



# BRICKMAN BROS.

FUNERAL HOME

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## FUNERAL SERVICE INFORMATION

There are many details that have to be dealt with during the funeral process. Some of the details have to be handled more quickly than others. . The following items have to be addressed during the next few days. We have included this information so that you may give it some thought now. If you are unsure as to when these items are needed, please call the funeral home so that we can give you a better time frame.

### CLOTHING

The funeral home usually suggests that the clothing be brought at the time of the arrangement conference. This allows us to verify what a person is to wear, label it, and discuss any changes or ways it is to be worn. Often the family may decide to launder the clothes first if needed. The funeral home understands this. Please check with the cleaner as to when the clothing would be available. We all look more like ourselves in the clothing we wear every day. Usually for a man a suit is desired. However some families want a more casual look reflecting the person's life. Ladies usually wear dresses or pants suits. In the event someone does not have appropriate clothing, the funeral home has a selection of suits and dresses available. When choosing clothing please keep in mind there are some specific instances where long sleeves and a high neck may be needed. Sometimes IV's and other medical therapies necessitate using more concealing clothing to cover bruising and discoloration. Many times the use of a scarf or sweater can assist in this matter. A full set of underclothing is also most appropriate. Shoes or slippers are optional.

### OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS

People look much more like themselves wearing their jewelry and it is fitting that they do wear it during viewing. Most items can be brought with the clothing and we will place it. Some items can be brought in at the beginning of visitation or services. We will be glad to assist you in placing these items or you may do this yourself. We will go over with you which items will be removed prior to closing the casket. If you are selecting a funeral with cremation, all jewelry will be removed and either given to you or placed with the cremated remains if you desire. Please keep in mind there may be other visitations and visitors at different times than yours and as such very valuable items and family heirlooms should be limited in their exposure and should be carefully watched by all family members. A recent photo of the person is also desired.

Glasses are another important item. If they were worn everyday, then they should strongly be considered.

### Other Personal Possessions

Some families include photographs, letters or colorings from children, athletic accessories, or anything else that would remind people of someone's lifestyle. If you have any questions about bringing certain items or their placement, please ask for assistance.

## PLANNING OF FUNERAL SERVICE

Planning the funeral service can be as simple or as detailed as you wish. We suggest meeting with the clergy prior to visitation or services to decide on type of music, scripture readings etc. Some priests or ministers may also do this at the funeral home during visitation. Please check with your clergy person for details or resources in this matter.

## FLOWERS

The sending of flowers is very common at the time of death. Usually the family will make arrangements with a local florist for the pieces they wish to send. We generally take the family spray and 3-4 other pieces (or as many as space allows) to the cemetery. Prior to services, we will discuss which pieces are to go to the cemetery and which ones to save for you. After the committal or gathering after the services, we invite you to come back to the funeral home to pick up those flowers you desire to take home. Flowers are not necessary for church. However 1-2 pieces may be taken depending on the season of the year and the individual church itself. Please check with the Pastor or funeral director or specific churches.

## PALLBEARERS

Many families opt for relatives or close friends to be pallbearers. Usually 6 is the ideal number, however depending on each family circumstance 4 or 8 may be appropriate. The pallbearers will carry the casket out of the funeral home, into and out of the church (if a church service is desired), and to the grave at the cemetery. Please keep in mind distance of the grave from the road at the cemetery and number of steps if any at church. Some people may like to be a pall bearer but are unable to lift. As long as other pall bearers can compensate 1 or 2 people may actually hold and not lift at the handles. Women are also capable of being pall bearers. Low heeled shoes are recommended.

## PICTURES OR COLLAGES.

We do have easels and tables available for the display of memorabilia, but not poster boards. Many families bring in already framed pictures or collages for the easels. We recommend using a thicker type of poster board so it will not bend on the easel. We would appreciate it if you would let us know before visitation if you need these items.

## DVD LIFE TRIBUTES

We are able to take 30-40 photos of your loved one or family and make them into a 6 ½ minute DVD. Transitions will be provided in between some photos. Background music is standard. This is a very professional DVD creation. Copies of the DVD are also available. The initial cost is \$150.00 and each additional DVD is \$20.00. A DVD player and TV screen are provided by the funeral home for viewing during visitation or memorial service. A separate sheet of instructions is available.

## VETERAN OPTIONS

With a copy of the veteran's Honorable Discharge some Veteran's are eligible for certain benefits. Every honorably discharged veteran can receive a U.S. Burial Flag, Government Headstone (providing it is an unmarked grave) and Funeral Honors. These can only be applied for if a

Honorable Discharge can be obtained. Funeral Honors consists of at least two active military personnel from the decedent's branch of service folding the flag, playing of Taps and presentation of the flag to the next of kin. This can be done at the Cemetery or Church or funeral home if the service is for a cremation. Other benefits would be on an individual basis and apply only if the deceased veteran was: receiving disability or a pension from the Armed Forces or died in a V.A Medical Facility.

#### ONLINE CONDOLENCES

Your loved one's death notice will be listed on the internet at [www.brickmanbros.com](http://www.brickmanbros.com) . Family and friends may sign the guest book. We will provide you with instructions to view the guest book on your own computer. If you choose to have a death notice in the Plain Dealer, News Herald, or other paper, it may be listed on their website as well.

We hope that the preceding information helps you plan a more meaningful funeral service for your loved one. If you have questions. about an item or issue that have not been addressed please call us at 440-951-7800 and we will be better able to assist you. Thank You.