

# FUNERAL / MEMORIAL SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS



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# Memorial/Funeral Arrangement

You may wish to talk with one of your ministers as you consider these important matters. Please complete the sections to express your wishes. Additional information may be attached if you so desire. Please make a copy for your records and return a copy of this form to Becky Matheny or David Key and we will keep it on file for you.

## ***Section 1: Your Information***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Section 2: The Importance of a Funeral/ Memorial Service, and the Intent of these Services***

Some people believe that a *Funeral* is a service in which the body of the deceased is present, whereas a *Memorial Service* is one in which the body of the deceased is not present (i.e., where the body has been donated to medical science, cremation, or early burial, etc.).

As you plan your service, remember that both Funerals/Memorial Services are times of worship and celebration of life.

- To give God thanks as the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer of life;
- To celebrate the life of the deceased;
- To aid family and friends in the mourning process;
- To draw on our faith resources and the promise of life.

## ***Section 3: Your Service Preferences (please check one line for part A and one line for part B)***

A. \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer a service where my body is present.

or

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer a service where my body is not present.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer that my body be donated to medical science.

or

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer that my body not be donated to medical science.

## ***Section 4: Your Scripture Preferences***

If possible, I would like the following scripture or other passages read: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 5: Your Music Preferences**

If possible, I would like the following hymns/ music to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 6: Other Instructions**

Readings or any other instructions of preferences - speakers, musicians?

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**Section 7: Flowers/Memorial Gifts**

Large quantities of flowers are discouraged, but some arrangements enhance the service.

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to have flowers

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer, in lieu of flowers, to have memorial contributions made to Lake Oconee Community Church or the following organizations of my choice:

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**Section 8: Your Funeral Home/Director Preference**

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**Section 9: Your Burial Place Preference**

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer that my body be buried (indicate burial place)

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**Section 10: Your Cremation Preference**

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to be cremated and my ashes:

\_\_\_\_\_ buried at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ scattered at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 11: Your Obituary**

Is there special information you wish to have included in your obituary?

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**Section 12: Your Spiritual Pilgrimage**

A brief statement regarding your spiritual pilgrimage or your life journey.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_