

TO WHOMEVER TAKES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

In calm recognition of the inevitable, I have given serious thought to my personal wishes concerning my final arrangements. I do not wish my survivors and friends to be burdened by the great pressures of having to make immediate decisions on unfamiliar matters that inescapably must be made then if I do not make them now. I feel that the effort I have made to pull information together and state my wishes will minimize the emotional strain on my survivors.

Difficult though it may be for me to set this down, I feel that my loved ones would find it more difficult to make the decisions with no indication of my specific wishes.

Though these wishes may not be legally binding, I trust that they will help my survivors avoid confusion, extra expense, or the least self-reproach that might arise because of doubts, omissions or commissions.

Signature

Date

All arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with the officiating priest. I understand that the Rector of All Saints' shall approve all final decisions regarding the funeral, liturgy, music and flowers.

OBITUARY

_____ I have written my obituary. A copy can be found in the following location:

_____ I have not written my obituary. I share the following facts with my loved ones in the hope that these facts may assist them in the writing of my obituary.

Place of birth and birthday:

Parents' names:

Siblings (and if applicable spouses') names and contact information:

Children's (and if applicable spouses') names and contact information:

Grandchildren and great grandchildren names and contact information:

Education:

Prior to the funeral service, it is my desire that prayers for a vigil of the resurrection occur:

in my home _____

at the church _____ (overnight: yes or no)

I do not want a Vigil to occur. _____

VISITATION

Visitation is an opportunity for the members of the parish, friends and others to offer support to the family of the deceased. Depending upon various factors, the Parish Hall, Parlor and other areas of All Saints' are well suited for visitation. The All Saints' Funeral Guild will offer support, in various forms, to the family and loved ones before, during and after the visitation.

Prior to the funeral service, I wish visitation to occur:

At All Saints':

in the Parish Hall _____

in the Parlor _____

in the church _____

in the chapel _____

other _____

at my home _____

at the funeral home _____

at another location _____ (please describe: _____)

I do not desire visitation to occur. _____

BURIAL SERVICE

All Saints' Episcopal Church uses the liturgy contained in *Book of Common Prayer* (1979) or *Enriching Our Worship 3* for funerals. The Holy Eucharist is customarily celebrated at funerals. All baptized Christians will be invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Mass of Christian Burial, which includes the Burial Office and the Holy Eucharist, takes approximately forty-five minutes to an hour, depending upon the number of people receiving communion.

Baptized Christians are properly buried from the church. The service should be held at a time when the congregation has the opportunity to be present. (BCP, p. 490).

