



Parish of Swaledale with Arkengarthdale

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This booklet has been written to encourage you to think about your own funeral. It will help you to discuss and plan this service with your family, so that they do not have to suddenly make these important decisions in the difficult days after your death.

It is the next of kin or executor who will usually decide what takes place at a funeral. This is not a legal document, but if there is a written record it is more likely that your wishes are known and can be fulfilled. It can also be a great comfort to family members to know that the service has been conducted as their loved one wanted it to be.

There is space here for you to record your wishes, in discussion with your family and/or the Vicar. You can put a copy of this with your will, or give it to your next of kin.

Writing a Will

Please do ensure that you have written a will, preferably with a solicitor. This makes things much easier for your family in the event of your death.

I have not written a will

or

I have written a will, which can be found at:

Next of Kin

My next of kin is as follows:

Name

Address

Telephone

Organ Donation

Some people feel that they would like to donate their organs after death, whilst other people feel strongly that they would not like to do this. This is entirely your decision.

Please tick the ones that apply to you:

- I have completed an organ donor card
- I am on the NHS organ donor list
- I would like my organs to be donated after my death
- I would prefer not to donate my organs after my death

Funeral Costs

A pre paid funeral plan is an insurance policy that will pay for your funeral. This may give you peace of mind, but you do not have to take one out, and you should first check if these costs are covered by your life insurance plan.

Clergy and funeral directors are able to give you free advice on the costs of a funeral, so that you can plan accordingly.

I do not have a pre paid funeral plan /insurance.

or

I do have a pre paid funeral plan/insurance. The details are:

Funeral Arrangements

Usually your funeral is arranged by next of kin or the executor. You may need to consult a solicitor to make different arrangements.

I would like the following person/people to be largely responsible for arranging my funeral:

(Please give names, addresses and phone numbers)

Funeral Director

I have no preference which funeral director is used

or

I would like the following funeral director to be used:

Name

Address

Telephone

Announcements

I would like my death and funeral to be announced in the following newspapers:

Local:

National:

Other (e.g. professional publication, or in another part of the country):

I do not want any newspaper announcements

Informing friends and family

I have attached a list of names and phone numbers of people who should be informed of my death

Yes/No

Funeral Service

It is possible to have a funeral service in church or at a crematorium. A church service may be followed with a committal at the crematorium or a burial in a churchyard or cemetery. Cremated remains (ashes) are usually buried.

I would like the service to take place:

In the crematorium chapel

or

In the following church:

followed by a burial at:

or

followed by a cremation

I would like my ashes to be buried at:

Music and Readings

I have no particular wishes about hymns

or

I would like these hymns (usually 2 or 3, but you could have more):

I have no particular wishes about Bible Readings

or

I would like these Bible Readings (usually 1 or 2):

I would like the following other readings (e.g. poems):

Eulogy/ Tribute

I have asked the following person to read a eulogy or speak about my life:

I would like the Vicar or minister to read a eulogy or speak about my life

I do not wish to have a eulogy

Coffin Bearers

I would like the Funeral Director to arrange coffin bearers

Or

I would like the following people to be asked if they would like to help carry my coffin (please give names and phone numbers):

Flowers and Donations

I would like family flowers only Yes/No

I would like donations to be given for the following cause(s):

Other Wishes

Please use this space to make notes about anything else that you would like for your funeral:

A declaration for you to sign

The information contained in this booklet is made by me in preparation for my death. Whilst I understand that my next of kin may decide not to abide by these requests, I have made these decisions at a time when I am sound in mind and wish them to be followed wherever possible.

Signed

Please print your full name

Date

Address

Telephone

You are advised to give a copy of these decisions to your next of kin, after discussion with them, and to place a copy with your will.

If you wish, you could also give one to your Vicar and/or to your nominated Funeral Director.

Local Funeral Directors

The following are the most local funeral directors to this parish. This is for information and does not imply any form of recommendation, as it is for you and your family to choose the funeral director that you want to use.

Simon Barningham 01748 884327

John Blenkiron and Sons Ltd 01748 850033

Help with this booklet

The Vicar is available to talk through the details of this booklet with you, or with you and your family, if you would like to do that.

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