

Name _____

Parish _____

Instructions for Burial

The family or friends of a person who has died should consult the responsible minister as soon as possible. Together they should make appropriate arrangements for the funeral.

The conduct of the funeral should allow for the expression of the grief of the mourners within the context of the Easter hope.

Book of Occasional Services, p. 570

There are many choices involved in the preparation of a funeral service. It is therefore suggested that you fill out the following in consultation with the priest of your congregation.

Circumstances permitting, I wish my burial service to take place at:

Church _____

Address _____

The Celebrant will normally be (one of) the clergy of the congregation, but if you would like another clergy or lay minister to take part as well, your parish clergy will try to honor that request. (Name _____)

I would like the service to be according to

____ "The Burial of the Dead," Book of Common Prayer, p. 591ff

____ "The Funeral Liturgy," Book of Occasional Services, p. 571 ff

____ I request the Eucharist as part of the service.

____ I request the Burial Office only.

____ I request prayers during the visiting hours.

Suggested Pallbearers _____

If possible, I would like to have the following Psalms and Readings

(See BAS, 593ff, and 130S, 604ff, for suggestions)

I would especially like the following hymn(s)

Other things about the service _____

Flowers may be ordered for the Altar or a few arrangements brought to the church from the funeral home.

Instead of flowers, many people prefer to ask friends and family to make a donation to a charity or the parish memorial fund. These gifts are always gratefully received. If this is what you would like, please indicate where you would like to have such contributions made _____

I prefer to be buried ____ cremated _____. (If cremated, before ____ or after _____ the funeral.)

Location of cemetery lot _____

I have made arrangements to have certain parts of my body donated to

Funeral Home to use _____

Have you made pre-arrangements with the funeral home? Yes ____ No ____

I wish to have visiting hours in the church _____ at the funeral home ____

I do not want visiting hours _____

I do _____ do not _____ wish to have my coffin open during the visiting hours.

Other information for my survivors (*attach extra sheets if necessary*): _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please copy these instructions for ____ family/friends ____ clergy ____ self.