

**GUIDELINES
FOR
MEMORIAL SERVICES
AND
FUNERALS**



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FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

When a person is near death, the Minister of the Congregation should be notified, in order that the ministrations of the Church may be provided (p. 462).

It is appropriate that family and friends come together for prayers prior to the funeral (p. 465).

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 (pp. 468, 490).

Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church.
The service should be held at a time when the congregation has opportunity to be present (pp. 468, 490).

Burial from the Church **Faithful Living – Faithful Dying**

At St. Nicholas Church, we believe one of the most important responsibilities of the Church is to help Christians prepare for their own deaths, and to help friends and family face the challenge of burying someone they love. It is our desire to assist you in this journey in any way they can.

Death is Sacramental. Dying is the process of returning our bodies to the earth from which we came. Dying is also the process of returning to the God who created us from the elements of the earth which God also created. Death is the sacramental moment of our returning. In death we discover the gate of eternal life in welcome arms of Christ.

Burial is an Easter Liturgy. At burial, the Christian community gathers to celebrate its faith and to give thanks to God for the life of the one who is being buried. Like the Easter Service, Burial finds all its meaning in the Resurrection. As Christians, we believe that because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, and we have found our life in Him, we will be raised, too. Christian burial reflects joy in the certainty that “neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38). We offer prayers for those who die, entrusting them to God's love and mercy.

Our Human Grief Remains. Yet alongside our hope in the Resurrection, our human grief remains. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his dear friend, Lazarus. So while we give thanks for the Resurrection of Christ, which enfolds us all, we who continue in this life grieve our loss. Therefore our liturgy also asks God to comfort those who mourn.

Burial is an Act of the Christian Community. The Book of Common Prayer notes that Christians are normally buried from their parish church. This implies that either their bodies, or their cremated remains, will be present for the burial liturgy, and then committed to a permanent place of rest. Our physical bodies, Scripture tells us, are temples of the Holy Spirit, visible signs of our spiritual presence in the world. It is fitting that they be honored in Christian burial.

In Anticipation of Death

We Need Not Be Afraid to Talk About Death. Our society routinely avoids speaking about death, but as the body of Christ, the Church does not. Over the centuries we have gathered Scriptures, songs, and prayers which enfold the pain and trauma of separation and loss within a larger vision. Those who are a part of the body of Christ need not be afraid to speak of death because we are a community of faith, hope, and love. As the Apostle Paul said, “If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.”

Talking About Death is Wise. It is wise to begin thinking about your own funeral well beforehand. Thoughtful foresight allows the liturgy to express your Christian faith authentically, while helping family and friends understand your personal wishes. The St. Nicholas clergy and staff are available to meet with you to review the options available for prayers, hymns, and Scripture readings appropriate for burial. It is also prudent to discuss with your physician, and put into writing, the types of medical treatment that you desire in case of debilitating illness.

At the Time of Death

First Seek Advice from Clergy. Before making any arrangements for the body, please confirm with the clergy what services will be needed from a mortician. Often these are fewer than expected. A number of the services offered by mortuaries are not required by law or local regulations. Few are considered necessary for Christian burial and even fewer for interment of ashes. Some, such as seals caskets and vaults, since they impede the natural “dust to dust” process of returning the body to the earth, are actually considered undesirable in Christian burial. If it would be helpful, clergy can recommend mortuaries, go with you to the mortuary, or review the arrangements made with the mortuary before you sign a contract.

Preparing for the Funeral Service. A bulletin listing the order of service, as well as the names of pall bearers, readers, ushers and others assisting with the service will be prepared by the parish office. A second brochure from the mortuary is not needed. The parish will also arrange for musicians when requested by the family to do so. It is appropriate for family members to participate in planning of the service. The parish clergy, organist, and staff are here to help you with all aspects of planning and celebrating Christian burial. Please call on us whenever the need arises.

About the Funeral

Where to Hold the Funeral Service. The church is the appropriate place for funerals. It is customary for the remains to be present for the service, either in an urn (for ashes) or a coffin.

What about Flowers. Flowers are symbols of resurrection and are always appropriate at funerals. However, since urns and caskets are covered with a cloth called a pall, which symbolizes our equality before God in death (and recalls the white garment of baptism), floral casket sprays are not used. A family arrangement may be placed at the urn or on a stand near the altar. Generally, two vases of flowers are placed at the altar by members of the St. Nicholas Flower Guild. No additional floral displays are necessary, but if they are delivered to the church, they may be placed on either side of the entry doors at the back of the Church from which the burial service procession will originate. Flowers from the entryway may be taken to the cemetery. Flowers are also appropriate at the reception or delivered to the family. However, many families prefer to recommend that well-wishers contribute to charities, parish-related or otherwise, in lieu of sending flowers. A listing of parish-related needs and of organizations the parish supports may be provided, if desired.

