

Conducting a Funeral Basics:

This is what the Funeral Home will need from you

- 1.** If at all possible take a trusted friend or family member with you to the Funeral Home that will keep you from saying yes to everything that the funeral director offers. A year or so after the funeral many people look back and regret spending thousands of dollars on unnecessary items.
- 2.** Retrieve Insurance Policies and present them to the Funeral Home if needed. (The beneficiary can activate and receive the check directly)
- 3.** Receive 3 to 5 certified copies of the Death Certificate from the Funeral Home.
- 4.** Take the burial clothing to the Funeral Home.
- 5.** Take obituary notes and a photo to the Funeral Home.
- 6.** Inform the funeral director as to who will speak, sing, and provide the eulogy at the service.
- 7.** Provide a list of pallbearers to the funeral home.
- 8.** If a reception will be held after the funeral, inform the funeral home as to the time, location, and directions.
- 9.** Inform the funeral home of the choice to receive or not to receive flowers. Some people find the gifting of flowers to be wasteful.
- 10.** Choose a day for the funeral that is most convenient for everyone. Some funeral homes have a lower price for services that is conducted on weekdays or at night (5-8pm)