Who Passed On

Funeral Pre-Planning Checklist

A personal guide to documenting your wishes.

1. Type of Disposition

- ☐ Traditional burial (casket)
- ☐ Cremation — ashes scattered
- ☐ Cremation — ashes interred or kept in urn
- ☐ Green / natural burial
- ☐ Alkaline hydrolysis (water cremation)
- ☐ Other: _____

2. Service Preferences

- ☐ Traditional funeral with viewing
- ☐ Memorial service (no body present)
- ☐ Celebration of life
- ☐ Graveside service only
- ☐ No formal service

Religious or cultural traditions to observe

3. Personal Touches

Readings or poems

Songs or hymns

Who should deliver the eulogy

Memorial donations (charity / cause)

4. Obituary Notes

Key details to include in your obituary — life highlights, surviving family, causes you supported.

Draft notes

> Tip: Our free Obituary Creator (whopassedon.com/obituary-creator/) can help you write a complete obituary from your notes.

5. Cemetery or Final Resting Place

Preferred cemetery / location

Plot / section number (if owned)

Scattering location (if cremation)

Deed location

6. Clothing & Personal Items

What to wear

Personal items to be placed with you

7. Documents to Gather

Check off each document as you locate it and note where it is stored.

- [ ] Birth certificate
- [ ] Social Security card and number
- [ ] Marriage certificate
- [ ] Military discharge papers (DD-214)

- [ ] Life insurance policies
- [ ] Will, trust documents, and power of attorney
- [ ] Cemetery deed or plot information
- [ ] Pre-paid funeral agreement
- [ ] Contact info for attorney, financial advisor, and insurance agent

Where these documents are stored

Who knows where to find them

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8. Preferred Funeral Home

Funeral home name

Contact person

Phone number

Pre-payment arrangement?

> Tip: Browse and compare funeral homes at whopassedon.com/funeralhomes/

9. Financial Considerations

- [ ] Revocable funeral trust arranged
- [ ] Irrevocable funeral trust arranged

- [ ] Life insurance designated for funeral costs
- [ ] Savings or payable-on-death account set aside

Estimated budget / funding source

10. Important Contacts

People who should be notified and involved in carrying out your wishes.

Primary contact / executor

Phone

Attorney

Phone

Secondary contact

Phone

Financial advisor

Phone