







# 67 DECISIONS

Planning ahead for all the right reasons

# A DIFFICULT QUESTION

If there had been a death in your family yesterday... what would you be doing today?



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Within hours, you'll face decisions... at a time when shock and grief blur judgment and cause emotional overspending.

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Many of these decisions must be made within a few hours:

What type of service do you want?

What type of casket?

How do you want to be dressed?

How will the funeral be paid for?

What type of burial do you want?

What should be included in the

obituary?

Was there insurance, veteran's

benefits?

Who should read the eulogy, etc?



#### **Notify Immediately**

- 1. The doctor or doctors
- 2. The funeral director
- 3. The cemetery
- 4. Relatives
- 5. Friends
- 6. Deceased's employer
- 7. Employers of relatives missing work
- 8. Insurance agents (life, health, etc.)
- 9. Attorney & accountant
- 10. Clergy and place of worship

#### **Decide & Arrange Immediately**

- 11. Select funeral director\*
- 12. Select cemetery\*
- 13. Purchase burial property\*
- 14. Select the casket\*
- 15. Select the vault\*
- 16. Select the memorial\*
- 17. Decide location of service
- 18. Select clergy/person you'd like to officiate
- 19. Provide information for eulogy
- 20. Select flowers
- 21. Arrange for music & visitation
- 22. Arrange type of service (military, etc.)
- 23. Provide obituary to newspaper
- 24. Answer calls, messages, & letters
- 25. Get addresses for thank you cards
- 26. Meet with funeral director
- 27. Check and sign burial permit
- 28. Arrange for special memorial services
- 29. Check the will for special wishes
- 30. Order death certificate
- 31. Look after house, children and pets

#### Secure Vital Statistics

All of this information is required for the Death Certificate issued by the Board of Health.

- 32. Name, home address & telephone
- 33. How long in state
- 34. Business name, address, phone
- 35. Occupation and title
- 36. Social Security Number
- 37. Veteran's Serial Number
- 38. Date of birth
- 39. Place of birth
- 40. U.S. citizenship
- 41. Father's name
- 42. Father's birthplace



- 43. Mother's maiden name
- 44. Mother's birthplace
- 45. Religious name (if any)

#### **Collect Documents**

All of this information is required to establish rights for insurance, pension, Social Security, etc.

- 46. Funeral certificate
- 47. Deed to burial property
- 48. Will
- 49. Birth Certificate or legal proof age
- 50. Social Security card or number
- 51. Marriage license
- 52. Citizenship papers
- 53. Insurance policies
- 54. Bank books
- 55. Deeds to property
- 56. Bill of sale of car
- 57. Tax returns, receipts, checks
- 58. Veteran's discharge certificate
- 59. Disability & pension claims

#### Pay the Following

- 60. Funeral home services\*
- 61. Casket\*
- 62. Burial plot, mausoleum or niche\*
- 63. Vault\*
- 64. Opening and closing\*
- 65. Clergy
- 66. Place of worship
- 67. Transportation
- \*These items can be taken care of in advance of need.

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Typically, most of these decisions will have to be made by our loved ones within 48 hours of your death.



### CEMETERY VS. FUNERAL HOME

#### **Cemetery**

Choosing a final resting place.

- Ground
- Mausoleum
- Cremation

#### **Associated Cemetery Fees**

- Interment
- Inscription

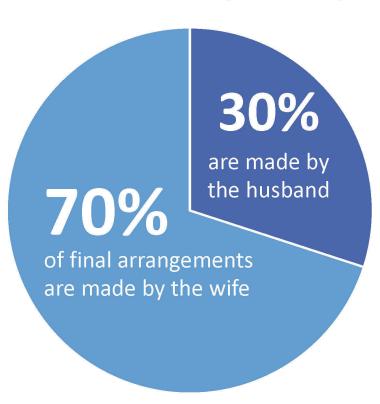
#### **Funeral Home**

- Removal of deceased
- Preparation of deceased
- Purchase of Casket/urn
- Purchase of vault
- Scheduling Visitation/Viewing
- Arrangements at place of worship.
- Transportation to the Cemetery

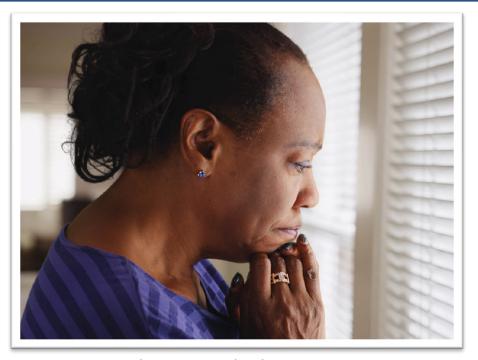


## FACING THIS BURDEN ALONE

#### **FINAL ARRANGEMENTS**



Source: The System University Version 2.19.12 International Cemetery, Cremation & Funeral Association (ICCFA)



A Disturbing Fact
She has no idea what he
would have wanted



## A BETTER WAY

### National Trend: More People are Pre-Arranging



More than 80% of Americans believe planning in advance is a good idea.

