

# Expression of funeral wishes

A complimentary service provided by Coop Funeral Care by Argent



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Inclined to take life for granted, it's all too easy to ignore the fact that none of us is guaranteed a tomorrow. Yet we all know death follows life as surely as night follows day. The only thing about it that we can't be certain of is how and when it will happen. Wouldn't it be sensible and wise, therefore, to prepare for the inevitable?

A complimentary service offered by Coop Funeral Care by Argent, an Expression of funeral wishes provides family and friends or other personal representatives invaluable guidance as to what to do after your death. It allows you to specify the kind of funeral you want and saves them from making arrangements and decisions at a difficult time. You choose how people are to celebrate your life and say goodbye.

Our team has the professional expertise and knowledge to advise, assist and guide you in completing this booklet. Alternatively, you may complete the various sections in the following pages yourself.

Should you choose us to carry out your wishes, please send us your completed booklet. We will keep a copy on file in accordance with data protection regulations and return the original to you.

Please advise your family, friends or personal representatives that you have completed an Expression of funeral wishes and either give them a copy or ensure that they know where it is kept.

The beauty of an Expression of funeral wishes is that it is a separate document to a Will. Unlike a Will, however, it does not need to be written in legal jargon and it can be amended or updated whenever your wishes change. The aim of an Expression of funeral wishes is to set out your wishes in a language that family, friends and personal representatives can understand.

**Please complete the following pages as fully as possible and tick the boxes where indicated. If a section does not apply, please leave blank. If you need more space to complete some sections of the booklet, please do so on a separate sheet of paper and enclose within the booklet.**

### Pre-payment funeral plans

An Expression of funeral wishes can form the basis of a pre-payment funeral plan, which enables you to choose the kind of funeral you would prefer and pay for it either in a single lump sum payment, or in monthly instalments over one year. The total cost of your plan is guaranteed regardless of any future price increases. A prepaid plan not only gives you peace of mind, but will also ease the emotional and financial burden on your loved ones when the time comes. Additionally, Coop members will benefit from their dividend on funeral costs. Coop Funeral Care by Argent is currently the only local funeral plan provider that can guarantee disbursements or third party costs. If a pre-paid funeral plan appeals to you, please request further information.

## Declaration and registration of death

Full forenames and surname:

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If you are female and are or have been married, your maiden surname:

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Nickname or pet name by which you are more familiarly known:

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Full name of husband:

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Residential address:

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Home and/or mobile telephone number:

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Email address:

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Full forenames and surname of father:

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Full forenames and maiden surname of mother:

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Your place of birth:

Your date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY):                    /                    /

Occupation:

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Marital status: (please tick box)                    Single                     Married

   Cohabitant partner                     Legally separated

   Divorced                     Widowed\*

\* Also applicable to a husband whose wife has passed.

Full forenames and surname, address and contact details of next of kin, family or other personal representatives:

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What is the above named person's relationship to you?

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Number of death certificates required: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred funeral ceremony (please tick box)

   Burial                     Cremation

   Entombment                     Burial at sea

## Funeral arrangements – the service or ceremony

We offer both traditional and out-of-the ordinary ceremonies, at unusual locations or closer to home, you can choose what best reflects you.

Do you wish to have a funeral? (please tick box)

If so, what is your religion or beliefs?      Yes       No

What kind of funeral would you prefer? (please tick box)

A traditional, religious service

A non-religious ceremony

Other form of service or ceremony:   
(please specify below)

Where would you like your funeral to be held?

Is the funeral to be private or open to all? (please tick box)

Private       Open to all

Would you prefer a particular dress code at your funeral?

(please tick box and specify)

Yes       No

Is there anyone you would particularly like to conduct your funeral, provided that he or she were available, and if yes, who?

Do you wish for any passages of scripture, poems or readings at your funeral?

Would you like any of the following? (please tick all that may apply)

Organist or pianist       Choir       Music system

Other musicians       Live stream of the service or ceremony   
(please specify below)

Please write below any music, hymns or songs that you would like played or sung at your funeral?

