

Planning a Funeral

Your name: _____

When it's time to plan a funeral, there are a lot of questions, at exactly the time in life when you'd rather not have any questions. This sheet is to help you in the planning process for a funeral, either for someone you love, or for making advance plans for your own.

1. What are the things that you want to make sure are included?
2. Are we using the Lutheran Worship liturgy outline from the book, or some other?
3. What type of musician would you prefer (organ, piano, guitar, etc.)?
4. Will there be hymns sung? Which ones?
5. Are there particular readings and scriptures?
6. Will there be a casket? An urn? A photograph?
7. Will we be travelling to a cemetery? Which one? Before the service? After? A different day?
8. Will there be a meal afterward? How many should we prepare for?
9. Will you assemble some picture boards?
10. Is there someone who will speak about the person's life?
11. The casket is normally closed before the service. Are there pall bearers you have in mind?
12. Will there be military events? Who do we contact?
13. Will there be communion?
14. Is there a memorial idea you have in mind?
15. Is there a funeral home you prefer, or Michigan State University Department of Anatomy?
16. What else haven't we thought of?