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# FUNERAL PLANNING

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LITHUANIAN NATIONAL  
CEMETERY



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## PLAN BEFORE YOU NEED IT

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A funeral is like a big event in life and when planning is done early it makes the event less stressful on the family and the celebration of your life is just the way you want it.

Make your wishes known with your family and if possible make the arrangements ahead of time.

Below is a check list of items you should consider.

### TYPE OF DISPOSITION

- Traditional Burial
  - embalming
  - casket and vault
  - single, double or family lots
  - headstone/burial markers
  - mausoleum
  
- Green/Natural Burial
  - free from toxic chemicals
  - biodegradable burial materials
  
- Cremation
  - Burial/Interment
  - retention through inurnment
  - scattering of cremains



## SERVICE, CEREMONY OR MEMORIALS

- Visitation/viewing/wake at funeral home
  - private family
  - public viewing
  - body or cremains present
  - open or closed casket
- Celebration of life service
- Graveside service at cemetery or crematory
- Memorial service after burial or cremation
- Scattering ceremony
- Reception or fellowship meal

## PERSONALIZE YOUR EVENT

- Location that reflect your interests or personality
  - parks
  - golf course
  - lake
  - garden
  - beach
  - event center
  - theater
  - art gallery
  - church
  - stadium
- Speaker(s)
  - clergy member
  - family
  - close friends/co-workers
- Pallbearers, eulogist, assistants and attendees
- Catered food, pot luck or meal at a special restaurant
- Songs and/or hymns
  - live
  - recorded
- Memorial slide show video
- Memorials
  - photos
  - mementos
  - grave marker
  - online memorial website
- Memorial contributions to charities

## FINAL RESTING PLACE

- Cemetery
- Scattering of cremation
- Keepsake cremation jewelry
- Organ Donation or anatomic donation





## RECORD YOUR FINAL WISHES

- Verbally share your wishes
- Document your wishes and share them with a loved one
- Complete a funeral planning guide
- Record your wishes on video or recording
- Contact a funeral provider to assist you with your plans

## IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION

- Keep important documentation together and notify a next of kin where they are located
  - copy of will
  - birth and marriage certificates
  - veteran's discharge papers and military service records
  - life and health insurance policies
  - social security information
  - estate planning documentation
- Write your own obituary or provide important information you would like included in your obituary
- Keep your funeral plans with a funeral provider
  - notify at least two contacts to where your plans are held

## FUNERAL PAYMENT

- Prepaid funeral plan
  - Pre-need policies
  - trust
  - annuity
- Life Insurance
- Personal Account/CD/Pay-on-Death Account

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff at Lithuanian National Cemetery are here to help with your funeral plans and to answer any questions you may have.

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