(If known, please put the artist, band or composer and title).

Notes:

## Service sheets

Would you like an Order of Service? (please tick box)

Yes

No

How many copies would you like? \_\_\_\_\_

## Coffin

A coffin is required for every funeral, whether you choose to be buried or cremated. We have a number of options for you to have a coffin which suits your personality, your beliefs and your style.

Special orders on request, please contact us for details.

Newcastle



Paulownia



Colourful Coffin customisable design®



Custom scatter tubes also available



Jute



Woven bamboo



Highstead willow light



Highstead willow



Willow cromer light



Willow round



## Preparation

What do you wish to happen to any jewellery that you may be wearing?  
(please tick box but note that jewellery is almost always removed and returned to next of kin or personal representatives when cremation has been selected)

Leave on

Remove and return to next of kin or personal representatives'

How do you wish to be dressed? (please tick box)

Own clothes

Gown or shroud

Do you wish to be buried with any keepsakes such as letters or photographs?  
(please tick box and specify)

Yes

No

Would you like your next of kin or personal representative to have any keepsakes:  
fingerprint for jewellery or a lock(s) of hair? (please tick box and specify)

Yes

No

Would you wish for family and/or friends to visit you at the Chapel of Rest?  
(please tick box)

Yes

No

## Announcements

Will you want an announcement and/or funeral arrangements  
in any of the following newspapers? (please tick box or boxes)

The Guernsey Press

The Telegraph

The Times

Other publication (please specify)

Facebook post

How many notices will you need? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write below any charity you may like to benefit from donations by  
way of tribute to your memory.

## Floral tributes

Please write below any specific colours or types of flowers/flower arrangements  
you would like. (Special orders are available on request: please contact us for details).

Types of flowers to include: \_\_\_\_\_

Colours of flowers: \_\_\_\_\_

Example pictures attached: (floral tributes) \_\_\_\_\_

Coffin spray



Classic cross



Wreath



Heart



Wild flowers



Tied sheaf



Lettered tribute



## Transport

How would you wish to be transported to the venue for your funeral?

(please see following illustrations and tick box)

Hearse

Funeral directors' 'ambulance'



Horse-drawn hearse

Motorcycle hearse

Bier



Will you require additional cars, if yes how many? (please tick box)

Yes

No

How many seats are required? (please tick box)

4

7

16

32

Would you prefer the funeral vehicles to follow a particular route to the venue?

Yes

No

Please provide more detail:

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## Funeral attendants and coffin bearers

Will you require attendants to record names?

Yes

No

If you wish for your coffin to be carried, who would you prefer to do so?

(please tick box)

Employees of Argent Funeral Care

Family and/or friends

## Burial

If you wish to be buried, will you require a new or existent grave plot?

(please tick box)

New grave plot

Existent grave plot

If you require an existent grave plot, in which cemetery or churchyard is this located? (If known, please write the grave plot reference)

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If an existent grave is marked by a headstone, who is the memorial mason?

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If you have opted for entombment, where is the vault located?

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## Cremation

If you wish to be cremated, how and where do you wish your ashes to be scattered? (please delete whichever does not apply and tick box)

Deposit in niche in columbarium at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ cemetery/churchyard\*

Ceremonial/discreet\* interment within a grave, plot or vault at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ cemetery/churchyard\*

Ceremonial/discreet\* scattering at (please specify location)

\_\_\_\_\_

Leave in the safe keeping of Coop Funeral Care by Argent until further notice

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Other course (please specify)

\_\_\_\_\_

We have a selection of ashes containers. Please indicate your choice below.  
(Special orders on request, please contact us for details).

Wooden casket



Biodegradable urn for water burial



A selection of Scatter Tubes



## Notes

What is your Coop share account number?\*

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Who is your General Medical Practitioner?

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\***Dividend** paid on funeral plans for Society members. Conditions apply. Ask for details.

Committed to the highest levels  
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