




THINKING AHEAD

————— *Your guide* —————





Having an uncomfortable conversation brings greater comfort in the end

It's not easy raising the subject of dying and funerals. For many people it's still a taboo subject, something morbid which is best left unmentioned. But the sad reality is that actually, when a family knows they are carrying out a loved one's wishes, they are more likely to experience a healthier bereavement - one with fewer uncertainties, worries or quiet regrets. There is great comfort in knowing that you have given your loved one the funeral they wanted, one that was truly reflective of their values and the things that were important to them.

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Every funeral is unique

John Beattie & Sons has been guiding and supporting families through bereavement for five generations.

We know that life is easier for families when they have an idea what their loved one would have wanted, which is why we offer a free Plan of Wishes service. Lean on our experience to plan a funeral for yourself or other members of the family ahead of time then let us

store your plans for safekeeping - at no cost - until they are needed.

When the time comes, your family need only ask for the plan and we can guide them to your wishes. You will spare them the additional burden of detailed decision-making at a time when they would prefer to focus on each other.



Let's make the conversation easier

This guide offers some simple questions you can use to write your Plan of Wishes or start the conversation with those close to you. It may seem a little awkward or uncomfortable at first, but you can remind everyone that it's actually a very thoughtful way to spare friends and family members from worry and doubt.

You could even go a step further and cover some of the expense with a Golden Charter pre-paid funeral plan, based on your particular requirements.



Please see williampurves.co.uk for more details on pre-paid funeral plans.

Every funeral is unique, and every funeral is special. Why not start the conversation?



“ Protecting my family financially was my main reason for coming but I've since had a great chat with my kids and they now know what I want. ”
 ROB (71) HAWICK

Plan of Wishes

You can make a Plan of Wishes with us at any time and at no cost.

Use this checklist of the main considerations to have a chat with your loved ones and jot down your preferences. Then send us your notes or call to make an appointment.

We'll take your notes and prepare a formal Plan of Wishes for you to keep with your important papers. We keep a copy too and you can update it as many times as you like with extra copies if required.

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1. Would you like to be buried or cremated? Buried Cremated
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2. For burials, where would this ideally be? Existing family plot Privately owned
 Purchased ground Natural site
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3. For cremation, which crematorium would you choose?
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4. Would you like your ashes: Stored Scattered
 Made into jewellery Made into fireworks
-
5. Which coffin would you like? Wood Willow Wicker Cardboard
 Personalised with a design, colours or photography
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6. Have you any instructions for clothing, jewellery, or viewing?
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7. What transport options do you want? Hearse Motorbike Tractor Other
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8. Would you like us to pass particular landmarks and provide transport for family?
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9. What sort of funeral service would you like? Traditional Contemporary
 Formal Informal
 Religious Non-religious
 An unattended event
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10. Do you have someone in mind to take the service and are there roles for other people?

11. Would you like any specific readings, poems, photography, or other tributes?

12. Would you like any specific hymns or music to be played or performed?

13. Do you have any instructions for digital tributes, presentations or printed Orders of Service including photographs?

14. Would you like flowers and if so, what kind and do you have colours in mind?

15. Are you planning a newspaper notice and if so, where should it appear and what information is required?

16. Do you have instructions for afterwards: catering and a preferred venue?

17. Would you like there to be a collection for a specific charity?

18. Is there funding set aside for the funeral? Yes No

19. Will you want a new memorial or is there a family stone where a new inscription is required?

20. Are there any other special wishes you'd like your family and friends to be aware of?

Further copies of this checklist can be downloaded from our website:
jbeattie.co.uk.

One less worry for your family

Digital end of life planning

You may also wish to consider your digital legacy and what you wish to happen to the social media, photographs and assets you leave online. Ask for a copy of our Digital End of Life Guide.

SunLife Cost of Dying Report 2023

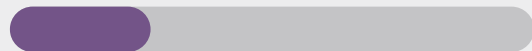
2027 – £5,088



2022 – £3,953



2004 – £1,835



The safe, simple way to secure peace of mind

Golden Charter pre-paid funeral plans fix our fees at today's rates. By paying for our funeral director services included in your plan, you can avoid any potential future increases in the cost of these services.

Our highest standards of service are guaranteed for plan holders at their time of need. Plans offer real financial protection*. More importantly, they provide peace of mind to individuals, families and those with dependents.

* The cost of the funeral director's services in your plan are guaranteed. Your plan also includes a contribution toward third party costs, such as cremation or burial fees, plus the minister or officiant's fee to perform the service.

It costs nothing to start the conversation

To find out more about leaving a Plan of Wishes with John Beattie & Sons or for more information on funeral pre-payment plans call 01450 377 284 to arrange an appointment, either in branch or at home.



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