

Third Presbyterian Church, PCA

Funeral or Memorial Service Pre-Planning Form

Name: _____ Date _____

Planning your own funeral or memorial service can provide peace-of-mind to you and your family.

By planning your service in advance you can design and specify the exact type of service you'd like so that your friends and family have a worship service with your input. By letting your family know how you'd like your funeral or memorial service to be, you will have removed this burden from them during a difficult, emotional time.

First, please circle how you would like your body to be disposed: Buried or Cremated

Second, review the lists below and checkmark your preferred arrangements (either option 1 or option 2 or option 3). Then, answer the questions on the following pages.

_____ Option 1:

1. Viewing/Visitation at funeral home (day of or evening before the funeral service)
2. Service at church (with or without the body present)
3. Committal (short service) at graveside
4. Reception at church immediately following the graveside service or somewhere else (Where? _____)

_____ Option 2:

1. Service at graveside
2. Then a Memorial service at church (maybe same day, maybe a different day)
3. Reception immediately following the service

_____ Option 3:

1. Viewing/Visitation at funeral home (either same day as funeral service or evening prior)
2. Service at funeral home
3. Service at graveside

_____ Option 4: Other (please list specifically)

Other questions to be answered:

1. I would like my funeral or memorial service to be held at the following location: _____

If this location is not available, my second choice is _____

2. The person I would like to officiate my funeral or memorial service is _____

If this person is not available, my second choice is _____

3. I would like the following person(s) to serve as pallbearers:

➤ _____

➤ _____

➤ _____

➤ _____

➤ _____

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➤ _____

4. Optional: I would like the following person(s) to deliver eulogies:

5. Optional: I would like the following people to pray, sing, or read Scripture:

6. Optional: use of funeral pall (white cloth to cover the casket). A pall is available upon request. Third no longer provides name inscription services. It is the responsibility of the family to secure the pall from Vogue Cleaners and afterward to return the pall to Vogue Cleaners.

7. The scripture readings I would like are: (examples: Psalm 23; John 14.1-3; I Corinthians 15:50-57; Psalm 46.1-10; Romans 8.18-39; Lamentations 3.22-32; I Thessalonians 4.13-14)

8. I would like the following songs, hymns, or pieces of music to be played: (examples: *Amazing Grace*, *The Old Rugged Cross*; *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*; *To God Be The Glory*)

9. In lieu of flowers, I would like people to honor my memory by making a donation to the charity organization(s) that has/have meant a lot to me:

10. I want to be sure that the following groups, organizations, and clubs will be notified of and invited to my funeral or memorial service (such as veteran's groups, alumni associations, sports or hobby clubs, etc.):

Name of group/primary contact: _____

Contact information: _____

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Contact information: _____

11. I want to be sure that the following people, whom my family may not know, will be notified of and invited to my funeral or memorial service:

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

Name: _____

Contact information: _____

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Name: _____

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Contact information: _____

Please share the circumstances related to Christ's becoming your personal Lord and Savior. This type of information may be used by the minister when preaching the sermon. These testimonies can be of **great** encouragement to the hearers.

Do you have any final remarks to be read at your service? (use back, if necessary)

I, _____ (printed name) desire the arrangements for my funeral service(s) as noted above:

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness (Printed name) _____

Witness Signature: _____