

# FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT CHECKLIST

The Book of Common Prayer offers the following guidelines concerning the Burial of the Dead:

- + *The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with the minister of the congregation.*
- + *Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation has opportunity to be present.*
- + *The coffin is to be closed before the service, and it remains closed thereafter. It is appropriate that it be covered with a pall or other suitable covering.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

1. I prefer the following treatment of my body:

\_\_\_\_\_ Body present at funeral

\_\_\_\_\_ Cremation preferred

\_\_\_\_\_ Body to be interred at (*specify*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Ashes to be interred at (*specify*)

2. I prefer the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Simple arrangements

\_\_\_\_\_ No embalming

\_\_\_\_\_ No public viewing

\_\_\_\_\_ The least expensive burial or cremation container

\_\_\_\_\_ Immediate cremation or burial before the funeral

\_\_\_\_\_ To be buried in my own clothing

\_\_\_\_\_ To be buried in specially purchased clothing

3. I prefer my funeral service to be conducted in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Trinity Episcopal Church

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapel of the Resurrection

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (*specify*)

4. I prefer a funeral service with the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Burial Office I (*traditional language*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Burial Office II (*contemporary language*)

\_\_\_\_\_ With the Holy Eucharist

\_\_\_\_\_ With organ music only

\_\_\_\_\_ With organ music and hymns

\_\_\_\_\_ With hymns chosen by the Rector

\_\_\_\_\_ Hymns preferred (*list number or title*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Homily preferred

\_\_\_\_\_ With readings\* chosen by the Rector

\_\_\_\_\_ With readings\* I have chosen (*specify*)

\_\_\_\_\_ With Psalms chosen by the Rector

\_\_\_\_\_ With Psalms I have chosen\*

5. Obituaries often suggest that in lieu of flowers donations may be made in memory of the deceased:

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to follow this custom, and direct that donations should be sent to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Trinity Episcopal Church

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (*name organization or charity*)

6. My choice of funeral director is:

7. My will and other important papers are located: (*name location*)

8. Other:

\* Copies of a Living Will are available from the Parish Office upon request.

\* Copies of A Funeral Arrangement Checklist are available from the Parish Office. This Checklist contains information necessary for an obituary announcement and other important data.

\* See pp. 494 & 495 of *The Book of Common Prayer* for the suggested list of readings and psalms.

\* Have you remembered the Church in your Will?

See p. 445 of *The Book of Common Prayer* for suggestions on the making of a Will.

\* Psalms: refer to pp. 471-475 and 476-479

\* Please return this form to:

Trinity Episcopal Church

200 S. Second Street

Pottsville, PA 17901

The information contained herein will be kept confidential until the time of your death.