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**FAMILY FILE MEMORANDUM CONCERNING MY FUNERAL SERVICE**

**HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Place of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Place of Confirmation \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Verse \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

If spouse is deceased, date of his/her death \_\_\_\_\_

List Children (include married names if applicable) & addresses \_\_\_\_\_

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Your parents' full names (including mother's maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

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Were you active in the military? \_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Decorations: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FUNERAL SERVICE INFORMATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

List Bible passages which have meant the most to you or would like those attending your funeral to hear: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you could preach one sermon to your relatives and friends, what verse or verses would be your text? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite Psalm? \_\_\_\_\_

What six hymns do you love the most? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

What one hymn, more than any other, says what you would want to say to your relatives & friends? \_\_\_\_\_

List ten people whom you would like to be your pallbearers:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have preferences regarding flowers as opposed to memorial gifts? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish the funeral pall, symbolic of our baptism, be used as casket covering during the worship service?    Yes            No

Which funeral home would you like to have in charge of arrangements? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **STEWARDSHIP**

DO YOU want some portion of your earthly material blessings to be given to the church?

Yes    No

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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**EVANGELISM**

A thoughtfully worded epitaph on a grave stone can be an ongoing witness to the redeeming love of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you wish to speak to future generations in this way, what would you want it to say? (A Gospel verse or a thought from a Gospel verse is still a means of grace and will be until our Lord returns.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR WISHES?**

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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHOOSING TEXTS AND HYMNS FOR THE SERVICE

**The funeral or memorial service has two purposes. First and foremost we will remember the mercies of our God under which we gather in hope in the middle of our grief. The second is to apply that grace of our Lord to family and friends and to seek God's comfort in our sorrow.**

Some appropriate texts for your consideration for a Christian Funeral Service might include:

Job 19:25-27	Psalm 46:1-7, 10-11
Psalm 26:1-8	Psalm 23
Psalm 34	Psalm 37
Psalm 100:5	Psalm 111:2-9
Isaiah 40:28-31	Isaiah 43:1-3a
Isaiah 54:7-10	Lamentations 3:21-25
Matthew 5:1-10	Matthew 26:41
Mark 10:13-16	Luke 24:1-6
John 5:24-27	John 6:68
John 10:27-30	John 16:16-22
Romans 5:17	1 Corinthians 15:30-34, 51-58
Ephesians 4:4-6	Philippians 1:2-6
Philippians 4:1, 4-7	2 Timothy 4:7-8
1 Thessalonians 1:13-18	Hebrews 13:5, 6, & 8
1 Peter 1:3-7	Revelation 21:4-7

Appropriate Hymns for the service might include:

#657 "A Mighty Fortress is our God"  
#676 "Behold a Host Arrayed in White"  
#735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"  
#745 "In God, My Faithful God"  
#563 "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"  
#837 "Lift High the Cross, the Love of Christ Proclaim"  
#336 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"  
#644 "The Church's One Foundation"  
#677 "For All the Saints, Who From Their Labor Rest"  
#878 "Abide With Me, Fast Falls the Eventide"  
#420 "Christ the Life of All the Living"  
#672 "Jerusalem, the Golden"  
#733 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
#461 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"  
#741 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"  
#742 "For Me to Live is Jesus"  
#679 "Oh, How Blest Are They"  
#537 "Beautiful Savior"  
#744 "Amazing Grace"  
#715 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"  
#722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Also, any of the Easter Hymns would be appropriate, #457-490.