

Pre-Planning Funeral Services

The difficult process of planning a funeral for a loved one who recently passed can be overwhelming. Making decisions during this time can be hard to do because it's such an emotional process. Families we serve often tell us they wish they had made plans in advance of the death, so that when their loved one's passed, decisions would have already been in place to help them honor what their loved ones wanted.

Pre-planning decisions include:

- Discussion of personal touches/details that represent the deceased
- Burial or cremation options
- Visitation details (number of days of visitation; timeframe)
- Location of funeral (funeral home, place of worship or other venue)
- Location of cemetery property and deed or purchasing of plots

Benefits of pre-planning:

- Relieves the burden on your loved ones of making decisions during a difficult time
- Honors the wishes of the person for whom you are planning the service
- Locks in the current rates for professional services and funeral merchandise (casket, printed materials, e.g.)
- Spends down assets if one is attempting to qualify for government assistance (Medicaid)

Pre-planning provides you with the time needed to make practical, detailed decisions that reflect your standards, lifestyle, taste, and budget. At Spicer-Mullikin, we assure you and your family that the choices you make will be carried out as planned. Pre-planning is oftentimes one of the greatest gifts you can give your loved ones. If you would like to consider pre-planning a funeral, please contact us.

"I wasn't distraught or grasping at straws when I pre-planned my grandmother's funeral. It was still very emotional, but it was not as drastic as it would have been if it was immediate and unplanned."

– Kelly DiMaio

"When a person makes his or her own funeral arrangements, it does take a lot off the family. It is so much nicer knowing that what the loved one picked out for their funeral."

– John W. Hestera

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