging & Pre-paying a Funeral

Pre-arrangement is a thoughtful method of funeral planning which grows in popularity each year. Some people do this with the sincere desire to avoid being a burden on their families. Others like the idea of having everything taken care of, and yet others may have no one else who can make arrangements for them.

There is no 'typical' service. Each person & family has its own special needs, customs, and traditions. We are committed to helping you create a meaningful service which is the most appropriate for you.

At Hall Funerals, we are dedicated to assist you in choosing all the essentials that are right for your needs.

No matter what your situation or desire, we are here to help you.

Each person & family we serve has their own unique needs. That's why we offer a wide range of services, and why we listen to your desires when arranging a pre paid funeral.

We strive for your utmost satisfaction and we feel that will be the case when you have the opportunity to choose exactly the type of services you prefer.

When a death occurs it is the next of kin who assumes primary responsibility for the disposition. Making funeral arrangements for someone while guessing their preferences may be one of the most difficult tasks a person can face.

Having your choices and instructions on file with a funeral director eliminates unresolved questions which may confound others. It is also wise to keep a copy of your pre-arrangement forms and discuss them with family members so that everyone understands your wishes.

It is essential to include the suggestions and ideas of family since your death will directly affect them.

Funding your arrangement is another important decision to be made in the pre-arrangement process. While funding is not necessary to create a pre-arrangement, it can further ease the financial concerns of family members.

This also allows you to arrange the kind of service you prefer and be assured of adequate funds for the future payment of the service. We have several options available for funding your pre-arrangements whatever your situation, from one lump sum payment to monthly direct debit payments.



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A Simple Solution

Many people worry about how they will pay for their future funeral expenses. A Funeral Bond is a simple solution to this common problem. A Funeral Bond is a special purpose way to set aside money to help cover eventual funeral costs. Money invested in a bond can only be used for this purpose, and is only paid out upon death. A Funeral Bonds is a safe, simple and effective investment, backed by a capital guarantee. It is also a very flexible and portable investment, which does not tie you to a fixed location.

Your investment will be in a capital guaranteed environment. This means that any amounts you contribute – plus the annual bonuses allocated to the bond – are guaranteed to be paid at the time of claim.

A Secure Investment

It is a true "no ifs, no buts" guarantee. The money is handled by the Friendly Society and is invested in very conservative assets like fixed interest and cash deposits.

A Sensible Investment

Money invested in a Funeral Bond is not included in the means tests used by Social Security and Veterans Affairs. This means that investing in a Funeral Bond could, depending on the circumstances, result in improved pension entitlements. The bond grows in value as it is allocated annual bonuses (interest). But these bonuses do not affect personal tax positions, and you won't have to declare the earnings in your annual tax return because of your investment in the Funeral Bond.

If there are any tax implications, they'll be assessed in the hands of their estate.

A Funeral Bond offers many financial benefits including:

Social Security and Veterans Affairs exempts money invested in the bond from the means tests for government benefits; and

Earnings from the bond do not affect personal income tax positions.

Investing in a Funeral Bond also delivers emotional benefits. You have the security of knowing you have set money aside to go towards your future funeral costs, and the comfort that you are protecting your loved ones from a potential financial burden.

At the time of the funeral where a Funeral Bond has been established, Hall Funerals will claim these funds from the appropriate friendly society.

If there is any shortfall in the amount, (if the cost of the funeral is more than the balance of the bond), the family or estate will be charged this difference.

At the same time, if there are extra available funds in the bond after the funeral has been paid, the estate will be paid this amount to be distributed by a solicitor.



When Someone Dies Naturally

The determination that someone has died naturally is made solely by their normal medical practitioner's ability and willingness to sign a medical certificate detailing the 'Cause of Death'.

The following general rules apply for the medical practitioner to do this.

- The doctor must have seen and treated the person while they were alive; and
 - The doctor must understand the cause and condition leading to the person's death.

This must meet the criteria and guidelines of the Coroners Act and the doctor must indicate his or her willingness to sign a Certificate of Death.

All professional funeral directors operate a 24-hour service and are available to bring the person who has died into their care immediately, if required.

Once the doctor has been advised and has indicated his or her willingness to write the death certificate, your next call should be to the funeral director for help with this.

The general requirement of private nursing or aged care facilities, private hospitals, and/or your own private residence is the immediate transfer of the deceased into the funeral director's care.

Public hospitals generally have specific facilities to care for your loved one until the next morning or next working day.



Unexpected, Sudden or Accidental Death

When death is accidental, sudden or unexpected,
a different process must be followed.

The first step is to contact the police.
Their task is to investigate the circumstances, gather information, determine a
positive identification and ensure the careful transfer of the deceased to the
coroner's facility for autopsy.

This information is then presented to the coroner responsible for the jurisdiction
in which the death has occurred.

The coroner orders a medical examination of the deceased.
This process is governed by law and must be carried out to determine a
cause of death.

Laws are designed to protect all of us.
The coroner's work is not only to establish a cause of death
but also to protect our society.

It is concerned with advancing health and safety within the workplace and the
general community by recommending actions to minimise the recurrence of
preventable deaths.



PERSONAL PROFILE INFORMATION

This information is for the registration & issue of a Government Death Certificate. This is information Required, by law, for the registration of a death in Victoria, therefore any information known must be provided as the Death Certificate is of course a legal document. Hall Funerals apologises for any questions that may offend. Any information not provided by the next of kin will appear on the Death Certificate as 'Unknown'. All information is obtained in the strictest of confidence, and is used for any and all of the required paperwork for Hall Funerals to carry out the funeral service, and registration of the death.

FAMILY NAME:.....FAMILY NAME AT TIME OF BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES.....

ADDRESS.....

DATE OF BIRTH.....PLACE OF BIRTH.....STATE.....

