

Funeral Planning Guide



St. James Lutheran Church
427 South Main Street
Verona, Wisconsin 53593

A guide for the Christian funeral of _____

(Your Name)

Guide for a Christian Funeral

Intent

To my family and friends ,

I record these wishes to guide your planning and ease your struggle during these painful days. Use them as they were intended, as a guide. Do not feel strictly bound to them, if in your wisdom and love, you would make other decisions that are more helpful in your grieving and in your celebration of the resurrection.

_____ *signed*

_____ *dated*

My Body

___ I wish to donate my organs (complete other documents).

___ as transplants ___ for research

___ I wish my body to be donated for research (complete other documents).

___ I wish to be embalmed.

___ I wish to be cremated.

___ I wish to be buried.

Name of cemetery: _____ Plot no.: _____

City _____ State _____

___ Other: _____

(Might include: burial at sea, ashes spread, above ground interment, etc.)

Expressions of sympathy

___ In the form of flowers

___ In lieu of flowers, I would prefer: _____

Memorials

I wish memorial gifts to be used to further support the following ministries and organizations:

___ St. James Lutheran Church Memorial Fund

Specifically in the area of: _____

___ St. James Lutheran Church Endowment Foundation

___ Other organizations (please specify): _____

Funeral Home

You are encouraged to make specific arrangements at the funeral home of your choice. In this way all of the details and prices for your funeral can be pre-arranged

Preferred Funeral Home _____

Have pre-arrangements been made? Yes No

Visitation

Location: funeral home church home

Time: day of funeral evening before funeral

Casket: open closed

Burial clothing: _____

Jewelry/glasses: _____

remove for family to retain bury with body

Include in the casket: _____

The Funeral

Location: church funeral home cemetery (committal service only)

Time: morning afternoon evening

Body present: yes no (a memorial service)

Holy Communion celebrated: yes no

Favorite Biblical theme or image: _____

Scripture: _____

Hymns: _____

Participants: _____

Luncheon ___ Yes ___ No
___ At church ___ Other location (specify): _____

Menu: _____

Obituary Be sure to include the following events, accomplishments, and people that are important to me. (List full name for siblings, parents; date of marriage; etc.):

Legalities Name of attorney: _____ Address: _____

Location of will and other legal documents: _____

Birth date: _____ Place of birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Are you a veteran?: ___ Yes ___ No

Other pertinent information (bank accounts, pension accounts, etc.): _____

1. Please feel free to attach additional notes to this document (i.e., complete obituary, list of pall bearers, etc).
2. Bring this completed document to the church office, we will make copies for you, your family and the funeral home.
3. This document will be kept at the church and all information will be kept confidential until the time of your death.