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Funeral Wishes Planner

An expression of your wishes, not a prepaid funeral plan

*Walk your family through exactly the funeral you want, so they don't have to
guess on the worst week of their lives.*

For England & Wales

A self-help template kit, not legal advice

The complete DIY estate plan, done properly.

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Welcome

Almost every grieving family says the same thing when arranging a funeral: "We just don't know what they would have wanted."

This planner exists to remove that question. In about 30 minutes you can write down your preferences, burial or cremation, religious or not, hymns, readings, flowers, the lot. Your family will be relieved you did.

WHAT THIS IS NOT

This is an expression of wishes, guidance for your family. It is NOT a prepaid funeral plan and we don't sell those (they're FCA-regulated; we aren't licensed and won't be). If you want a prepaid plan, speak to a provider authorised by the FCA. This planner sits alongside one, or alongside nothing.

What's inside

PART 1

Burial, cremation, or direct cremation, how to decide

PART 2

The full preferences worksheet

PART 3

Music, readings, and ceremony inspiration

PART 4

Cost comparison & ballpark prices

PART 5

Bonus extras: tell-your-family card, donation guidance, funeral director questions

Part 1, Burial, cremation, or direct cremation

The three main routes

- Traditional burial, a grave in a churchyard, cemetery, or natural burial ground.
- Cremation with a service, a ceremony at the crematorium chapel, followed by the cremation itself.
- Direct cremation, no ceremony at the crematorium; the cremation happens privately and ashes are returned to the family. A separate "memorial" can be held later, at your home or anywhere meaningful.

DIRECT CREMATION HAS BECOME MUCH MORE COMMON

About 1 in 5 cremations in the UK is now a direct cremation. It costs around £1,000–£1,800 versus £3,500–£5,000 for a full-service cremation. Many people choose it specifically because they want family to gather later, on their own terms, without the funeral director's clock running.

Religious or non-religious

If you have a religious tradition you want followed, write it down here, including which faith, which minister, and which scriptures or prayers you want. If you would prefer a non-religious humanist or civil celebrant ceremony, write that down too. Otherwise your family will guess.