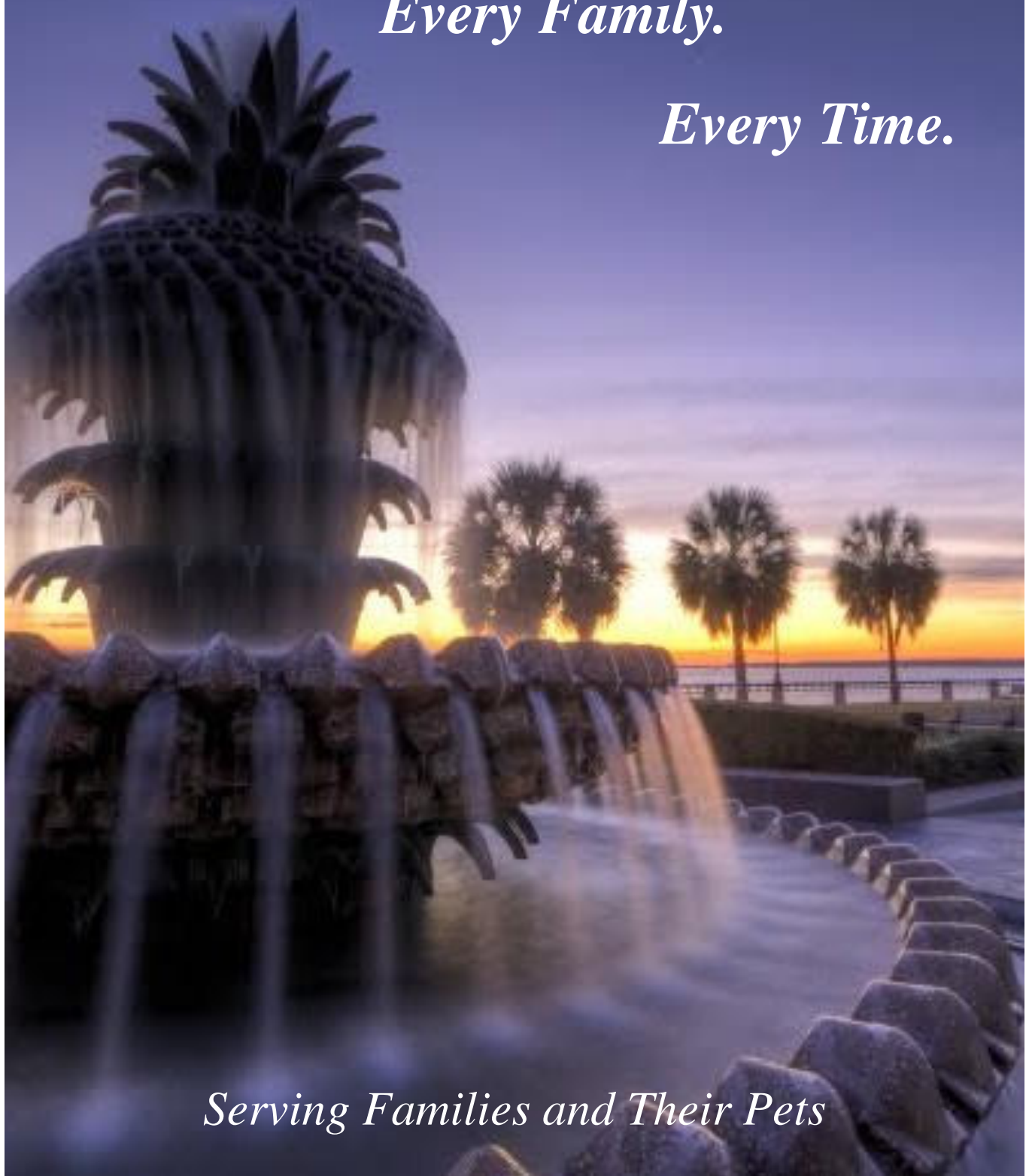


*Every Option.*

*Every Family.*

*Every Time.*

*Serving Families and Their Pets*



## Why Choose McAlister-Smith?

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*Mark Smith, CFSP*  
*Owner of*  
*McAlister-Smith Funeral & Cremation*  
*and Avinger Funeral Home*  
*with convenient Lowcountry locations*  
*serving families and their pets.*

We believe that Every Life Matters, has meaning to someone and deserves to be Honored, Celebrated and Remembered. We will help capture and retell the story in a unique and appropriate way and provide a safe place for healing to begin.

