

Your Funeral Plan

Funeral Planning



Buckingham Cemetery

- Cemetery etiquette—Be respectful; follow the paths; don't walk across the graves
- Many area 1st families are buried in the cemetery—Fassitts, Coards, Croppers, Taylors, Hollands
- Five pastors who served at Buckingham Presbyterian Church are buried in the cemetery—Look for their black crosses
 - Rev. Charles Tennent, pastor 1763-1771
 - Rev. John Rankin, pastor 1775-1798
 - Rev. Thomas Kennedy, MA, pastor 1823-1827
 - Rev. Dr. John Russell Verbryche, pastor 1918-1932
 - Rev. Earl Klein, pastor 1945-1947
 - Rev. Matthew Trask, Sr., pastor 2011-2018

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No one likes to think about death, let alone plan for it. In many families, discussing one's mortality is an extremely uncomfortable topic. But it is a topic that should be discussed and planned for well in advance of your death.

By pre-planning your funeral, you relieve your family of having to make important decisions during a period of great stress and grief. It is a time when people may not be thinking clearly and may not know what to do because you have never made your wishes known.

It's easy to say, "Don't make a fuss. I don't want a ceremony. Just bury me and be done with it." But it's important to realize that the ritual of a funeral and/or memorial service isn't for the deceased, but for the living. It is a time when friends and family can gather together to grieve openly and to provide support for one another. A funeral can and should be as unique as the life that is being celebrated. Don't feel that you have to have a cookie cutter type of service or that your ideas for a special ceremony are foolish. You shouldn't feel pressured or rushed to make a decision.

This guide contains some things you may want to think about while pre-planning a funeral; your local funeral director can help you make the actual arrangements. Pre-planning, when done properly, can give you peace of mind because you know that your arrangements are ready and even pre-funded, if you wish.

Reasons to pre-plan your funeral:

- Make the arrangements during a time of peace and not leave them to your family during their time of grief;
- Make your wishes known;
- Control the cost of your funeral;
- Ensure that personal records are organized and easy for your survivors to locate;
- Protect your insurance so that it provides for your survivors and not for funeral expenses.

Presbyterian Christian Services on the Occasion of Death

Christians and Death

“The resurrection is a central doctrine of the Christian faith and shapes Christians’ attitudes and responses to the event of death. Death brings loss, sorrow, and grief to all. In the face of death Christians affirm with tears and joy the hope of the gospel. Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation but are sustained by the power of the Spirit and the community of faith. The church offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve.” [Book of Order, W-4/10001]

Planning Arrangements

“Because it is difficult under emotional stress to plan wisely, [we] encourage members to discuss and plan in advance the arrangements which will be necessary at the time of death, including decisions about the Christian options of burial, cremation, or donation for medical purposes. These plans should provide for arrangements which are simple, which bear witness to resurrection hope, and in which the Christian community is central.” [Book of Order, W-4.10002]

General Policies

At Buckingham Presbyterian Church, general policies concerning the observance of services on the occasion of death is the responsibility of the Session.

Setting of the Service

“The service on the occasion of death ordinarily should be held in the usual place of worship in order to join this service to the community’s continuing life and witness to the resurrection. The service shall be under the direction of the pastor. Others may be invited to participate as leaders in the service at the discretion of the pastor. This service may be observed on any day. A request to observe such a service as a part of the Lord’s Day service or to celebrate the Lord’s Supper as a part of a service on the occasion of death requires the approval of the Session of Buckingham Presbyterian Church.” [Book of Order, W-4.10003]

Form and order of the Service

“The service begins with scriptural sentences. It is appropriate for worshipers to sing hymns, psalms, spirituals, or spiritual songs which affirm God’s power over death, a belief in the resurrection to life everlasting, and the assurance of the communion of the saints. Scripture shall be read; a sermon or other exposition of the Word may be proclaimed; an affirmation of faith may be made by the people. Aspects of the life of the one who has died may be recalled. Prayers shall be offered, giving thanks to God

- For life in Jesus Christ and the promise of the gospel,
- For the gift of the life of the one who has died,
- For the comfort of the Holy Spirit,
- For the community of faith;

Making intercessions

- For the family members and loved ones who grieve,
- For those who minister to and support the bereaved,
- For all who suffer loss;

Lifting supplications

- For faith and grace for all who are present;

Concluding with the Lord’s Prayer.

