

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

please print full name

✘ *The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible to, and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with, the Minister of the Congregation. The Book of Common Prayer, p. 468*

Person Coordinating Arrangements

Funeral Home

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Relation to you: _____

Director: _____

✘ *Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation has opportunity to be present. The Book of Common Prayer, p. 468*

✘ *If preferred, the Committal service may take place before the service in the church. It may also be used prior to cremation. The Book of Common Prayer, p. 468*

I would prefer (please check all those which apply)

_____ an open-casket viewing at the church prior to the service

_____ a closed-casket visitation at the church prior to the service

_____ a visitation (no casket) at the church prior to the service

_____ an open-casket viewing at the funeral home prior to the service

_____ a closed-casket visitation at the funeral home prior to the service

_____ no viewing or visitation

_____ full body burial (with casket)

_____ cremation following a funeral service (with casket)

_____ direct cremation (no embalming)

_____ a service at the church

_____ a service at the funeral home

_____ a graveside service only

_____ interment/burial prior to a memorial service at the church

_____ Direct interment in the St. David's Memorial Garden (Pre-paid? _____ Yes _____ No)

_____ I have a burial plot at _____ (cemetery)

_____ I have a columbarium niche at _____ (location)

(over please)

THE FUNERAL SERVICE

✠ *The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised. The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.*

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 507

✠ *The coffin is to be closed before the service, and it remains closed thereafter. It is appropriate that it be covered with a pall or other suitable covering.* The Book of Common Prayer, p. 468

Please note: except in extraordinary circumstances, the Rector or Assistant Rector of St. David's Church officiates at all liturgies. If other clergy are to be included in the service, that invitation should come after consultation with, and at the invitation of, the clergy of St. David's Church.

I would prefer using:

_____ Rite I (Prayer Book p. 469) – traditional language, in the style of the 1928 Prayer Book

_____ Rite II (Prayer Book p. 491) – contemporary language

Please refer to the prayer book pages above or the Scripture Resource sheet for the following:

Old Testament Lesson: _____

Psalms: _____

New Testament Lesson: _____

Gospel Lesson: _____

_____ I would like the priest to choose the readings.

✠ *Including Holy Communion at the service is often a comfort to many. We share in a foretaste of the heavenly banquet at which the deceased is already feasting. It is a sign of unity and community. In The Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are invited to receive communion. Those choosing not to receive, including those from other faith traditions, are invited to come forward in thanksgiving for the life of the deceased and are given a blessing.*

_____ I would like to have Holy Communion as a part of my service.

Please include, if appropriate, the following hymns or sacred music as a part of my service:

Please invite the following persons to participate in my service:

Other special requests (flowers / memorial contributions / reception / etc.)

Signature

Today's Date