

Burial Planning Checklist

A simple guide to help you stay on top of the essentials — before, during, and after the funeral.

Before the Funeral

- ☐ Confirm the date and time of the funeral
- ☐ Decide on embalming, storage, or cremation
- ☐ Choose a burial location and secure a vault
- ☐ Arrange transportation for the body (from hospital or home)
- ☐ Prepare a change of clothes for your loved one
- ☐ Choose and purchase a casket clergy, MC, family rep)
- ☐ Share key details with family and close friends
- ☐ Select ceremony add-ons (e.g. music, flowers, pallbearers)

Day of the Funeral

- ☐ Bring copies of any needed documents (ID, certificates)
- ☐ Arrive early for setup or final viewing
- ☐ clergy, pallbearers) are present and briefed
- ☐ Pack items for tribute (photos, flowers, special notes if any)
- ☐ Assign someone to assist guests or direct questions

After the Funeral

- ☐ Collect death certificate and any other official documents
- ☐ Gather personal items used during the service
- ☐ Finalise outstanding payments, if any
- ☐ Begin any follow-up (e.g. memorial, headstone, acknowledgements)
- ☐ Take time to rest, grieve, and reach out for support if needed

Keep this close — it helps you stay organised, even when things feel overwhelming.