

Funeral Preferences
Church of the Annunciation
Oradell, New Jersey

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Current Residence: _____

Please indicate contact information for next-of-kin (including spouse, parents, children, siblings, etc.):

(Attach additional sheets if needed)

Have you preferences for burial site, funeral director, etc.?

(Attach additional sheets if needed)

You may also indicate who to contact in case of emergency, the names of lawyers or other agents who are empowered to act on your behalf, and where legal documents relating to your estate are kept:

(Attach additional sheets if needed)

This form will be kept in a locked file. It will be reviewed only in the event of your death, unless you request otherwise.

At Annunciation, our usual funeral service is “The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two,” as found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, pp.491-505. Other options are available, including a service in traditional Elizabethan language and a special rite particularly suited to the burial of a child. Please consult the clergy for details, if interested.

Before you begin, we suggest two activities: First, read the section entitled “Concerning the Service” on p.490 of the Prayer Book. It gives some helpful background to our Episcopal Church rite. Second, take a moment to pray and mediate about what you are doing. This should help you focus on the task ahead of you.

As your Rector, I will happily provide a printed list of the lessons cited in the Prayer Book, as well as some suggestions for hymns. As with weddings, we frequently allow a poem or other written work to be read—in addition to the readings from the Bible. A copy of any proposed non-Scriptural texts must be submitted with this form, and reviewed for appropriateness.

Type of service:

- Requiem Eucharist (with Holy Communion)
- Burial Office only (no Communion)

Status of the body during the service:

- Coffin present
- Cremated remains present
- Earthly remains not present

Although not required, music greatly enriches the liturgy. Costs for this depend on the number of musicians involved and the complexity of the music, with a minimum of \$150.

Preference for Music:

- None
- Organ only
- Organ and solo
- Other instruments: _____

Have you any requests for hymns? If so, please indicate the hymn numbers (from *The Hymnal 1982*) as well as the first lines below:

Other particular requests for music?

You must include at least one lesson from the Bible. See pp.494-95 of the Prayer Book for details. A normal Annunciation funeral will include an Old Testament lesson, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel, following the pattern of a Sunday. Please indicate your preferences below:

Usually, members of the congregation trained as lectors read the lessons. If you have any specific requests, kindly indicate them here:

Preference for altar flowers:

Many people designate a charity to which friends and family may donate in your memory, in lieu of sending flowers to your survivors. If you would like to do this, please indicate below:

In the liturgy of the Episcopal Church, there is no provision for remembrances or eulogies; these are more appropriately expressed in the context of a reception or visitation. Instead, the clergy usually preach a brief homily. If you could attach a professional resume and other indications of who you are, what you've accomplished, etc., that would be appreciated.

Please list any other concerns and directions. (*Attach additional sheets if needed.*)

Signed: _____

Date: _____
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