The service ends by commending the one who has died to the care of the eternal God and sending the people forth with a benediction.” [Book of Order, W-4.10005]

Alternatives and Options

“This service may be observed before or after the committal of the body. In order that attention in the service be directed to God, when a casket is present it ordinarily is closed. It may be covered with a funeral pall. The service may include other actions common to the community of faith and its cultures when these actions do not detract from or diminish the Christian understanding of death and resurrection. The service shall be complete in itself, and any fraternal civic, or military rites should be conducted separately. When there are important reasons not to hold the service in the usual place of worship, it may be held in another suitable place such as a home, a funeral home, a crematorium, or at graveside.” [Book of Order, W-4.10005]

Service of Committal

“Members and friends of the family of the one who has died should gather at the graveside or crematorium for a service of farewell, which is to be conducted with simplicity, dignity, and brevity. The service includes readings from Scripture, prayers, words of committal, and a blessing, reflecting the reality of death, entrusting the one who has died to the care of God, and bearing witness to faith in the resurrection from the dead.” [Book of Order, W-4.10006]

Music

Funeral music should be true to the Christian faith and contribute to the overall integrity of worship at Buckingham Presbyterian Church. With this in mind, vocal music should be sacred in text and nature. Instrumental music should be appropriate to the worship of God and take into consideration the physical characteristics and capabilities of the instrument. Personal favorites, popular, and sentimental love songs may be used upon approval of pastor and music director.

There is a fine piano and organ in the sanctuary for use at funerals by Buckingham Presbyterian Church’s music director, for a fee, or if you prefer you may use a friend or family member. Brass or string ensembles, instrumental soloists (such as harp) are also appropriate forms of worship music in the church.

Soloists are often friends or relatives of the deceased. They should be advised of the above philosophies of music in worship and urged to consult with the music director of Buckingham Presbyterian Church in selection of appropriate music.

The music director of Buckingham Presbyterian Church would be happy to provide assistance in selecting instrumentalists and soloists for hire.

Music Director—Gregory Fraser
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Buckingham Presbyterian Church Cemetery Guidelines

1. Application for a burial lot or lots must be made to the Cemetery committee of the Trustees of Buckingham Presbyterian Church;
2. Members of Buckingham Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City and related families may purchase burial plots;
3. The sale or transfer of burial lots by an owner must be approved by the Cemetery committee and must have proof of ownership;
4. The Trustees reserve the right to limit the number of grave spaces per family;
5. A deed for burial lot or lots will be issued by the Cemetery Treasurer of Buckingham Cemetery when purchased;
6. The purchase price per grave space is \$650;
7. All owners of burial lots must purchase corner markers with each marker cut on top with an identifying last name;
8. A foot stone or head stone must be placed on the grave site;
9. Only concrete or metal vaults will be permitted;
10. Mausoleums will be allowed in certain instances, with approval of the Trustees;
11. All graves must be leveled, sodded, and permanently marked to indicate the burial site;
12. All landscaping must be approved by the Trustees. Planting of shrubs, annuals, or bulbs will be at the owner’s risk, due to the necessity for chemical edging of all markers. No fences or other enclosed structures shall be permitted;
13. Two (2) interments of cremated remains will be allowed in one grave space.
14. Temporary memorials placed at grave site will be removed at appropriate intervals, when necessary for cemetery maintenance and beautification, if the family has not done so;
15. Interment rights shall be used for no other purpose than the burial of (human) remains.

Columbarium Guidelines

- The use of the Columbarium will be paid to the Buckingham Cemetery Treasurer;
- The cost:
 - Entrance fee—\$100 (this fee is collected for the church)
 - Single niche—\$650
 - Double niche—\$1,200
 - Opening & closing the niche—\$150
 - Urns—Start at \$125
 - Bronze name plaque—\$345
- **The cost of opening a niche, ashes, urns, or boxes and front name plates will be paid to Burbage Funeral Home on Williams St. in Berlin MD;**
- Sizes of the niches:
 - Single urn niche—7.0” x 5 1/2” x 5 1/2”
 - Double urn niche—14” x 11” x 11”
- The Trustees of Buckingham Presbyterian Cemetery reserve the right to adopt new rules & regulations or amend any existing rules of the Cemetery or the Columbarium.

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SOMEWHERE

*Somewhere beyond the sunsets end the skies are bright and fair;
 No shadows dim, no darkness falls, the land is peaceful there.*

*Someone with the power to heal, to guide and understand
 Is waiting there to claim our fears and take us by the hand.*

*So when a dear one heeds the call, our hearts should be at rest;
 For there beyond the rainbow end a loving God knows best.*

~ Unknown ~

Buckingham Fees for Funeral or Memorial Service

	ACTIVE MEMBERS	NON-MEMBERS
CUSTODIAL FEE:	\$75.00 _____	\$75.00 _____
CLERGY FEE:	<u>Donation Accepted</u>	<u>Donation Accepted</u>
PIANIST/ORGANIST:	\$150.00 _____	\$150.00 _____
Music director's fees are subject to change.		
FELLOWSHIP HALL:	<u>No Charge</u>	<u>Donation Accepted</u>

CUSTODIAL FEE: Fellowship Hall room rental includes custodial fees; however, additional custodial fees as required will be billed at the prevailing rate per hour. A set-up/take-down fee for tables, chairs, and other equipment will be determined according to need.

