



FUNERALS AT EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
And that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
And in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
Who is my friend and not a stranger.

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Getting your affairs in Order

At the time of our death it will fall to the members of our families, or to friends or perhaps to distant relatives to plan our last services and burials.

Planning such things when you are grieving is both hard and time consuming. Often members of your family live far apart and have never discussed these matters with you or anyone else. When the time for planning comes they can each have very different ideas about what they think you might like, as well as about what is appropriate!

The best way to avoid all of this is for you to make your own plans.

It is a very thoughtful gift both to yourself as well as your family.

Preliminary Information

- a) Do you wish to be buried in a casket? _____
- b) Do you prefer to be cremated? _____
- c) Where do you wish to be buried? _____
- d) Who in the parish should be notified of your death? _____
- e) Are you entitled to and do you want military honors? _____
- f) If you already own a burial site, does your family know where the deed is? _____
- g) Whom do you wish to conduct your funeral? _____

(if held at Emmanuel it will be one of the clergy of Emmanuel or an Episcopal clergy person who is a relative or friend. A member of the clergy from another denomination is welcome to assist and deliver a eulogy)

There are other important aspects to “getting your affairs in order” that you should seek legal advice about if you have not done so yet, as well as informing the necessary people as to where your important documents are like a Will, who your Executor is and who has your Healthcare Power of Attorney.

Planning the Service

At Emmanuel Episcopal Church one can request a funeral or memorial service using The Burial of the Dead: Rite One on page 469 of the Book of Common Prayer, or Rite Two on page 491. Each of these services can be held with or without the celebration of the Eucharist.

- The Service leaflet will be prepared by the Church office.

Full Name

Date of Birth

Date of Death

Music

- Normally, organ music is played both before and after the service. Within the service there are usually hymns that are sung. Our Director of Music will be happy to assist you in making these selections if you would like. The appropriate places for hymns would be during the Entrance and Recessional, between the readings or during communion.

Hymn# _____

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Readings

There are normally three readings from scripture interspersed with a psalm or a hymn as mentioned above.

The First reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). Please choose one of the following:

_____ Isaiah 25: 6 – 9

_____ Isaiah 61: 1 – 3

_____ Lamentations 3: 22 – 26; 31 – 33

_____ Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1 – 5, 9

_____ Job 19: 21 – 27a

Psalm # _____ (please make your selection from those found in the Book of Common Prayer, pages 470 – 479)

The Second Reading is from the New Testament. Please choose one.

_____ Romans 8: 14 – 19, 34 – 39

- _____ 1 Corinthians 15: 20 – 26, 35 – 38, 42 – 44, 53 – 58
- _____ 2 Corinthians 4: 16 – 5: 9
- _____ 1 John 3: 1 – 2
- _____ Revelation 7: 9 – 17
- _____ Revelation 21: 2 – 7

The Gospel. Please choose one.

- _____ John 5: 24 – 27
- _____ John 6: 37 – 40
- _____ John 10: 11 – 16
- _____ John 11: 21 – 27
- _____ John 14: 1 – 6

Name of Funeral Home: _____

Funeral Date _____

Place of Interment _____ Date _____

Type of Liturgy:

Burial Office Eucharist Other Rite I or II

Common Room for Reception?

Fees

Organist (Fee is \$150.00)

Flower Guild (minimum \$50.00 donation)

Office to notify:

Sexton Altar Guild Flower Guild Funeral Committee

Organist Acolyte Lay Reader