If there is one thing we have learned in our century of serving families here in the Lowcountry and surrounding areas, it is that no two people, or families, heal in the same way.

Before we begin to make plans with a family, our funeral directors and cremation specialists spend time getting to know the family and the loved one they are about to honor. That is so important to us. How can we help to honor, celebrate and remember an individual unless we know them?

Families share tears and laughter; and a story told by one is built upon by others around the table. Families share numerous memories and slowly the perfect life celebration begins to form.

We have honored surfers with sand and surf boards; gardeners with their favorite gloves, tools and flower seeds for guests; and those who passed much too young with a casket autographed by their classmates. We invite pet parents who have lost a beloved pet to bring in their other “fur babies” to say goodbye before the cremation.

We are committed to guiding families and friends as they honor, celebrate and remember and healing begins. This is why we do what we do, and hope that it is one of the many reasons that you chose our offerings.



*Mark M. Smith*  
Mark Smith, CFSP  
*The McAlister-Smith & Avinger Family*



## The Circle of Life, We Call a "Cycle of Service"

We meet new people every day, and not always because there has been a death in the family, but rather, because we are involved in *doing life* with people. We are active in the community doing educational workshops and seminars.



We volunteer at food banks, community centers, senior centers and at churches. We advocate for seniors at a state and local level and we partner with organizations who are passionate about community service.

# The Planning Process

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## Burial or Cremation?

How are cremation services different from regular burial services? They're not. Services with cremation are the same as with earth burial, unless you prefer something different. It's your choice to make.

Whatever you choose—casket and burial or cremation—family and friends need time to grieve and to say good-bye. This is the reason for funeral services—to support the living through the pain and loneliness of loss to acceptance and resolution.

Cremation and burial offer the same services, including music, prayers, and receptions of your choice. You can have viewing and visitation arrangements, private viewing for just you and your family members or a public visitation time for extended family and friends with an open or closed casket (or no casket at all) for as long or as short a period as you wish.

## When and Where will Friends Gather?



- Whether formal or informal, a gathering, or visitation provides a time and a place for family and friends to share feelings, love, respect and appreciation.
- Your friends also need a place that's right to show that they care about you and your loved one.
- A visitation provides a time and a place for family and friends to share their memories.

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## When and Where will the Service be Held?



- A Funeral or a Memorial Service serves as tribute to the life of a loved one and allows the healing process to begin.
- A funeral or service may be conducted in a church, our funeral chapel, an event hall/center or any place meaningful to you.
- Many families who choose cremation also choose to have a Traditional Funeral Service with the body present and then the cremation conducted afterwards.

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# How Will We Honor and Remember?

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## How Will We Personalize the Service?



- Releasing doves, butterflies or a bouquet of balloons have now become a symbolic part of many services.
  - Memory Boards and Tables featuring pictures and personal items, as well as Tribute Movies created by our staff, help to focus on a life well lived.
  - We've shared favorite recipes, or danced to a loved ones most favorite music. We've arranged Memorial Golf or Fishing Tournaments.
  - Our goal is to celebrate the individual in a very personal and memorable way.
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## Will There be A Graveside Service or Scattering Ceremony?



- Our experienced staff can plan and oversee all phases of the funeral from the burial at a small church cemetery to full military honors at a National Cemetery.
  - We offer several options for the hearse including the military jeep caisson, a Harley hearse and a horse drawn hearse.
  - If there is no burial planned in the case of a cremation, we can help you with other options such as a scattering ceremony with chartered boats.
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## Will There be A Meal Following the Services?



- We worked closely with a local caterer to develop a menu of comfort food items from a selection of sandwiches to fried chicken with macaroni and cheese.
  - Use our facility or let us deliver the meal to your home or event center.
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## Veteran Plans



## Honoring Our Veterans

**M**cAlister-Smith Funeral Home salutes the thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who served our country with honor. We proudly offer significantly discounted burial and cremation plans to our veterans as our way of saying, “Thanks.”

Our goal is to simplify the entire process as well as to help to facilitate a personalized and meaningful tribute to the life being honored, celebrated and remembered.

We work very closely with Beaufort, Ft. Jackson and Arlington National Cemeteries so that our veterans understand and take full advantage of the many benefits that are afforded them and their family when a death occurs.

### Burial Plan

Includes Graveside service and burial at Beaufort or Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. It also includes the services of the funeral director, transportation, one certified death certificate and a metal casket.

**V**eteran’s benefits that the deceased family will be eligible for include all or a portion of the following:

- American Flag presented at the service
- Presidential Memorial Certificate
- Military Honors
- Military Caisson Hearse Available
- Veteran grave marker\*
- Grave in a National Cemetery\*
- Opening/Closing of the grave\*
- Outer burial container\*

*\*These benefits are provided by the VA and may be available to a spouse as well.*

### Cremation Plan

Includes Graveside service and inurnment at Beaufort or Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. It also includes the services of the funeral director, transportation, one certified death certificate and a sheet bronze urn.





# Casket Burial Plans

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## 1. Graveside Service Only



A graveside service is a funeral service held at the gravesite at a cemetery. In this case it is a stand-alone event. This charge does not include: embalming, use of facilities or staff for any visitation or ceremony, public or private, prior to burial.

The charge for immediate burial includes:

- Professional services of staff
- Transfer of the deceased to funeral home
- Local transportation to the cemetery

## 2. Visitation, Service & Graveside All on the Same Day



This package includes the facilities, services and motor equipment most often selected by families desiring a full service burial but with all services held on the same day.

The package includes:

- Basic service of the funeral director and staff
- Transfer of the deceased to the funeral home
- Embalming, dressing and casketing
- Facilities for 2 events on the same day: one hour visitation prior to the funeral service and graveside service
- Hearse for the service
- Lead and flower/utility vehicle

## 3. Visitation Followed by The Service & Graveside the next Day



This package includes the facilities, services and motor equipment most often selected by families desiring a Traditional Full Service Burial, which is made up of one evening visitation with funeral and interment services on the next day.

The package includes:

- Basic service of the funeral director and staff
- Transfer of the deceased to the funeral home
- Embalming, dressing and casketing
- Facilities for 2 events over 2 days: A two hour visitation the prior evening, followed the next day by the funeral service and graveside service.
- Hearse for service
- Lead and flower/utility vehicle



## A Sample of Personalization Options

When searching for ways to personalize a funeral service, remember the moments you spent with the person and try to highlight the qualities that she or he are remembered for. Consider hobbies, subjects of interest and places where the person spent much of his or her time. It can help to make lists of their passions, achievements and memories you shared together. There are a number of ways that these lists can be incorporated into a service:



**Videos** – A video of the deceased or in memory of the deceased is a moving way to share their life with others. We have the ability to compile photos and even a composite of homemade videos to create a meaningful video can often communicate what words are unable to. This video will be placed on the online Book of Memories.



**Display of photos and personal items**– A common method for placing focus on the unique qualities of the deceased is to set up a display of their most cherished possessions. Items that were part of a collection, creative expressions or any items that provide some physical reminder of his or her personality are a great way to try to tell their story.



**Food** – Serving the favorite foods and/or beverages of the deceased is an endearing way to share their uniqueness with friends and family. You can serve their favorite dishes after the service or hand out something during the service. We have catering services available and you may use our facilities or have the meal delivered to your home.

**Release of balloons, butterflies or doves** – An enchanting addition to a service is the release of doves, balloons or butterflies. Balloons can be released with personal notes attached with biodegradable raffia.

**Motorcycle motorcade** – Motorcycle lovers can receive a send-off that celebrates their love of bikes. Our Harley hearse is made specifically for bikers' funerals and a very special Last Ride. Horse drawn hearse and jeep caisson are also available.



# Traditional Cremation Plans

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## Traditional Funeral Options With Cremation

The term “Traditional Funeral Service”, when referring to a cremation, mean those services in which the body will be present, just as though there was to be a casket burial. There are many different variations; the deceased may be present in a ceremonial casket for a visitation and a funeral service, followed by the cremation. If the urn is to be buried a graveside service may be scheduled at a later date.

### 1. Visitation, and Service on the Same Day. Cremation to Follow



This package includes the facilities, services and motor equipment most often selected by families desiring a visitation and service held on the same day. The cremation takes place after the services.