Gathering for the Service. Immediately prior to the service, the family gathers in the church, either in the conference room, the office (on non-weekdays), or in the reserved seats nearest the front of the altar. Then at the appointed time, the procession forms in the hallway at the back of the church, led by the crucifer. The family is appropriately included in the procession.

The Burial Liturgy. On pages 468-507 of the *Book of Common Prayer*, in the section entitled “Burial of the Dead,” you will find several forms for the burial liturgy. It is appropriate for family members to participate in leading the service by reading lessons or prayers.

What about Communion. Holy Communion is an appropriate part of the service, making the funeral service similar to Sunday services at St. Nicholas. All who love God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament at this special time, an occasion of solidarity and solace for all who grieve. Sharing Communion among those who mourn is itself an occasion for comfort and hope, and it reminds us again of the Heavenly Banquet which surpasses all limits of time and space. In the Eucharist all Christians, the living and dead together, join in celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus.

What about Eulogies? Eulogies are not customary in the Anglican Tradition. The focus of Christian burial is properly on Christ's victory over the powers of darkness and death. It is an Easter service. Since those present already know the one who has died, review of years past is not necessary. On the other hand, brief and simple offers of thanksgiving for the life of the one who has died or the meaning of that person's life, are always appropriate. Lengthier tributes, if desired, may take place at a reception following the service.

Following the Funeral Service – The Interment. At the conclusion of the service, it is customary for the family to follow the crucifer and clergy out in procession. If the Committal of ashes is to take place in the St. Nicholas Church Meditation and Memorial Garden (or other designate site on the church property), the family will be led to the site of the Committal by the crucifer and clergy, while the guests remain in the Great Room of the church. If the burial is in a local cemetery, the family and guests follow the funeral coach there in procession.

A Word about Cremation

The ancient practice of Cremation is becoming much more popular. St. Nicholas currently has a Meditation and Memorial Garden for this purpose, and has plans for other permanent sites planned, eventually including a columbarium. This has the advantage of convenience for family and friend who may wish to visit the site in the future. More important, they remain within sight of the congregation every time they gather for worship.

Receptions in the Great Room

St. Nicholas Church is pleased to offer the Great Room as a place for family and friends to gather following the burial liturgy, if needed and suitable. The family may bring prepared or catered foods to the church. The parish has tables and chairs, dishes, and flatware available for use. Should the family require assistance with clean-up, our cleaning service can do so for an hourly fee.

Guidelines for Florists

Flowers are symbols of resurrection, so they are always appropriate at Church funerals.

The parish Flower Guild is responsible for the main floral display at the church. It is placed by the altar and remains there following the service.

Additional floral displays are unnecessary, but if they are delivered to the church, they may be placed on either side of the entry doors at the back of the Great Room.

Honoraria and Donations

Because burial is a sacramental act, our clergy do not require any personal payment for their participation. Nevertheless, contributions to the clergy's discretionary fund (for the purpose of helping others in need) are gratefully accepted. If the family chooses to employ the church's organist, the cost to the family is currently \$200 (including consultation with family). Altar Flowers are generally provided by the Flower Guild at no cost to the family. Nevertheless, if the family wishes to indicate that they are given by the family in honor of the one being buried, this can be arranged.

Planning for Death and Burial: A Checklist

Here is a checklist that may help you in planning for death and burial. Our clergy and staff are available for reviewing the plans with the family or helping them to complete it.

*The Memorial Service is for us, the living,
to celebrate the life of*

1. MAKING PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEMORIALS AND FUNERALS

Parishioners are encouraged to leave funeral requests on file with the parish office. This form may be used for that purpose. Leaving such plans makes it easier for families to plan appropriately at the time of death.

Assemble Personal Information of the Deceased

Full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

Mother's maiden name: _____

Father's full name: _____

Place of birth (for the deceased and the parents): _____

Nickname (if applicable): _____

Occupation: _____

Resume or professional/career information (for obituary): _____

Personal information (for obituary): _____

Siblings: _____

Address of the deceased: _____

Proof of military service: _____

Attorney: _____ Phone: _____

Location of Will: _____

Other information: _____

Funeral and Memorial Service Arrangements Checklist

The following information may be useful to the family in making plans. If you have preferences about funeral expenses, it is helpful to spell them out here also. The clergy can provide information about limiting expenses.

