



FUNERAL & CREMATION

THIS IS A PERSONALIZED PLAN FOR:

Welcome to our Planning Guide.

It is our hope that as you complete these pages you find a sense of relief and optimism that your final wishes can be carried out to your specifications. Throughout this guide you will find the many different options to consider as you plan for your funeral and final ceremonies. There are also pages devoted to your unique life story, as well as reminders to your loved ones about where they can find access to your important documents.

Thinking and planning for death is not necessarily an enjoyable task, but it is essential for you to be as thorough as possible, so that there is minimal guesswork after you do pass. Bring this guidebook in when you plan ahead with us, we'll store all your wishes and requests, but also *make sure your loved ones know where to find this booklet, so that they have immediate access to it when the time comes.*

THIS GUIDE WILL

- Record your wishes
- Discuss your options
- Document your details
- Focus on your life story

TO GET YOU THINKING

(ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS)

What services will help those close to you?

What is most important to you?

What worries might you have about advanced planning?

To my dearest loved ones,

As I _____, consider the options before me, I want to assure you that I have put forth thought and effort into my decisions. The very basics are listed below, with more details to follow on the next few pages. Depending on if my wishes are to be buried, these details will be listed on page 6. If I wish to be cremated, they can be found on page 7.

I wish to be buried in a casket because _____

I wish to be cremated because _____

I have made arrangements with _____
(FUNERAL HOME ASSOCIATION)

I have made arrangements with _____
(CEMETERY)
OR
I prefer not to use a cemetery.

My church choice is _____
(CHURCH)
OR
I prefer not to use a church.

I have decided that I would like the following type of **funeral service**, and have circled the optional items that appeal the most to me.

GRAVESIDE SERVICE:

This type of service means that my casket will be closed, and that all services will take place at the cemetery. There is no need for the embalming process, and the funeral service itself will be relatively short (approx. 15-25 minutes long).

SINGLE DAY SERVICE:

This type of service means that the ceremonies will start with an hour visitation, immediately followed by my funeral service at the funeral home / church. After the funeral service is complete we will process to the cemetery for the final interment. I do not wish for an evening visitation, or any additional services. I would like to have an open / closed casket, so that my family and friends may say goodbye.

EVENING VISITATION/ROSARY:

This type of service means that I would like to have an informal evening event, with no set agenda, so that people may come and go as they are able too. Should my family desire to have a prayer service / Rosary service during part of this time, they are welcome to do so. I would like to have an open / closed casket, so that my family and friends may say goodbye. Funeral Services may follow the next day, at the Church / Funeral Home / Cemetery, in order to complete the burial process.

I have decided that I would like the following type of **cremation service**, and have circled the optional items that appeal the most to me.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CREMATION

This type of service means that I want my body present for funeral services, prior to the cremation process taking place. The ceremonies will start with an hour visitation, immediately followed by my funeral service at the funeral home / church. After the funeral service is complete the funeral home will take me to the crematory. I do / do not wish for an evening visitation, or any additional services. I would like to have an open / closed casket, so that my family and friends may say goodbye. Once my cremation has been completed my urn should be returned to my family / inurned at a cemetery.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

This type of service means that I do not want my body to be present at my funeral services. Instead, I would like my urn / a photo to represent me. The service should be held at the funeral home / church / other location. Once my cremation has been completed my urn should be returned to my family / inurned at a cemetery.

NON-CEREMONIAL CREMATION

This type of service means that I would like to avoid any sort of private or public service. Once my cremation has been completed my urn should be returned to my family / inurned at a cemetery.

My wishes for the final resting place for my cremated remains are:

Scattering at _____

Inurnment at _____

In order to make my services a representation of my life, I have filled in the following information to help you plan my funeral:

My favorite movie is _____

My favorite flower is _____

My favorite meal is _____

My favorite song/musician is _____

My favorite book is _____

My favorite animal is _____

My favorite quote is _____

My favorite organization/non-profit is _____

My other favorites worth mentioning are _____

I am okay with flowers at my service, but donations can also be made in my name to _____

I prefer to have no flowers, however donations can be made in my name to _____



I would like the music for the service to include the following songs:

_____ by _____
_____ by _____
_____ by _____

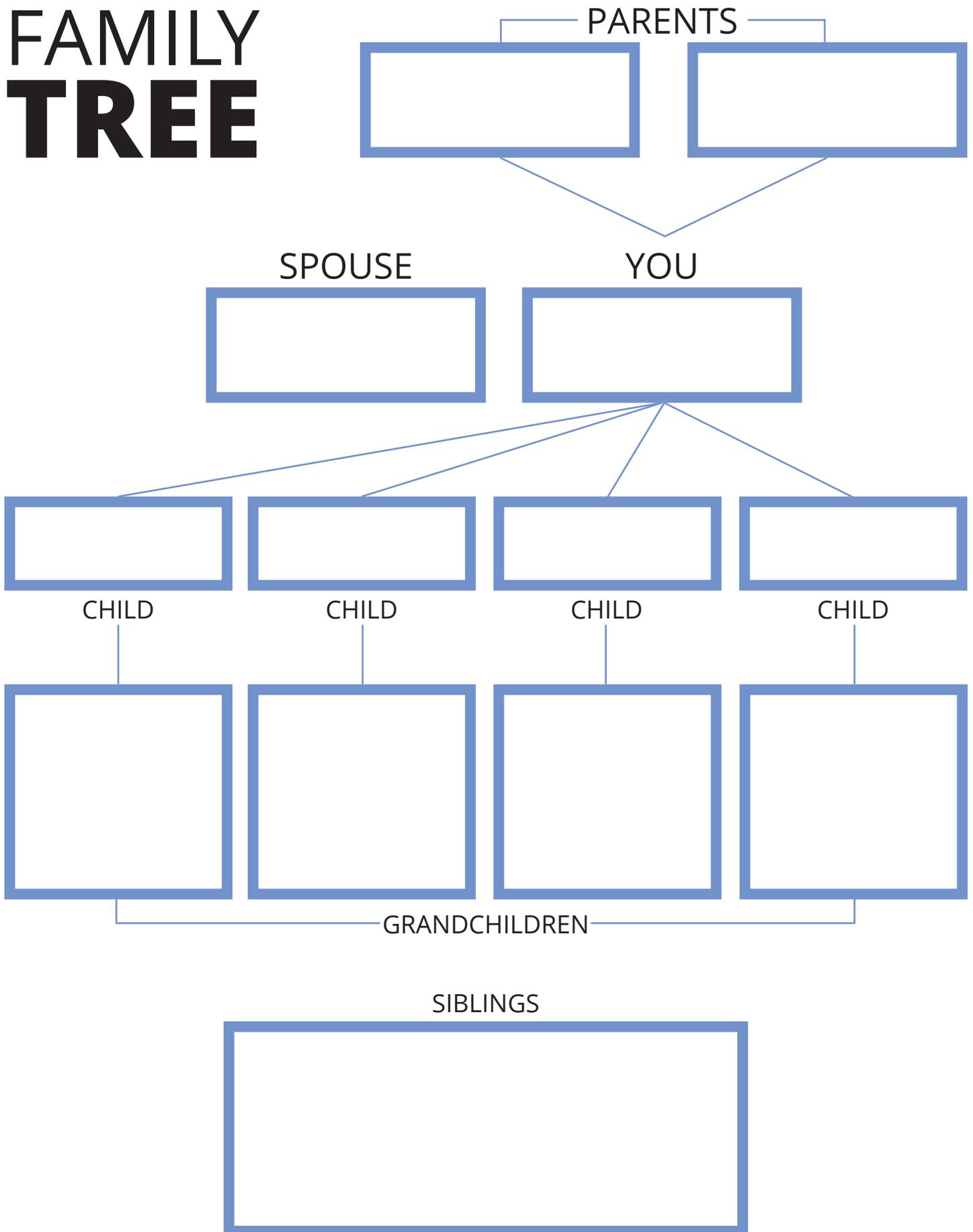
It should also include the following Scriptures/Poems/Readings:

_____ by _____
_____ by _____
_____ by _____

And I expect the following people to be willing/able to speak on my behalf:

_____ who can be reached at _____
_____ who can be reached at _____
_____ who can be reached at _____

FAMILY TREE





In order to make my services a representation of my life, I have filled in the following information to help you plan my funeral:

I was born on _____ DATE
in _____ CITY

I went to school at _____ CITY
and graduated in _____ YEAR

I attended college at _____ CITY
and earned a _____ (DEGREE) in _____

I worked most of my life as a _____

One of my favorite memories is _____

The worst trouble I ever got into was _____

My proudest moment was _____

FOR VETERANS

I enlisted in the _____ on _____
at _____

I was stationed at locations, including _____

My awards and commendations include _____

I separated from the _____
on _____ at _____

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED

(CHECK ONLY WHAT APPLIES TO YOU)

- WILL _____
- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES _____
- DEED TO HOUSE/PROPERTY _____
- TITLE TO VEHICLES _____
- DD214/MILITARY DISCHARGE _____
- BIRTH CERTIFICATE _____
- MARRIAGE LICENSE _____
- DIVORCE DECREE _____
- BANK/CREDIT UNION _____
- ATTORNEY _____
- CREDIT CARDS (INSTITUTION & LOCATION OF CARD) _____
- _____
- CELL PHONE PROVIDER _____
- PENSION/IRA/RETIREMENT BENEFITS _____
- CABLE/UTILITY COMPANIES _____
- VETERINARIAN _____
- OTHER _____

WHO TO NOTIFY OF MY PASSING

- FUNERAL HOME _____
- CEMETERY _____
- CHURCH _____
- NEIGHBORS _____
- OFFICE/COWORKERS _____
- CLUBS/CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS _____

