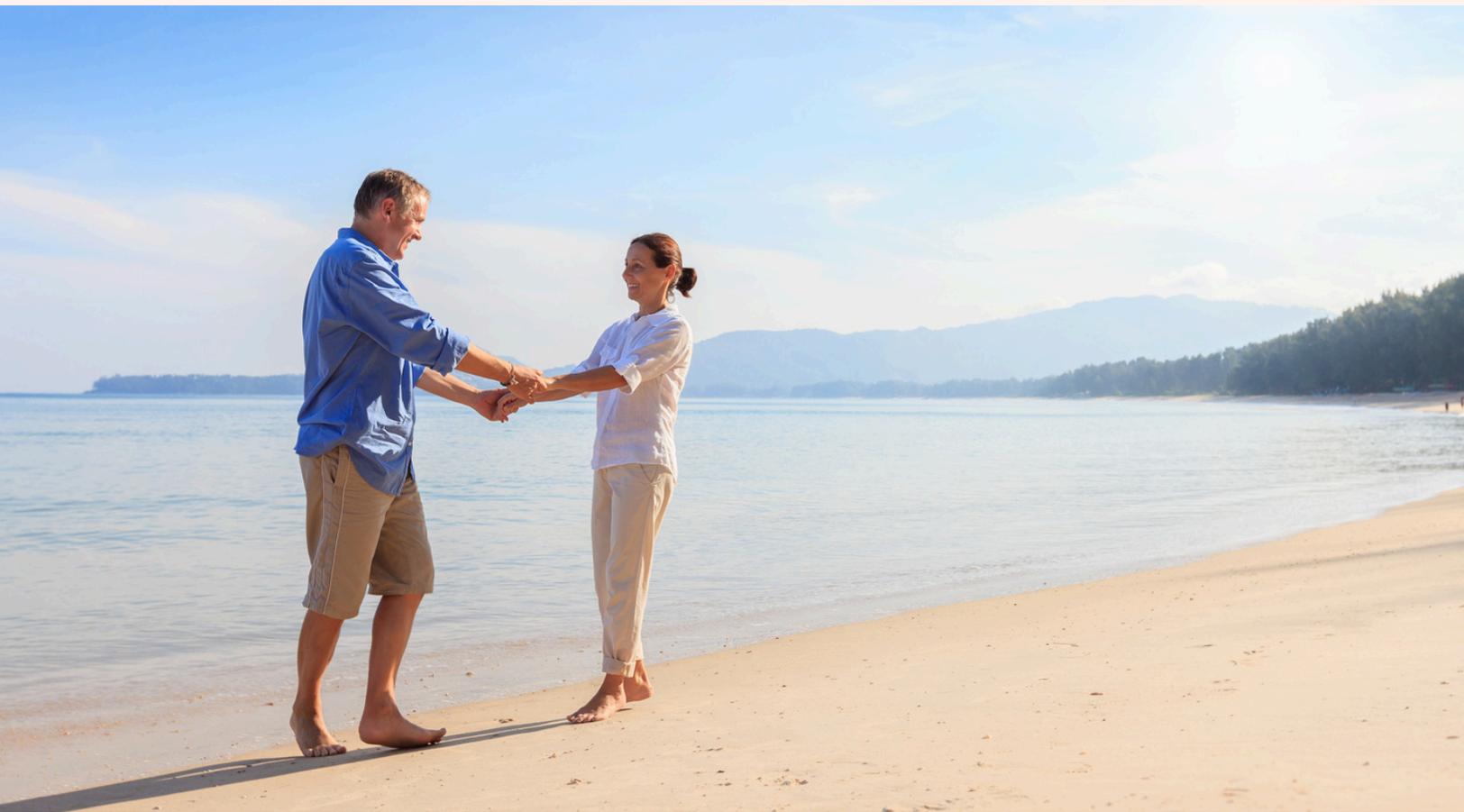


*A Checklist*  
FUNERAL  
PREPLANNING

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GAIN PEACE OF MIND AND  
GIVE YOUR FAMILY A GIFT OF LOVE



# Self-Evaluation

Use this simple self-evaluation tool to find out if Funeral Preplanning is right for you.

What's right for you?

This self-evaluation tool can help you decide. Planning in advance lets you simplify the burden of decision-making for loved ones because you make all your funeral choices long before they're needed. Plus, you enjoy tremendous savings by locking in today's prices. Best of all, you can relax with the knowledge that everything is taken care of.