Memorial Service – Date: _____ Time: _____ Site: _____

Interment Service – Date: _____ Time: _____ Site: _____

Preferred Undertaker: _____ Phone: _____

Disposition (check one):

- Cremation (check applicable):
 - Container Sealed Vase Funeral Urn*
- Burial (check applicable):
 - Casket Sealed Casket* Vault*

** These items are optional and unnecessary.*

Final resting place (check as applicable):

- Cemetery – Name: _____
Address _____ Phone: _____
- St. Nicholas Church Memorial Sites
 - Meditation Garden (temporary until permanent columbarium and garden)
 - Labyrinth Memorial Garden (estimated completion 2011)
 - Chapel of the Holy Spirit Columbarium (estimated completion 2020)
 - Chapel of the Holy Spirit Memorial Garden (estimated completion 2020)
- Other (describe): _____

Sympathy Gifts (check as applicable):

- Flowers OK?
- Donations in Lieu of Flowers – send to: _____
Address or Website: _____

Other requests: _____

2. VISITATION

It is important to give people a chance to offer sympathy to the family and to share with each other at the time of death.

Opportunities for visiting may include:

- A specified time for family to receive friends at home.
- A specified time at the church.
- After the service at the church (may put the least burden on the family).
- Visiting hours at the funeral home

Suggested Time and Place for Visitation: _____

3. PUBLIC SERVICES

The principal service may be held immediately before the interment of the body or the ashes, or at time after interment. It should be scheduled at such a time (before or after the committal) that people who may wish to attend can be present.

The following guidelines should be observed.

- **Closed Coffin.** “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 [such as a flag for those who have served in the armed forces]” (*BCP*, p. 468). When there are ashes, they are covered in a similar way.
- **Limited Flowers.** Flowers are appropriate at the altar. Other arrangements in the church should be limited. A floral blanket or spray may be placed on the coffin when the pall is removed as the procession leaves the church.
- **Music is appropriate.** Hymns selected should be general hymns of faith, hymns related to the readings, Easter or All Saints’ hymns, or those appointed in the Hymnal for burial. Care should be taken that the hymns and service music are known to those who are likely to be in the congregation. A list of suitable hymns is attached.
- **Holy Eucharist.** A celebration of the Eucharist is appropriate as an expression of the union of the living and the departed in Christ in the communion of saints. All who love God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the altar for communion.
- **Involvement of Family and Friends.** Family and friends are encouraged to take an active part in the service. While it is may be difficult for close family and beloved friends to read, they are welcome to do so. The Celebrant will be close at hand to lend emotional support, or to take over the reading if necessary. Parts of the service which are appropriate for family and friends include:
 - Reading the lessons from the Scripture.
 - Leading the prayers of the people.
 - Bringing forward the bread and wine for communion.

SERVICE PLANNING GUIDE

The following checklist is provided as a service planning guide.

Memorial Rite (check one)

- Rite I (traditional language)
- Rite II (modern language)

Music at the Entrance

- Organ Music: _____
- Hymn or Anthem: _____

Opening Sentences (Anthems)

- Rite I, page 469
- Rite II:
- 1st anthem, page 491
- 2nd anthem, page 492

Collects

- Rite I
- Rite II:
- 1st Prayer, page 493
- 2nd Prayer
- 3rd Prayer
- Prayer for the bereaved, page 494

First Lesson (Optional, or choose one of the following) – **Reader:** _____

- Isaiah 25:6-9 *The Lord will swallow up death forever.*
- Isaiah 61:1-3 *To comfort those who mourn*
- Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 *The Lord is good to those who wait for him*
- Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 *The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God*
- Job 19:21-27a *I know that my Redeemer lives*
- Other: _____

After the First Lesson (Optional. May be used as the Hebrew Scripture Reading. Check one.)

- Hymn or anthem: _____
- Psalm – said sung
- Psalm 42:1-7 *My soul longs for God as a deer for the water-brooks*
- Psalm 46 *God is our refuge and strength*
- Psalm 90: 1-12 *Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another*
- Psalm 121 *My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth*
- Psalm 130 *Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord*
- Psalm 139:1-11 *Lord, you have searched me out and known me*
- Other: _____

Second Lesson (Optional or choose one of the following). – **Reader:** _____

- Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39 – *Nothing can separate us from the love of God*
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-45, 53-58 – *The body raised in glory*
- 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 – *Things unseen are eternal*
- Revelation 7:9-17 – *God will wipe away every tear*
- Revelation 21:2-7 – *Behold, I make all things new*
- Other: _____

After the Second Lesson (Choose one of the following).