More than 85% of children want their parents to plan in advance.

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# 4 REASONS TO PRE-ARRANGE

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Removes Burden From The Loved One



Eliminates Emotional Overspending

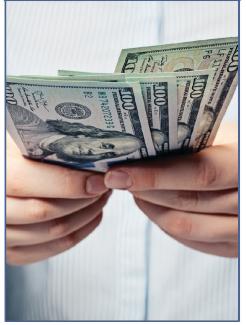


Guarantees Today's
Price Forever

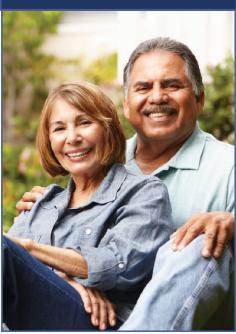


Peace of Mind











### AFFORDABLE OPTIONS

Another benefit of planning ahead of is that there is often a savings derived when purchasing burial space before need.

Some cemeteries offer affordable monthly in-house payment plans that can be paid over time, before need, sparing financial burden on loved ones left behind.



## CEMETERY OPTIONS

### Below Ground

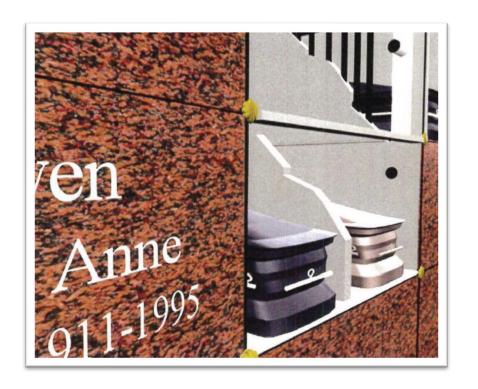


### Above Ground

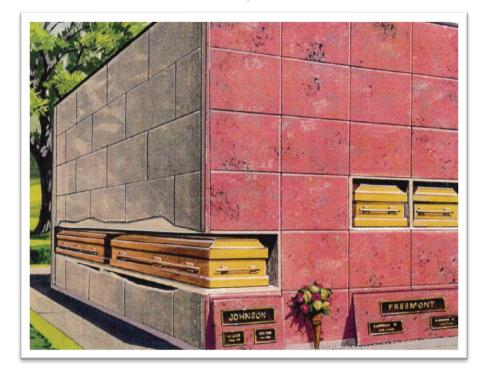


# COMMUNITY MAUSOLEUM

Steel Reinforcement



True Companion and Side by Side



## ADVANTAGES OF MAUSOLEUMS

Clean and Dry





Avoids Contact with the Earth

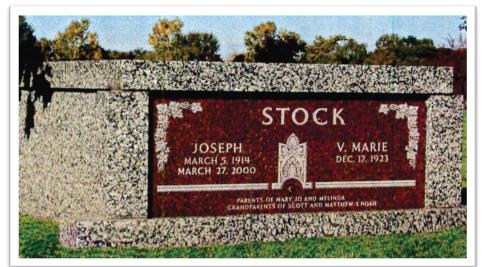


Avoids Contact with Comfortable Visits





# PRIVATE MAUSOLEUMS







### ABOVE-GROUND CREMATION OPTIONS



Granite bench with space for up to 8 cremated remains



Niches blended in the landscape alongside a running brook

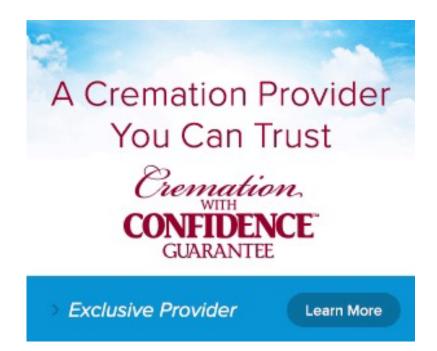




Columbarium with granite and glass-front niches for cremated remains



### SELECTING A CREMATION PROVIDER



#### **Peace of Mind When Pre-Planning for Cremation**

When considering cremation, look to preplan with a Cremation With Confidence provider. They adhere to a system of checks and balances to ensure that your loved one is treated with the utmost respect and dignity and that the remains returned to you are, indeed, those of your loved one.

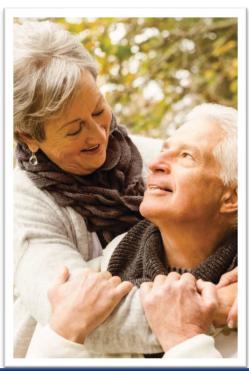
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### PLANNING IS A PART OF LIFE

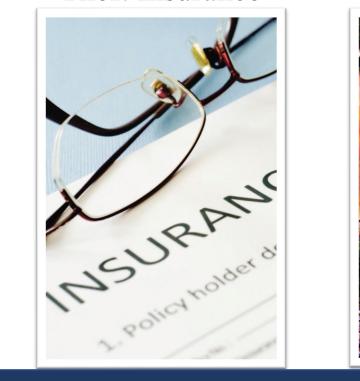
Weddings



Retirement



Theft Insurance



Fire Insurance



### WHY NOT PLAN FOR THE INEVITABLE?



### HOW TO BEGIN THE PLANNING CONVERSATION

- Schedule time to have the conversation.
- Make it about their desires.
- Ease into the conversation
- Discuss the pros and cons of other funerals that you have attended.
- Explain that you are removing the burden of difficult decisions.
- Make it a family activity.



# NOT A QUESTION OF IF...

### IT'S ONLY A QUESTION OF WHEN

#### Alone



- Emotional overspending
- Uncertainty
- Creates confusion
- Payment in full

#### Together



- Wishes known
- Freezes the price forever
- Removes burden
- Peace of mind

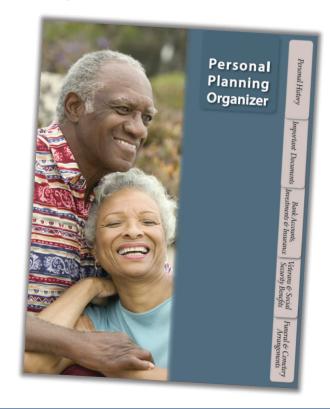


### WHO CAN YOU HELP?

Everyone can benefit by having their own copy of our Personal Planning Organizer.

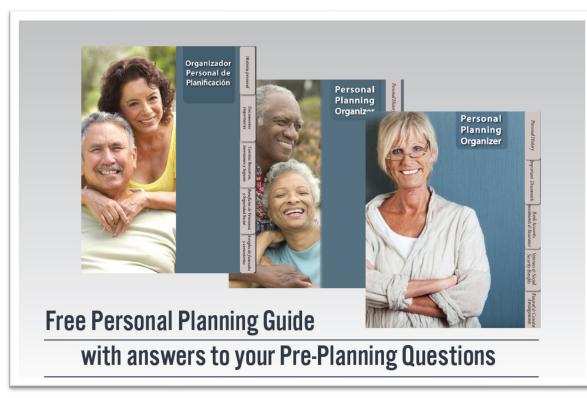
#### WHO DO YOU KNOW?

- Relatives
- Friends
- Neighbors
- Co-Workers
- Church Members
- Club Members



### PERSONAL PLANNING GUIDES

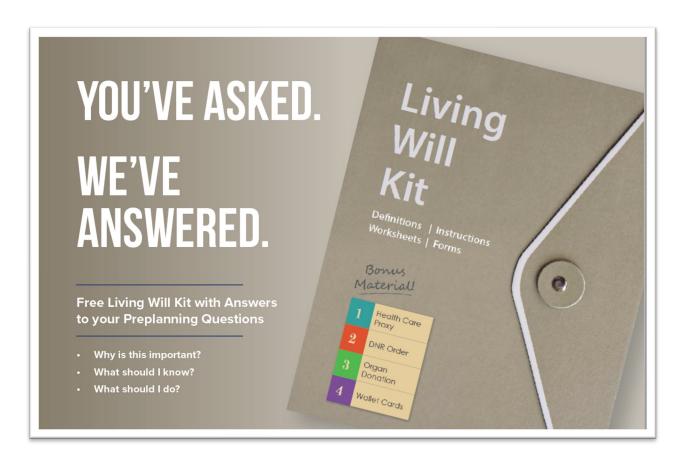
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Personal Planning Organizers are available in three versions:

- 1. For couples
- 2. For singles
- 3. And, in Spanish

### LIVING WILL KIT



When families ask us how they can prepare during these unprecedented times, our first response is to talk about our free Living Will Kit. This contains all the information you need to help you understand and complete a Living Will, along with details about other health care advance directives.



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