



First Baptist Church

Rockport, MA

Preparing for the Resurrection

A workbook for you and your family to use as a helpful tool



In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, 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.

Romans 8:37-39 (English Standard Version)

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Dear Friends,

This packet is meant to serve as a tool in preparing details for the end of this earthly life. It will be a tremendous benefit to your family, friends and church community to have your wishes clearly recorded. It is recommended that a completed copy of this document be on file at the church, with your family and with your attorney. Additionally, it is advantageous to review and if necessary update the document on an annual basis.

I'm grateful to The Rev. Karin Wade, Rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Rockport, for sharing with me a similar form that is used at her church. Much of this document is based off of the framework of the document from St. Mary's.

As an example, I have filled out a sample document that can be found online or in the church office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

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DATE _____

FULL LEGAL NAME



MAIDEN NAME _____

LEGAL RESIDENCE _____

YEARS AT RESIDENCE _____ TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

SOCIAL MEDIA _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

SEX _____ MARITAL STATUS _____

IF MARRIED OR IN COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP, GIVE FULL NAME OF SPOUSE/PARTNER

DATE & PLACE OF MARRIAGE _____

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IF WIDOWED, GIVE FULL NAME OF SPOUSE, DATE & PLACE OF DEATH/BURIAL

NAME AND BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER AND FATHER (If still living, address & phone)

FATHER'S NAME _____

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH _____

IF DECEASED, GIVE DATE OF DEATH _____

IF LIVING, ADDRESS & PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH _____

IF DECEASED, GIVE DATE OF DEATH _____

IF LIVING, ADDRESS & PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE & EMAIL OF SIBLINGS

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE & EMAIL OF CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN (Continued on next page)

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OTHER PERSONS TO NOTIFY, ESPECIALLY THOSE NOT WELL KNOWN TO YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY

IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

BRANCH _____

RANK/RATING _____

SERVICE NUMBER _____

VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION CLAIM NUMBER _____

LOCATION OF DISCHARGE PAPERS _____

COMMENDATIONS/COMBAT EXPERIENCE _____

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE & EMAIL OF PERSON WITH LEGAL RIGHTS TO HANDLE YOUR FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (Include school names, years & degrees earned)

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYMENT (Include company, location, dates. Continued on next page)

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ORGANIZATIONS, FRATERNAL ORDERS, SOCIETIES (Include accomplishments & honors)

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION/CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CHURCH ACTIVITIES (Continued on next page)

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BURIAL INSTRUCTIONS

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE OF FUNERAL HOME YOU DESIRE (Please note if you have made pre-arrangements with a funeral home)

ARE YOU AN ORGAN DONOR? _____

HAVE YOU DONATED YOUR BODY TO MEDICAL SCIENCE? _____

DO YOU WISH BURIAL IN A CEMETERY? _____

CREMATION? (Please note special instructions page 11) _____

BURIAL

IF YOU HAVE A CEMETERY PLOT, LIST LOCATION & LOT NUMBER

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IF NOT, WHERE DO YOU WISH TO BE BURIED?

WHAT KIND OF GRAVE MARKER DO YOU WISH?

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING CASKET SELECTION

DO YOU WISH CALLING HOURS/VIEWING AT THE FUNERAL HOME THE EVENING BEFORE THE
BURIAL SERVICE? (This is recommended)

IF SO, DO YOU WISH OPEN OR CLOSED CASKET?

LIST ANYTHING SPECIAL YOU WISH TO WEAR OF HAVE BURIED WITH YOU.

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MEMORIAL MARKER AND INSCRIPTIONS (Include preference if any for religious symbol, text)

CREMATION INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING CREMATION CASKET/URN _____

INURNMENT IN CEMETERY? (If yes, which cemetery, location of plot)



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THE BURIAL SERVICE

NOTE: Whenever possible the casket or urn should be present at the service.

PERSON(S) TO CONSULT ABOUT THE BURIAL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

PLACE OF SERVICE _____

If the service is to be held somewhere other than at First Baptist Church, or if you wish another clergy person to assist FBC's Minister with the service, please give the name & phone of clergy person you wish:

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS:

_____ Isaiah 25:6-9	_____ Isaiah 61:1-3	_____ Job 19:21-27a
_____ Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33		_____ Other

PSALM

_____ 23	_____ 90:1-12	_____ 139:1-11
_____ 42:1-7	_____ 121	_____ Other
_____ 46	_____ 130	_____

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NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

_____ Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

_____ Revelation 9:9-17

_____ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58

_____ Revelation 21:2-7

_____ 2 Corinthians 4:15-5:9

_____ 1 John 3:1-2

_____ Other _____



IF DESIRED, LIST PEOPLE YOU WISH TO READ THE ABOVE SCRIPTURES:

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GOSPEL

_____ John 5:24-27

_____ John 11:21-27

_____ John 6:37-40

_____ John 14:1-6

_____ John 10:11-16

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

HYMNS DESIRED (See back page for suggestions)

OTHER MUSICAL INSTRUCTIONS, IF ANY (Prelude/postlude, anthems, solo selections, instrumental, etc.)

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FLOWERS TO BE PROVIDED BY FAMILY OR FRIENDS

List special instructions, if any (Florist, colors, type of flowers, to be placed on: altar, Lady Chapel altar, Narthex table, foyer table)

NOTE Burial / inurnment / disposition of ashes, should immediately follow church service.

SERVICE BULLETIN

LIST, IF YOU WISH, A FAVORITE POEM, PRAYER, BIBLICAL PASSAGE, ETC. TO BE PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN, OR ANY OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS. PLEASE INCLUDE COPY WITH THIS PAMPHLET.

OTHER COMMENTS, DESIRES, ABOUT THE CHURCH SERVICE.

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OBITUARY

NEWSPAPER(S) AND WEBSITE(S) IN WHICH YOUR OBITUARY IS TO BE PLACED

SPECIAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE INCLUDED (Education, accomplishments, membership, affiliations, etc.)

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- 2 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
- 21 How Great Thou Art
- 29 O Worship the King
- 43 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
- 45 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- 52 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
- 60 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- 72 To God Be the Glory
- 78 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
- 95 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
- 99 When Morning Gilds the Skies
- 101 My Jesus, I Love Thee
- 115 Fairest Lord Jesus
- 130 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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HYMN SUGGESTIONS (continued)

- 213 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
- 234 Christ the Lord is Risen Today
- 235 Christ Arose!
- 236 All Shall Be Well!
- 239 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- 242 In the Garden
- 248 He Lives
- 250 Jesus Christ is Risen Today
- 262 Rejoice, the Lord is King
- 356 All Creatures of Our God and King
- 365 Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide
- 502 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound
- 509 O, How I Love Jesus
- 514 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine
- 519 It Is Well with My Soul
- 532 Be Thou My Vision
- 745 Jesus Shall Reign