- Hymn or anthem: _____
- Psalm – said sung
- Psalm 23 – *The Lord is my shepherd*
- Rite I: The 1928 Prayer Book version (page 476 top) *or*
- King James version (page 476 bottom)
- Psalm 27 – *The Lord is my light and my salvation*
- Psalm 106: 1-5 – *Remember me, O Lord with the favor you have for your people*
- Psalm 116 – *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living*
- Other: _____

Gospel (Choose one of the following)

- John 5:24-27 – *He who believes has everlasting life*
- John 6:37-40 – *All that the Father gives me will come to me*
- John 10:11-16 – *I am the good shepherd*
- John 11:21-27 – *I am the resurrection and the life*
- John 14:1-6 – *In my Father's house are many mansions*
- Other: _____

Remembrances (check as appropriate)

Eulogies (speeches in praise) are not part of the Anglican/Episcopal tradition, which takes seriously the biblical understanding that we stand in the presence of God by God's grace alone, and not through our works or our worthiness. Simple remembrances of the departed's life/meaning to his/her loved ones are appropriate.

- Remembrances by anyone present (1-2 min.– I give thanks to God for _____).
- Remembrances by specific family members and friends (1-2 min. – same as above): _____

- Remembrance table: _____
- Silent remembrance (one or two minutes of silent thanksgiving)

Homily

- Preacher (name): _____

Creed

Prayers of the People (check as appropriate)

- Vigil Prayers, page 465
- Rite I Prayers, page 480 (may also be used with Rite II)
- Rite II Prayers, page 497
- Other Prayers (when there is no Eucharist):
- for the departed _____
- for the bereaved _____
- for the congregation _____

Celebration of the Eucharist

- No celebration
- Rite I
- Rite II (check one):
- Other: _____

Preparation of the Bread and Wine for the Eucharist

- Organ Music: _____
- Hymn or Anthem: _____
- Persons bringing up the Bread and the Wine: _____

Eucharistic Prayer

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|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rite I: Eucharistic Prayer I | <input type="checkbox"/> Rite I: Eucharistic Prayer II |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rite II: Eucharistic Prayer A | <input type="checkbox"/> Rite II: Eucharistic Prayer B |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rite II: Eucharistic Prayer C | <input type="checkbox"/> Rite III: Eucharistic Prayer D |

Holy, Holy, Holy/Sanctus

- Said
- Sung – Hymnal, S_____

Hymns or anthem during Communion: _____

Anthem at the Final Commendation of the Deceased (if body or ashes are present)

- Said (pages 482-483 or page 499)
- Hymn 358 *Christ the Victorious*
- Nunc Dimittis* (Song of Simeon, Rite 1: page 51; Rite II: page 93)

Final hymn or anthem _____

Other requests (such as pallbearers, officiating clergy, and special circumstances): _____

A LIST OF SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR FUNERALS

The following list suggests hymns that seem especially suitable, but other hymns may be suitable as well. If "favorite" hymns are chosen, care should be taken that their themes are appropriate for a funeral.

From the Hymnal 1982

Metrical Versions of the Psalms

the lessons/ Commendation at the end of the service

Ps. 23 645/46 The King of love my shepherd is

664 My Shepherd will supply my need

Ps. 42 658 As longs the deer for cooling streams

Ps. 46 687/688 A mighty fortress is our God

Ps. 90 680 0 God our help in ages past

Anthem at the Commendation

358 Christ the victorious

Easter Hymns

178 Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

180 He is risen, he is risen

194 Jesus lives, thy terrors now

208 Alleluia! The strife is O'er

All Saints Hymns

287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest

526 Let saints on earth in concert sing

618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

620 Jerusalem, my happy home

625 Ye holy angels bright

Communion Hymns (A Selection)

303 I come with joy to meet my Lord

335 I am the bread of life

339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

357 Jesus, Son of Mary, fount of life alone

Other Hymns

390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

397 Now thank we all our God

447 The Christ who died and rose again

482 Lord of all hopefulness

487 Come my way, my truth, my life

488 Be thou my vision

490 I want to walk as a child of the light

517 How lovely is thy dwelling place

522 Glorious things of thee are spoken

623 O what their joy and their glory must be

636/637 How firm a foundation

671 Amazing Grace

686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

692 I heard the voice of Jesus say

From Wonder, Love and Praise

Communion

766 You're called by name, forever loved

Burial

775 Give thanks for life

776 No saint on earth lives life to self alone

777 Sing alleluia forth in duties praise

Easter

727 As panting deer desire the waterbrooks

738 Day of delight and beauty unbound

740 Wade in the Water

749 The tree of life my soul has seen

788 As newborn stars were stirred to song

799 Abide with me: fast falls the evening

806 If you believe and I believe

816/817 Christ is risen from the dead

From Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift Every Voice and Sing