The package includes:

- Basic service of funeral director and staff
- Transfer of the deceased to the funeral home
- Embalming, dressing and casketing
- Ceremonial casket for use at the services
- Facilities for 2 events on the same day: one hour visitation prior to the funeral service
- Hearse for the service if held outside of the funeral home
- Lead and flower/utility vehicle if required
- Cremation to follow all services

### 2. Visitation Followed by The Funeral or Memorial Service the Next Day Cremation to Follow



This package includes the facilities, services and motor equipment most often selected by families desiring a Traditional Full Service Funeral where cremation has been selected rather than ground burial. The plan calls for an evening visitation with the funeral service held the following day. The cremation takes place after the services.

The package includes:

- Basic service of funeral director and staff
- Transfer of the deceased to the funeral home
- Embalming, dressing and casketing
- Ceremonial casket for use at the services
- Facilities for 2 events over 2 days: A two hour visitation the prior evening, followed the next day by the funeral service
- Hearse for service, if required
- Lead and flower/utility vehicle, if required
- Cremation to follow all services

# Direct Cremation Plans

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## Direct/Immediate Cremation Options

The term “direct cremation” refers to a cremation without those services in which the body will be present. It is common for a Memorial Service or Celebration of Life to take place independently of the cremation itself. The urn may or may not be present for such services. With each of the following Direct Cremation Plans, the immediate family has the option of a private farewell at no additional charge. (Some restrictions may apply.)

### Secure, individual cremation tracking system through a Nine Step Identification Process

1. A handwritten identification tag is placed on ankle of deceased. If family present, family invited to write name on the tag.
2. Deceased is gently placed in cremation container (SC Law) and the person’s name is written directly on the outside of container.
3. Family signs a cremation authorization, verifying the death of their loved one and giving us permission for cremation.
4. The county coroner acknowledges awareness of the death and verifies cause of death or requires an autopsy or investigation. The death is recorded and a cremation permit is issued.
5. The death certificate is filed with the county and state health department. Certified copies of the death certificate obtained, additional copies are available to the family, giving the certified crematory operator authority to perform the cremation. Only at this point can the cremation be performed.
6. Certified crematory operator fills out a crematory log sheet, which requires personnel to sign off of checklist prior to cremation being performed.
7. The cremation is logged into a monthly cremation record book, a numbered metal cremation disk is logged out and assigned to the deceased that remains with deceased throughout cremation process, assuring a secure, individual tracking system for identifying cremated remains. The cremation chamber used, time started and the certified crematory operators name are all recorded. Copies of #3, 4, 5 and 6 are attached to the outside of the cremation chamber during the cremation process.
8. Paperwork is prepared in the office while the cremation is taking place. Immediately following the cremation the cremated remains are placed in an urn with the deceased’s name already on the container.
9. The family/representative must sign a release of custody of the cremated remains. The cremated remains are returned to the family/representative.



#### 1. Direct Cremation

The package includes:

- Basic service of funeral director and staff
- Transfer of the deceased to the funeral home
- Alternate cremation container
- Cremation



#### 2. Direct Cremation With A Memorial Service

The package includes:

- Basic service of funeral director and staff
- Transfer of the deceased to the funeral home
- Alternate cremation container
- Cremation
- Facilities and Staff for Memorial Service



## Serving Families and Their Pets

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Charleston-area families have placed their trust in McAlister-Smith Funeral Home for 130 years. These same families turn to us to assist with their pets, as well. It only makes sense to trust the care of your entire family, including your special four-legged friends, to trusted funeral professionals.

Since pets bring us immeasurable happiness, love and joy, it can be devastating to lose such an adored friend. We understand the overwhelming sorrow that results from the death of a loved one, including your pets. That's why we offer families pet cremation and customized memorial products to help you honor your pet in a loving and dignified manner. We're honored to serve you.

### RECEIVING YOUR PET

We will bring your pet into our care from your veterinarian's office or your home with the same loving care that McAlister-Smith has demonstrated since 1886. You may also bring him/her into any of our four chapel locations by appointment.

### SECURE TRACKING SYSTEM

From the moment your pet comes into our care, we use a multi-point tracking system, including a numbered stainless steel disc that goes through the cremation process with your pet, to give you peace of mind that you are receiving back YOUR pet's remains.

