



*"People typically spend  
less when prearranging,  
as opposed to making  
all of the arrangements  
at the time of need"*



*Give me one  
good reason  
why I should  
plan my funeral  
in advance*



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# 99 Reasons you'll be glad you made your funeral arrangements in advance.

**Italicized items indicate details that can be planned, arranged and/or paid before the time of need**

## A. SECURE VITAL STATISTICS

1. *Full name, complete address, telephone number*
2. *Date of birth*
3. *Place of birth*
4. *Marital status*
5. *Citizenship (US/Canadian/Mexican)*
6. *Father's name*
7. *Father's birthplace*
8. *Mother's maiden name*
9. *Mother's birthplace*
10. *Social Security number*
11. *Veteran's serial/service number*
12. *Date & place of service & data of honorable discharge*
13. *How long at current/former residence(s)*
14. *Occupation, job title, nature of work & history*
15. *Location of work place, telephone number*
16. *Family origin*

## B. PAY SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING

17. *Estate /inheritance taxes*
18. *Funeral expenses*
19. *Permanent memorialization*
20. *Monument/marker engraving charges*
21. *Funeral director*
22. *Clergy*
23. *Organist & vocalist*
24. *Florist*
25. *Obituary*
26. *Clothing*
27. *Long distance telephone or wire service*
28. *Food*
29. *Transportation*
30. *Doctors*
31. *Nurses*
32. *Ambulance*
33. *Hospital/nursing home*
34. *Medication & drugs*
35. *Current & urgent bills*  
(mortgage/rent, taxes, installment payments, utility bills etc.)

## C. COLLECT DOCUMENTS & PAPERWORK

36. *Will (check regarding special wishes)*
37. *Birth certificate/legal proof of age*
38. *Living trust (check regarding special wishes)*
39. *Citizenship papers*
40. *Social Security card or number*
41. *Marriage license*
42. *Veteran's discharge certificate*
43. *Insurance policies (life, health, accident, property, auto, etc.)*
44. *Disability claims*
45. *Bank books & listing of accounts*
46. *Other financial accounts*
47. *Property deeds*
48. *Cemetery deed or proof of ownership*
49. *Auto titles or bill of sale*
50. *Income tax returns, receipts & cancelled checks*

## D. DECIDE & ARRANGE WITHIN A FEW HOURS

51. *Exact location of interment*
52. *Location of service*
53. *Service type (religious, fraternal, military)*
54. *Time for visitation & funeral service*
55. *Arrange for special religious service*
56. *Provide information for eulogy*
57. *Casket (open or closed)*
58. *Outer burial container*
59. *Provide vital statistics about deceased for newspaper(s)*
60. *Clothing & jewelry for deceased*
61. *Selection of scripture readings*
62. *Clergy to officiate*
63. *Funeral home preference*
64. *Marking of grave (temporary or permanent)*
65. *Charitable contributions for memorials in memory of deceased*
66. *Register book, memorial/prayer cards or folders*
67. *Select pallbearers*
68. *Floral arrangements*
69. *Musical selections*
70. *Organist/vocalist*
71. *Clothing for you & minor children*
72. *Decide who will look after minor children/pets*
73. *House cleaning*
74. *Extra chairs*

75. *Transportation for family & guests, including funeral procession lineup*
76. *Reviewing & signing all paper work*  
(i.e. burial permit, interment agreement etc.)
77. *Answering innumerable phone calls, messages, email, letters & wires*
78. *Necessary meetings with funeral director, lawyer, clergy, cemetery, etc.*
79. *Arrange transportation & lodging for out of town guests*
80. *Acknowledging those who help in a special way*  
(contributors of flowers, food, donations, babysitting, pet sitting, etc.)
81. *Order certified copies of death certificate*
82. *Food for family & guests*
83. *Items for memento display*

## E. PLAN TO NOTIFY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

84. *All relatives*
85. *All friends*
86. *Funeral director*
87. *Pallbearers*
88. *Cemetery*
89. *Doctor*
90. *Employer of deceased*
91. *Employers of relatives not going to work*
92. *Organist, other musicians & vocalist*
93. *Newspapers regarding notices*
94. *Social Security Administration*
95. *Veterans Administration*
96. *Insurance agents*
97. *Religious, fraternal, civic organizations & unions*
98. *Attorney, accountant, financial planner & executor of estate*
99. *Credit card companies*