Easter

40 He 'Rose

41 Christ has Risen

42 He Lives

Praise to God

54 Nearer My God, to Thee

60 How Great Thou Art

Jesus Christ, Our Lord

69 In the Garden

70 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

80 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

104 The Lord Is My Shepherd

Baptism and Confirmation

128 Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name

137 Just As I Am

Prayer

169 Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Assurance

180 Ain'-a That Good News

181 Amazing Grace

187 Farther Along

190 He'll Understand, and Say "Well Done"

203 There is a Balm in Gilead

MEMORIAL/INTERMENT SERVICE CHECKLIST

The following information may be useful to the family in making plans. If you have preferences about funeral expenses, it is helpful to spell them out here also. The clergy can provide information about limiting expenses.

Contact Person Information

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to the Deceased: _____

Address: _____

Personal Information of the Deceased

Full name: _____ Nickname: _____

Date of birth: _____ Date of death: _____

Service Location Information

Memorial Service – Date: _____ Time: _____ Site: _____

Interment Service – Date: _____ Time: _____ Site: _____

Disposition (check one):

Cremation (check applicable):

Container Sealed Vase Funeral Urn*

Burial (check applicable):

Casket Sealed Casket* Vault*

** These items are optional and unnecessary.*

Final resting place (check as applicable):

Cemetery – Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Service Liturgical Preferences**Memorial Rite** (check one)[] **Rite I** (traditional language)[] **Rite II** (modern language)**Music at the Entrance**[] **Organ Music:** _____[] **Hymn or Anthem:** _____**Opening Sentences (Anthems)**[] **Rite I**, page 469[] **Rite II** (choose from below):[] **1st anthem**, page 491[] **2nd anthem**, page 492**Collects**[] **Rite I**[] **Rite II** (choose from below):[] **1st Prayer**, page 493[] **2nd Prayer**, page 493[] **3rd Prayer**, page 493[] **Prayer for the bereaved**, page 494**First Lesson** (Optional, or choose one of the following) – **Reader:** _____[] **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** *For everything there is a season.*[] **Isaiah 25:6-9** *The Lord will swallow up death forever.*[] **Isaiah 61:1-3** *To comfort those who mourn*[] **Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33** *The Lord is good to those who wait for him*[] **Wisdom 3:1-5, 9** *The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God*[] **Job 19:21-27a** *I know that my Redeemer lives*[] **Other:** _____

After the First Lesson (Optional. May be used as the Hebrew Scripture Reading. Check one.)

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- [] **Psalm 23** – *The Lord is my shepherd* (or after second lesson)
- [] **Other:** _____

Second Lesson (Optional or choose one of the following). – **Reader:** _____

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[] **Remembrance table:** _____

[] **Silent remembrance** (one or two minutes of silent thanksgiving)

Homily

[] **Preacher (name):** _____

Creed

Prayers of the People (check as appropriate) – **Reader:** _____

[] **Vigil Prayers**, page 465

[] **Rite I Prayers**, page 480 (may also be used with Rite II)

[] **Rite II Prayers**, page 497

[] **Other Prayers** (when there is no Eucharist):

[] **for the departed** _____

[] **for the bereaved** _____

[] **for the congregation** _____

Celebration of the Eucharist

- No celebration**
- Rite I** (check Eucharistic Prayer below)
- Rite II** (check Eucharistic Prayer below)
- Other:** _____

Preparation of the Bread and Wine for the Eucharist

- Organ Music:** _____
- Hymn or Anthem:** _____
- Persons bringing up the Bread and the Wine:** _____

Eucharistic Prayer

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rite I: Prayer I , page 333 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rite I: Prayer II , page 340 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rite II: Prayer A , page 361 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rite II: Prayer B , page 367 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rite II: Prayer C , page 369 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rite III: Prayer D , page 372 |

Holy, Holy, Holy/Sanctus

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- Sung – Hymnal, S**_____

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Anthem at the Final Commendation of the Deceased (if body or ashes are present)

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Final hymn or anthem: _____

Other requests (such as pallbearers, officiating clergy, and special circumstances): _____

Personal Notes: