

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

An important purpose of the memorial service is to support and give comfort to the immediate family and close friends. The memorial service may be held in a church, funeral home, crematorium, cemetery, or some other special place with or without the cremated body present. It may take place within a few days of the passing, or it may occur weeks or even months later, to allow friends and family members time to gather. The option to bury the cremated body, place the urn in a columbarium, or scatter the ashes still remains.

## ANATOMICAL GIFT/DONATION TO MEDICAL SCIENCE

Arrangements can be made for those who wish to donate their organs to recipients, or for those who wish to donate their remains to scientific study. If this is important to you, the key is planning ahead and putting your wishes in writing.

A WELL-PLANNED,  
PERSONALIZED FUNERAL  
SERVICE IS A FITTING  
CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE  
THAT HAS BEEN LIVED.

## IT'S UP TO YOU

No two funerals are alike, nor should they be. A funeral planning specialist can help you personalize a funeral within a budget you are comfortable with and in the way you want yourself or your loved one to be remembered. Be sure to share your ideas for personalizing the funeral with them. Ask questions and state your unique preferences no matter what they may be.

Services may be personalized in many ways. Families may choose to include special memorabilia, pictures, art objects, or hobby items. Favorite music of all types, even vehicles or special places, can be part of the service. There are many additional options that can be added or subtracted from any of the services mentioned here.

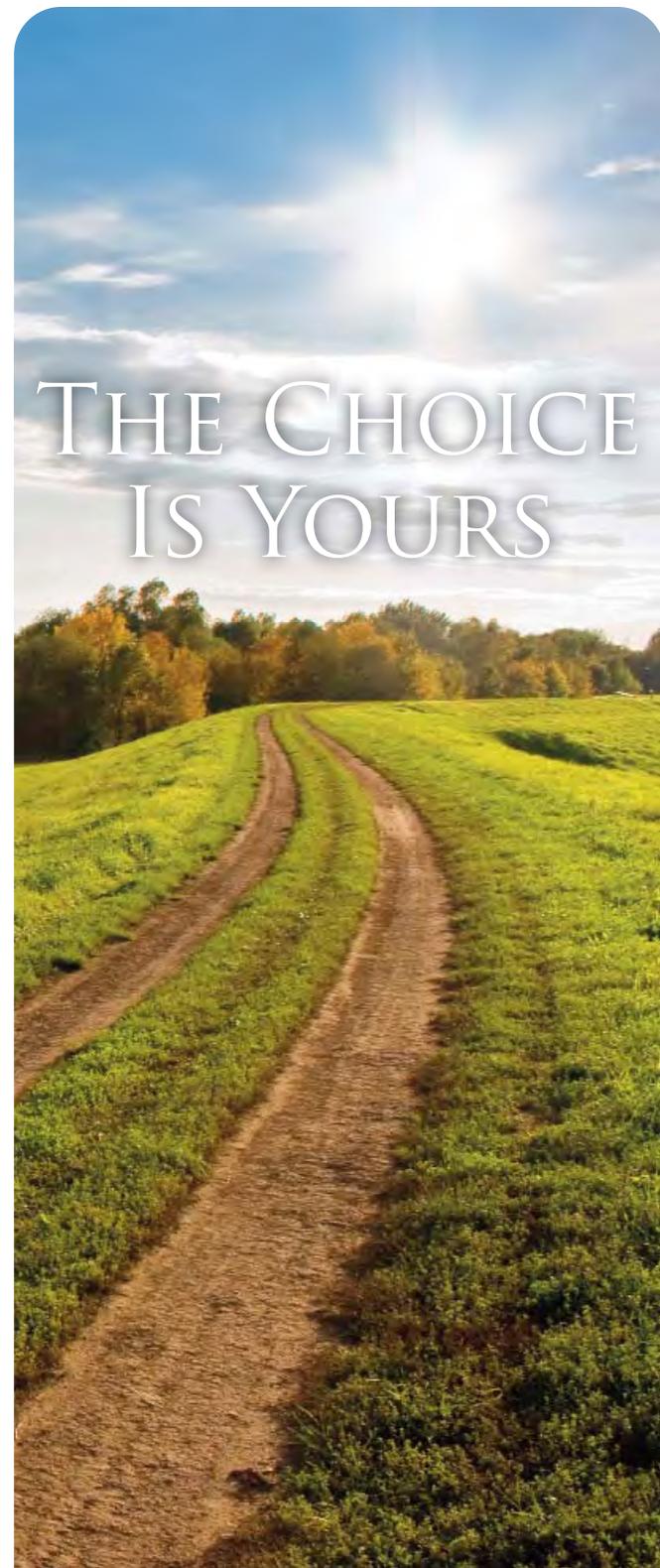
It's all about what is best for you and your family. Truly, the choice is yours.



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## A MEANINGFUL SERVICE

A funeral service, like a wedding or birth of a child, is a life event that you have only one chance to make as special and personal as possible. A visitation and funeral or memorial service should be about the person whose life has ended, and meaningful to those who remain. A well-planned, personalized funeral service is a fitting celebration of the life that has been lived. When making funeral plans, you will decide whether you want one of these basic types of funerals, or something in between.

## TRADITIONAL FUNERAL SERVICE

This service option incorporates all of the aspects of a traditional funeral, such as an open casket visitation followed by a funeral service at a church or at the funeral home. This service option also includes a procession to a cemetery and a graveside committal service with burial or entombment following.

## GRAVESIDE SERVICE

A graveside service is a form of traditional service but adapted so that all services are held entirely at the cemetery or mausoleum. The casket is not usually open for a public viewing, but arrangements can be made to do so. Family and friends meet at the cemetery at a predetermined time, and there is no funeral procession.

## DIRECT BURIAL

This service option is the simplest with regard to services ending with a burial. The body is buried shortly after death, with no viewing or visitation involved, so no embalming is necessary. This option allows for the director to oversee the burial of the remains at a cemetery of the family's choice. A memorial service may be held later at the graveside, a church, or the funeral home.

## TRADITIONAL FUNERAL SERVICE WITH CREMATION

This service option incorporates all of the aspects of a traditional funeral ending with burial, except that cremation is chosen as the means of final disposition. There can still be an open casket visitation, funeral service of your choosing, and even a procession to a cemetery chapel for a final committal.

However, when the services are completed, the remains are directed to a crematorium instead of a grave for burial. The cremated body is placed in an urn and given to the family. The option always remains to have the cremated body buried, placed in a columbarium, or scattered at a later time.

## DIRECT CREMATION

This service option is the simplest with regard to cremation options. In this case, the director oversees the cremation of the remains and the return of the cremated body to the family.