## 1. Consideration for Loved Ones

Do you want to record your preferences in advance to protect your loved ones from burdensome decisions during a time of emotional stress?

Yes    No

## 2. Choice and Control

Do you want to make your own memorial choices now when you have plenty of time to think and decide?

Yes    No

## 3. Saving Money

Do you want to save money by freezing your funeral cost at today's price, and are you interested in flexible options to pay over time?

Yes    No

## 4. Peace of Mind

Would you feel more at peace knowing that everything is settled in advance and that your final affairs are in order?

Yes    No

If you answered **yes** to one or more questions, it's time to learn more about funeral preplanning and its benefits.

# Benefits of Preplanning

A 2017 national study indicates 100% of survey respondents are satisfied with their decision to prearrange.

- ✓ Relieves stress, anxiety and confusion because surviving family members don't need to make funeral arrangement decisions at an already highly emotional time.
- ✓ Frees family from risk, uncertainty, unnecessary worry and additional grief.
- ✓ Allows you to record your own unique wishes so your family will not have to guess what you would have wanted. You can design your own special services!
- ✓ Helps you and your loved ones make informed, thoughtful decisions instead of hurried ones that may lead to later regrets.
- ✓ Allows you to make these important decisions together... not alone.
- ✓ Removes possible conflict and misunderstanding about your wishes among family members.
- ✓ Reduces the chance your family will "emotionally overspend" on final arrangements.
- ✓ Lets you determine how much you can afford to spend on your funeral. Making numerous decisions in a calm setting leaves no financial surprises for your family.
- ✓ Eliminates financial strain on family members by giving you the opportunity to prepay your funeral expenses.
- ✓ Protects you against the effects of inflation by transferring the risk of inflation of funeral costs to the funeral home. Once you fund your prearrangement, the selected services and merchandise will never increase regardless of what prices are at the time of need.
- ✓ Offers flexibility since prepaid funeral funds are assignable to almost any funeral home in the country.
- ✓ Gives you true peace of mind, knowing you have taken care of your final arrangements as your last gift to your loved ones.

# Celebrating Life

A meaningful celebration of life allows everyone the peace and comfort to heal.

When a loved one is lost, it's important to find healing by gathering together, sharing memories and celebrating a life well lived. Whether simple or elaborate, your personal funeral wishes are essential, and you have many choices for your service. Our dedicated preneed consultant can help you decide and plan.

## **Planning a funeral in advance is an act of love, because it relieves a stressful burden from your family. What are your personal wishes?**

- ✓ Location
- ✓ Visitation
- ✓ Open or closed casket
- ✓ Photos and other personal effects
- ✓ Music and Musicians
- ✓ Main speaker, officiant, or pastor
- ✓ Sacred text, poetry or other readings
- ✓ Family or friends involvement
- ✓ Pallbearers
- ✓ Memorials and charity donations
- ✓ Monument inscription
- ✓ Other special wishes

## **Traditional burial or cremation? It's purely an individual choice.**

Both traditional burial and cremation are respectful, dignified services. Either choice can also include a full funeral service, with visitation, open or closed casket, memorial ceremony, graveside tribute, and commemorative monument.

When the choice is cremation, the family receives the loved one's remains in a sealed plastic bag, and they may choose memorial urns or chests to hold the bag. Some families even separate the remains into multiple urns or keepsakes. The family may then choose traditional burial, or they may prefer to scatter the ashes.

Note: Some faiths prohibit cremation, so if you want a religious service, check in advance to make sure there are no issues.

# Checklist

Use this checklist to begin the funeral preplanning conversation.

## Your desired disposition:

- Burial
- Cremation
- Green Burial
- Anatomical Donation

## Choose the type of gathering, service, ceremony, or memorial you'd like to have:

- Visitation, viewing, wake, or rosary
  - Do you want a private family viewing or public viewing?
  - Do you want a wake at home or a visitation at the funeral home?
- Celebration of life service personalized to reflect your life
- Traditional funeral service
  - Do you want the body present or not?
  - Do you want the casket open or closed?
- Graveside service or a service at the crematory
- Memorial service (takes place after burial or cremation)
- Home funeral service and/or burial
- Green or eco-friendly funeral service
- Scattering ceremony
- Family gathering
- Reception or fellowship meal

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## Choose options to personalize your event:

