



THE BASICS OF FUNERAL & CEMETERY PLANNING



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To ease the burden on loved ones, an increasing number of families are planning their own funerals, designating their funeral preferences, and paying for them in advance. Funeral planning is an extension of Will and Estate planning. Thinking ahead can help you make informed and thoughtful decisions about funeral arrangements. It allows you to choose the specific type of arrangements pertaining to your final wishes. By pre-planning, your loved ones are spared the burden of making these decisions at a time that can be very difficult and overwhelming. You can make decisions directly with a funeral establishment.

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

An important consideration when planning your funeral pre-arrangements is where the remains will be buried, entombed, or placed. This is referred to as the Property portion of the arrangements. In the short time between the death and burial of a loved one, many family members find themselves rushing to buy a cemetery space whether it be for cremation, entombment or burial — often without careful thought or a personal visit to sites to make the best choice with all things considered. The property is purchased directly with the cemetery on a property specific contract. We encourage families to pre-plan their arrangements. Prices increase over time and pre-planning locks in the property for the price you pay at the time of purchase.

Funeral practices are influenced by religious and cultural traditions, costs, and personal preferences. These factors help determine whether the funeral will be elaborate or simple, public or private, religious or secular, and where it will be held. They also influence whether the body will be present at the funeral, if there will be a viewing or visitation, and if so, whether the casket will be open or closed, and whether the remains will be buried or cremated. All these choices as well as how the deceased remains will be cared for in preparation for the funeral are purchased through a funeral home with a Licensed Funeral Director and are considered funeral services on a funeral specific contract. Prices increase over time and pre-planning locks in the services for the price you pay at the time of purchase.

Once the decision for either entombment, burial or cremation has been made, a casket or urn will need to be selected. These prices as well increase over time and pre-planning locks in the merchandise for the price you pay at the time of purchase. This merchandise can be purchased through a funeral home along with the funeral services or with the cemetery on the property contract if the entity is a combination facility with both a cemetery and funeral home like The Gardens of Boca Raton Cemetery and Boca Raton Funeral Home.

Our Family Service Counselors at The Gardens of Boca Raton are available seven days a week 9-5pm to answer any of your cemetery property or funeral services questions. Our phones are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week for emergencies.

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Garrett Jacobs has served the South Florida area for over two decades. As Owner/Operator of The Gardens, being able to offer families both funeral services and a resting place for their departed loved ones, has always been and continues to be his greatest honor and privilege.





THE THINGS YOU WILL NEED BY GARRETT JACOBS, LFD

GUEST COMMENTARY

By Craig Donoff

Craig Donoff is a tax and estate attorney with over 45 years of experience in the areas of Living Trusts and Estate Planning. Craig is also the author of two books: “How to Plan Your Estate in Florida” and “Avoiding Probate - A Lawyers View.” In the following introductory content Craig offers some advice on making some very important decisions that include making your final arrangement wishes known to your family, making those cemetery and funeral plans before the time a death occurs, and overall how those arrangements fit into an estate plan.

THE THINGS YOU WILL NEED

Funeral Plans and Cemetery Arrangements

The ultimate responsible step a parent or loved one can make to protect those closest to him or her from unneeded stress at the time of death would be to make final arrangements in what is termed pre-need (before a death occurs.) Prices rise over time and pre-need purchase locks in merchandise and services at the time contracted for as well as saves unnecessary financial hardship having to assemble the funds at the sudden time they are needed.

Revocable Living Trust

Allows an individual to act as trustee and retain lifetime control over trust assets. At his or her death, trust management is transferred to a successor trustee. A revocable trust helps to avoid probate and ensure the continuous management of trust assets and the flow of income (usually to the surviving spouse and children) in the event of the grantor's death, disability or incapacity.

“Pour Over” Will

Transfers property inadvertently left out of the living trust. This document insures that the plan of distribution is followed. This document is also designated to dispose of tangible personal property (i.e. jewelry, antiques, personal effects, etc.)

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Living Will

Informs your family and health care provider to terminate any life-prolonging procedures upon the end stage of a disease, terminal condition or if you are in a permanent vegetative state with no reasonable recovery.

Durable Power of Attorney

Gives a trusted individual the power to make financial decisions on your behalf if you are disabled or incompetent.

Medical Power of Attorney

Allows a designated individual, often either a family member or friend, to make health, medical and surgical decisions for you should you become incompetent.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me directly using information provided below. I strongly suggest you pay attention to the matters Garrett Jacobs addresses on the preceding pages. With 25 years of experience in the funeral industry, Garrett's reputation amongst his peers speaks for itself. The Gardens of Boca Raton is as beautiful a property that can be found anywhere in the country.

Yours truly,

Craig Donoff



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