### OPTIONS AVAILABLE

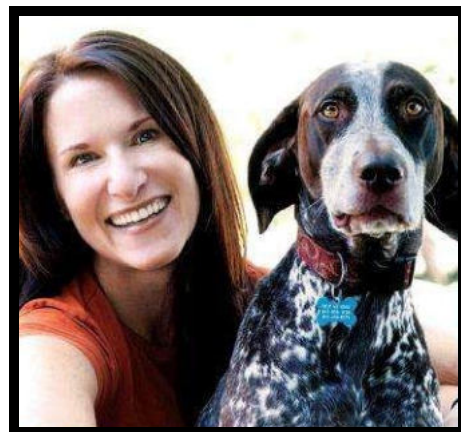
We have options available to meet your personal preferences as well as your budget. Those options range from cremation itself, to urns, keepsake urns and jewelry, and markers.

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*“Choose the security and compassion  
only a funeral home provides.*

*McAlister-Smith serves your entire family,  
including your pets, at all four funeral home  
locations: West Ashley, Mt Pleasant,  
Goose Creek and James Island.”*

*Elayne Smith*



*Pet Services Founder  
Elayne Smith and Freida*

## **Our Pets ~ McAlister-Smith Pets Forever in Our Hearts**

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*A sampling of our urns, keepsakes, jewelry and markers*



*Figurine urn, dog or cat*



*Traditional urns in a variety of  
sizes, shapes and materials*



*Engraved marker urns suitable for  
garden placement*



*Rock marker urns with plaque*



*Photo urns in various finishes*



*Memory chest for ashes as well as items  
such as pet collar and photos*



*Nose and/or paw print  
Jewelry and various mementoes*



## Planning Information

### FULL NAME:

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic Origin? (Yes/No) Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDRESS:

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_ Inside City Limits? (Yes/No) Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name (include Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_  
Years of Education/Grades Completed (0-12 + 1-4 or 5+) \_\_\_\_\_ Served in U.S. Armed Forces? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Industry \_\_\_\_\_

### PLACE OF BIRTH:

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Name (include Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### INFORMANT/PERSON IN CHARGE OF ARRANGEMENTS:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

### BIOGRAPHY

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP/RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:

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### EDUCATION: (Include name and location of schools attended, degrees, years of graduation, etc.)

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### MILITARY SERVICE: Please complete the Military service addendum

### WORK HISTORY: (Include name and location of company, dates or length of employment, job titles, etc. Include volunteer work. Start from most current and work back chronologically. Include anything important to you.)

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### SOCIAL, FRATERNAL, SERVICE & UNION MEMBERSHIPS/CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS:

(Include offices or positions held and specify if former or current memberships)

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# Planning Information

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

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## HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

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## FAVORITE CHARITY:

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## LIVING FAMILY MEMBERS

*Include name, address, and telephone number.*

## CHILDREN: *if deceased, specify year.*

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GRANDCHILDREN: (#) \_\_\_\_\_ GREAT GRANDCHILDREN: (#) \_\_\_\_\_

## BROTHERS & SISTERS:

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PARENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

## FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

### OUTLINE OF SERVICE WISHES:

Burial or Cremation Service Plan Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of service: \_\_\_\_\_

Final disposition: \_\_\_\_\_ Burial/Entombment/Cremation

Burial or Cremation Casket Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

### CEMETERY/CRYPT/NICHE/ ARRANGEMENTS:

Name of cemetery \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Deed \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Plot Number \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_

## SERVICE PERSONALIZATION PREFERENCES

Music/Songs \_\_\_\_\_

Readings \_\_\_\_\_

Participants \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

Cherished items for memory table \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION SHEET COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## *Our Pledge to You*

We are committed to memorializing the life of your loved one. We have no pre-conceived ideas as to the nature of the services that we will provide.

We will take the time to listen and learn from you about your loved one's unique qualities. Just as every life is different, we will work with you to design a memorial experience that is uniquely different and as special as your loved one.

We will make appropriate recommendations for the tribute based on your loved one's accomplishments. We believe that his or her life was special in many ways and that the relationships forged by that life must not be ignored as we plan a fitting tribute. Every family we serve is encouraged to utilize some form of personalization to remember their loved one in a special way.

We will honor you and your loved one's wishes and assist you through the mourning process. Our entire staff and all of our resources are available to you and your family from now on.



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