- Location that reflects your interests such as a park, a golf course, a lake, garden, beach, event center, theater, art gallery, church, or stadium. Choose an alternate location if you want to have the service outdoors in case of inclement weather.
- Speaker such as a clergy member or funeral celebrant
- Pallbearers, eulogist, assistants, and attendees
- Catered or pot luck meal
- Prayers, poems, or other readings
- Songs, hymns, live or recorded
- Memorial video set to special music
- Memorial, monument, or virtual memorials, such as a grave marker, headstone, video tribute, or online memorial website
- Memorial contributions to charity organizations

## Choose the place of final rest:

- Casket or Urn Burial in a private cemetery, veterans cemetery, or on private property
- Scattering of cremated remains at sea, in a park, on private property, or in a memorial garden (with permission of local municipality)
- Urns, keepsakes, and jewelry that hold a portion of cremated remains

# Checklist

Use this checklist to begin the funeral preplanning conversation.

## Choose a way to record your final wishes:

- Contact us to document your wishes for FREE!
- Write it down or create a video
- Share your wishes with your family and friends

## Choose if prepayment is right for you:

- Talk to our dedicated advance planning consultant to learn about flexible payment options
- Prepay in full

**Twiford Funeral Homes exclusive "Inflation-Gard Plan" GUARANTEES that your costs are locked in place on the day you set up your plan, so your loved ones will not be harmed by inflation.**

## Assist your loved ones:

- Collect important documents and notify your next of kin about where they are held
- Store a copy of your will, marriage and birth certificates, veteran's discharge papers, military service records, life and health insurance policies, social security information, and other estate planning documents where your next of kin can easily find them
- Write your own obituary or gather important biographical information for your obituary
- Your wishes are stored securely with our funeral home! Notify your loved ones and emergency contacts that you have chosen Twiford Funeral Homes to handle your final wishes

# Frequently Asked Questions

Our preneed consultant is dedicated to assisting families in planning ahead, bringing with him a wealth of knowledge.

## **What is funeral preplanning?**

Funeral Preplanning simply means that you discuss, select and record your personal wishes with your funeral home provider long before the service is needed.

## **What are the benefits?**

Funeral Preplanning saves money, gives you control, and helps relieve a difficult burden from your loved ones. When you record your decisions in advance, your family feels relieved to know exactly what you want, and they won't feel obligated to overspend. Not only will you feel a peace of mind, you also provide your family a gift of love.

## **Can I afford It?**

Yes! Flexible payment plans can be set up around any budget. You'll receive a general price list and choose the services you want, then pay for them over time. The "Inflation-Gard Plan" exclusively offered by Twiford Funeral Homes GUARANTEES that your costs are locked in place on the day you set up your plan, so your loved ones will not be harmed by inflation.

## **What if I own cemetery property in another state?**

Many of our funeral directors are not only licensed in North Carolina, but also in Virginia. With years of experience, we are well-equipped to assist families in fulfilling their needs of bringing their loved ones back home for burial.

## **What if death occurs away from home?**

As more Americans travel for business, family visits, and recreation, it's easy to forget that being away from home can bring unexpected challenges, such as the possibility of death. That's why we offer the Treasured Memories Travel Protection Plan. For one small initial fee, this plan provides peace of mind by taking care of everything in the event of a death occurring more than 75 miles away from home.

## **What if I move?**

Many people are not sure where they will end up living in the future. The good news is that your Funeral Plan is 100% transferable to any funeral home in the country, and there is no transfer cost.

# About Twiford Funeral Homes

A fourth-generation family-owned and operated firm serving the Outer Banks and Northeast North Carolina since 1933.

Our founder, Sam A. Twiford Sr. often said: "We may have several funerals today, but remember, the families we are serving only have one." This simple statement has become a guiding principle for all of our organizations. Only by recognizing that families we are serving need our total and complete focus, can we begin to meet their needs. We strive to offer complete yet flexible, services to all families in our communities. Our firm, and the Twiford family, have provided compassionate, dignified services for over four generations. Affordable service is a must. We strive to provide services to meet the needs of all members of the communities we serve. Only by providing quality service at reasonable prices are we able to meet the vision of our father and the founder of Twiford Funeral Homes.



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# Get Started Today

There has never been a better time to plan ahead.  
Gain peace of mind and give your family a gift of love.  
Arrangements may be made in the comfort of **your home**,  
at one of **our locations**, or **electronically**. It's your choice!



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and schedule an  
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