

## After I'm Gone – A Planning Checklist

These are my wishes concerning the care of my earthly remains:

I would like, if possible, to help others by donating parts or all of my body:

Organ or tissue donation

Eyes only

Any organ or tissue of use

I am designated as an organ donor on my Driver's License

Donation of body for medical science

Arranged with Maryland State Anatomy Board. The papers can be found \_\_\_\_\_

Other donation arrangements made \_\_\_\_\_

OK with any donation arrangement

Religious objection to autopsy

I prefer:

Traditional burial.

Green burial

I have a cemetery plot, and the papers can be found:

\_\_\_\_\_

I have prepaid for opening and closing the grave and the papers can be found: \_\_\_\_\_

I have made arrangements for a grave marker and the papers can be found:

\_\_\_\_\_

Preference for what is written on the grave marker:

\_\_\_\_\_

Flame (traditional) cremation

Alkaline Hydrolysis (water cremation)

Natural Organic Reduction (NOR)

I have made arrangements with a funeral establishment, and the papers can be found \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral preferences:  No embalming  Public viewing  Private viewing  No viewing  Funeral with casket present  Private family service  Graveside service  Memorial service  I leave it all up to my family.

Preferences for casket/coffin: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to lead service (clergy?): \_\_\_\_\_

Church affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

In lieu of flowers, what?: \_\_\_\_\_

Music preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Other preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition of cremains: \_\_\_\_\_

I have an urn and it can be found: \_\_\_\_\_

Please DO at my funeral or memorial service: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please DON'T at my funeral or memorial service: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This person is in charge of my arrangements: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a veteran and entitled to burial benefits. Location of discharge papers: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please notify these people: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Information about many of the after-death care options mentioned on this checklist can be found on the FCAME website: [www.mdfunerals.org](http://www.mdfunerals.org)**

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