IF NOT BORN IN AUSTRALIA: YEAR OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA:.....

COUNTRY of Birth.....TOWN.....STATE.....

IS THE DECEASED AN ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER: Aboriginal / Torres Strait / Both / Neither

CURRENT MARITAL STATUS: Please circle one: Registered Relationship / Marriage / Widowed /
Divorced / Never Married/Unknown

MARRIAGES - In Order of Current or Most Recent to Earliest

PLACE OF MARRIAGE.....COUNTRY OF MARRIAGE:.....

DATE OF MARRIAGE: year only if this is only known...../...../.....AGE OF DEC AT TIME:.....

FULL NAME OF SPOUSE (**Prior to Marriage**).....M / F

PREVIOUS MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHIP - Marriage/Registered Relationship/Domestic Partner

PLACE OF MARRIAGE.....COUNTRY OF MARRIAGE:.....

DATE OF MARRIAGE: year only if this is only known...../...../.....AGE OF DEC AT TIME:.....

FULL NAME OF SPOUSE (**Prior to Marriage**).....M / F

STATUS OF THIS PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP: WIDOWED / DIVORCED

PREVIOUS MARRIAGE/RELATIONSHIP - Marriage/Registered Relationship/Domestic Partner

PLACE OF MARRIAGE.....COUNTRY If Not Australia:.....

DATE OF MARRIAGE: year only if this is only known...../...../.....

FULL NAME OF SPOUSE (**Prior to Marriage**).....M / F

STATUS OF THIS PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP: WIDOWED / DIVORCED

Please attach a separate page if more than three marriages /registered relationships.

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CHILDREN OF THE DECEASED - (this includes all biological and legally adopted children.

We require current surnames, surnames at time of birth and dates of birth of all children.

Life Status - please indicate Living/Deceased/Stillborn or Unknown).

1. FAMILY NAME:.....FAMILY NAME AT BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES:.....D.O.B...../...../.....

LIFE STATUS:.....

2. FAMILY NAME:.....FAMILY NAME AT BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES:.....D.O.B...../...../.....

LIFE STATUS:.....

3. FAMILY NAME:.....FAMILY NAME AT BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES:.....D.O.B...../...../.....

LIFE STATUS:.....

4. FAMILY NAME:.....FAMILY NAME AT BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES:.....D.O.B...../...../.....

LIFE STATUS:.....

5. FAMILY NAME:.....FAMILY NAME AT BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES:.....D.O.B...../...../.....

LIFE STATUS:.....

6. FAMILY NAME:.....FAMILY NAME AT BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES:.....D.O.B...../...../.....

LIFE STATUS:.....

7. FAMILY NAME:.....FAMILY NAME AT BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES:.....D.O.B...../...../.....

LIFE STATUS:.....

8. FAMILY NAME:.....FAMILY NAME AT BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES:.....D.O.B...../...../.....

LIFE STATUS:.....

9. FAMILY NAME:.....FAMILY NAME AT BIRTH:.....

GIVEN NAMES:.....D.O.B...../...../.....

LIFE STATUS:.....

Please attach a separate page if more than nine children.

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DEC'D MAIN OCCUPATION DURING WORKING LIFE.....
(Please note that Births Deaths and Marriages will only accept occupations that are already in their database. We will endeavor to match the occupation as accurately as possible).

WAS THE DECEASED RETIRED: YES / NO

WAS THE DECEASED RECEIVING A PENSION - TYPE:.....CRN.....
We can notify Centrelink on your behalf

PARENTS OF THE DECEASED

FATHER'S FULL NAME:.....

FATHER'S SURNAME AT BIRTH:.....or same

FATHER'S OCCUPATION:.....

MOTHER'S FULL NAME:.....

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:.....

OCCUPATION:.....

NEXT OF KIN: (The next of kin should preferably be the person arranging the funeral details with Hall Funerals who is also signing cemetery/crematoria paperwork. A spouse or eldest child is preferable. The death certificate will be sent direct to the person signing this page, but can be posted direct to a solicitor, but only with the below signed permission).

NEXT OF KIN NAME:.....Ph

MB.....Email:.....

ADDRESS: (Must be a residential, street address).....

.....P/C.....

POSTAL ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT:.....

POSTCODE:.....RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED:.....

As next of kin I have read, and agree that, the information provided on this form is true and correct. As the person signing this form I understand that my name will appear as the informant on the Death Certificate.

I also hereby give permission for the Government Death Certificate to be sent to the following person:

NAME:.....BUSINESS NAME:.....

ADDRESS FOR POSTAGE: (Can be a PO Box Address).....

.....POSTCODE:.....

Ph.....Mb.....

Email:.....

SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN:.....DATE:...../...../.....

Funeral Instructions

Burial Yes No

Cemetery.....

New Grave Yes No

Re-Open of existing family grave Yes No

- Full name of first internment.....
- Year of burial.....
- Section.....
- Grave number.....

Cremation Yes No

Crematorium.....

Ashes Instruction.....

Funeral service to be held at

Church.....

Graveside Service.....

Chapel.....

Crematorium Chapel.....

Special hymns/ songs

Hymn.....

Hymn.....

Hymn.....

Song.....

Artist:.....

Song.....

Artist:.....

Song.....

Artist:.....



Funeral Instructions

Special requests

RSL.....

Masonic.....

Service Club.....

Name of Solicitor

.....

Has the funeral been pre-paid Yes No

Name of company.....

Phone number.....

Agreement number.....

Date pre-paid.....

Where can these documents can be located.....

Notes

Poems and Verses

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be Thine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Look for me in Rainbows

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.
In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.
In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,
Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.
Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, shining in the sky.
Every waking moment, and all your whole life through
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Just wish me to be near you,
And I'll be there with you.

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.



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