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| Choices for Funerals and Cremation Services | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Section** | **Choices that need to be made** | | | | | | | | | **Status** |
| **Disposition** | 🞏 Burial  When the deceased person’s body is interred (buried) in the ground in a casket and vault at cemetery of choice. | | | 🞏 Cremation  When the deceased person’s body is reduced to small bone fragments through intense heat and flame. | | | 🞏 Entombment  When the deceased person’s body is placed in an above-ground crypt in a mausoleum or private monument estate. | | | 🞏 Decided  🞏 Undecided  🞏 Need More Info |
| **If Cremation** | 🞏 Interment of Urn  When the urn is placed in a burial or cremation plot at a cemetery. An urn vault may be necessary. | 🞏 Columbaria Niche  When the urn is placed in an above-ground, outdoor niche (columbarium) or indoor mausoleum crypt. | | | 🞏 Scatter Remains  When the cremated remains are scattered in a desired location. This can be in multiple locations. | | | 🞏 Take Urn Home  When the urn is taken home. This choice is not a final disposition as future survivors are responsible. | | 🞏 Decided  🞏 Undecided  🞏 Need More Info |
| **Service Types** | 🞏 Celebration of Life: contemporary service, deceased focused, includes participation from others  🞏 Traditional Service: more formal, usually more religious than Celebration – often at church  🞏 Memorial Reception: when formal service isn’t requested, family/friends gather, share stories  🞏 Graveside Service: no formal service, family gather at cemetery for casket/urn to be buried  🞏 Disposition Only: when family doesn’t want any service or social gathering | | | | | | | | | 🞏 Decided  🞏 Undecided  🞏 Need More Info |
| **Officiant** | 🞏 Priest | 🞏 Minister | 🞏 Pastor| 🞏 Chaplain | 🞏 Celebrant | 🞏 Family Members  Choose if you want your own clergy or use one our Celebrants | | | | | | | | | 🞏 D|🞏 U |🞏N |
| **Music** | Live music: 🞏 Organist | 🞏 Harpist | 🞏 Bag Piper | 🞏 Soloist  Recorded music: 🞏 Family will supply | 🞏 Funeral home to supply | | | | | | | | | 🞏 D|🞏 U |🞏N |
| **Receptions / Gatherings** | 🞏 Public Reception: everyone welcome, usually announced in the obit or at the service  🞏 Private / Semi-Private: not announced publicly – invitation only by family  🞏 Family Meal: between visitations at the funeral home or at a restaurant  🞏 No Reception: if the family chooses not to have a Public, Private or Family Meal  Location of Reception/Gathering: **🞏** Family Home | **🞏** Funeral Home |  **🞏** Other Location | | | | | | | | | 🞏 Decided  🞏 Undecided  🞏 Need More Info |
| **Merchandise**  Caskets/Containers | 🞏 Cremation Container  Basic container made from cardboard / pressboard. Not suitable for viewing. | | 🞏 Rental Casket  Casket with removable liner used for visitation / service before cremation | | | 🞏 Hardwood Casket  Casket made from hardwood. Can be used for burial or cremation. | | | 🞏 Steel Casket  Casket made from steel. Can be used for burial only. | 🞏 Decided  🞏 Undecided  🞏 Need More Info |
| Cremation Urns | 🞏 Wood | 🞏 Metal / Bronze | 🞏 Scattering | 🞏 Ornate | 🞏 Urn Vault (for Interment) | | | | | | | | | 🞏 D|🞏 U |🞏N |
| Burial Vaults | 🞏 Sealed Concrete Vault | 🞏 Air Sealed Steel Vault | 🞏 Unsealed Graveliner | | | | | | | | | 🞏 D|🞏 U |🞏N |
| Cemetery Markers | 🞏 Upright Granite Monument | 🞏 Flat Granite Marker | 🞏 Bronze on Granite Base | | | | | | | | | 🞏 D|🞏 U |🞏N |
| **Additional Service and Memorialization Options** | 🞏 Flowers  🞏 Celebration of Life DVD tribute video  🞏 Online obituary (complimentary)  🞏 Thank you cards & Prayer cards | | | | 🞏 Granite memorial bench  🞏 Memorialization / cremation Jewelry  🞏 Bereavement groups & assistance  🞏 Tribute blanket | | | | |  |