For members and non-members, the Worship Committee offers the following for optional use:

- Two (2) Candles on Organ
- Two (2) Brass Candelabras

CHURCH USE: An Officer of the Church must be present at all times. Volunteers are Pat Rouch, Paul & Debi Cook, and Charles Herpen.

Payment of applicable fees are to be made at the time of the funeral. Please make out separate checks to the pianist and custodian.



Miscellaneous

- The Congregational Life Committee are willing to prepare and serve at a memorial reception—please contact Sue Mallory at 410-641-1723 to let her know your wishes;
- If you desire an outside caterer, please contact Sue Mallory at 410-641-1723 so she can coordinate the plans;
- Kitchen equipment may be used, but must be left clean;
- Heat and/or air-conditioning is strictly governed by climate conditions and is controlled by the church;
- Tables and chairs must be left in order and not removed from the area;
- No alcoholic beverage or drugs are allowed throughout the church facility or grounds;
- Smoking is allowed outside of the building in the area of the South Parking Lot only;
- No cake, punch, or other refreshments will be allowed in the sanctuary;
- The building will be locked except for the times you request it be opened;
- Memorial donations may be made to:

Buckingham Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund

Local Funeral Directors

Burbage Funeral Home

108 Williams St. Berlin 410-641-2111

208 W. Federal St., Snow Hill 410-632-9991

Bishop-Hastings Funeral Home, Inc.

19 S. Main St. , Selbyville 302-436-8421

Local Florists

Bleached Butterfly Floral & Home Boutique

3 Pitts St. Berlin 410-641-1910

Kitty's Flowers

11021 Nicholas Lane Suite 4, Ocean Pines 410-208-0579

The Burley Florist

12 Pitts St., Berlin, MD 410-641-2432

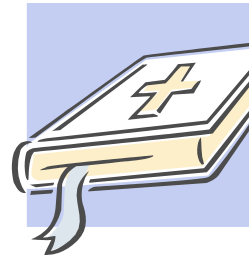
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Funeral Home:

Pall Bearers:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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Favorite Bible Passages:

Favorite Bible Translation:



Favorite Poem or Reading:



Favorite Hymns:

Personal Wishes

Name of Cemetery:



Address:

Plot #:

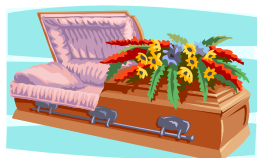
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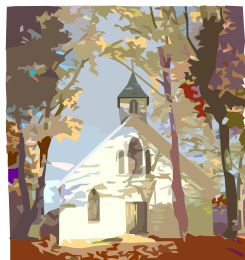
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Type of Casket:



Favorite Flowers:

Church of Choice:



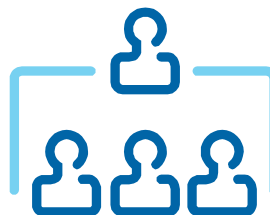
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Personal Wishes

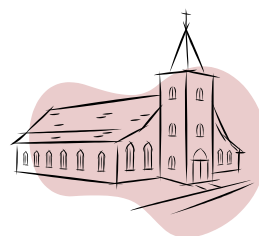
Favorite Charity—In Lieu of flowers:



Community Memberships:



Church Participation, (e.g. Elder, Deacon, Trustee, Choir, Teacher, etc.)



What I want people to remember most about me:



Psalm 23

THE LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside still waters;

He restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for

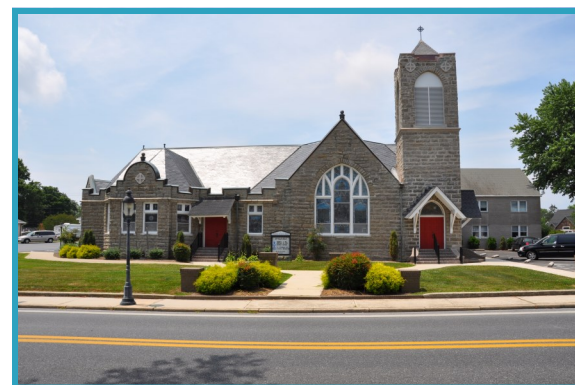
His name's sake.

Even though I walk through
the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house
of the LORD my whole life long.



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