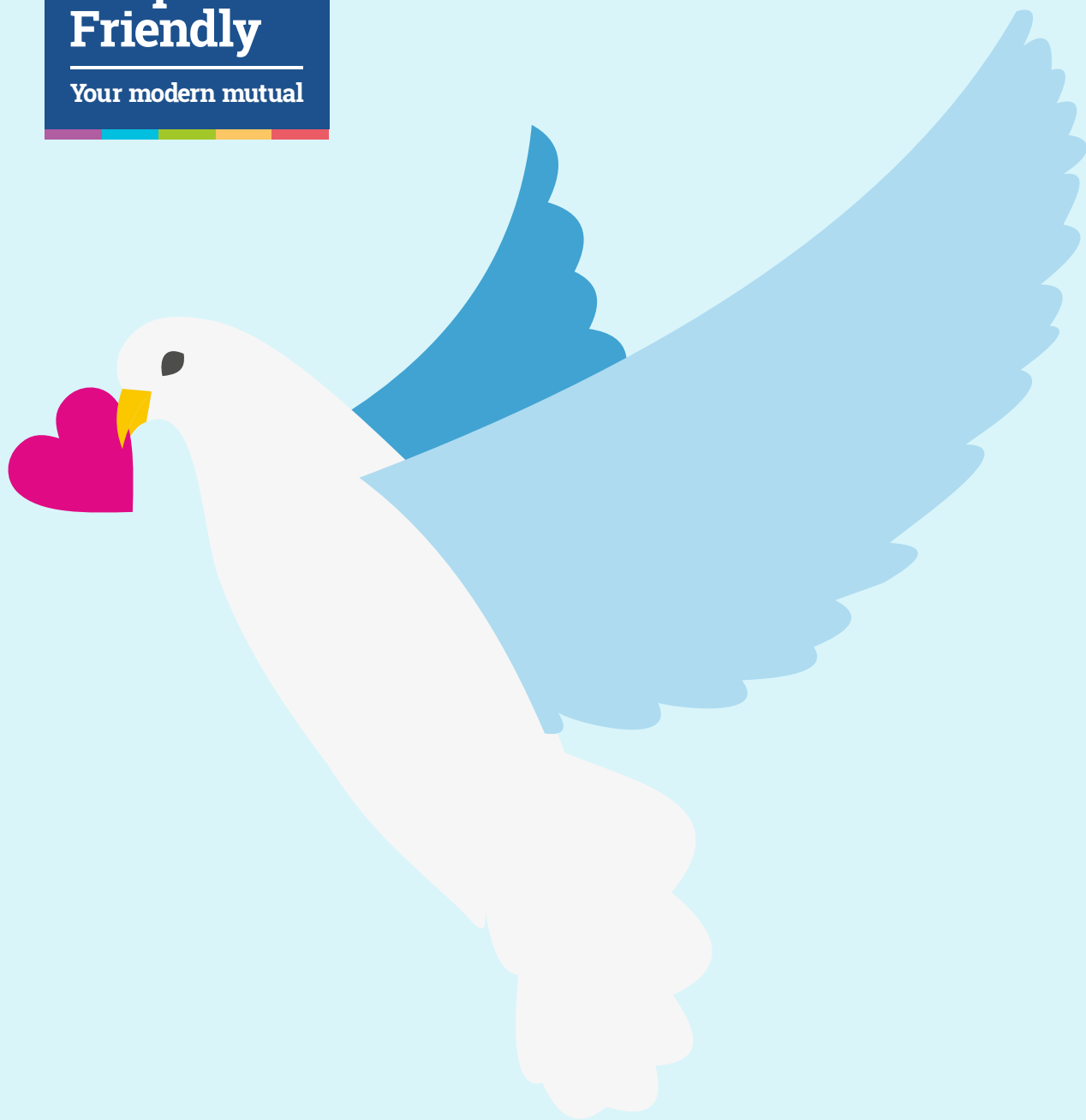


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# **My final wishes and how to organise my funeral:**

Considerations and checklist

If you don't feel that you can talk to someone about your funeral, then this booklet is the perfect way of expressing your final wishes.

Answer the questions below and let someone know about the booklet and where it is kept, so that they can refer to it when the time comes.

### How should your funeral be paid for?

- Estate    Life insurance    Pre-paid funeral plan    Friends/family  
 Other savings \_\_\_\_\_

### Do you want a funeral director to arrange? Yes No

They will take on arranging the logistics of the funeral on your behalf and ensure that everything is legally sound. Usually includes: selecting a suitable coffin, taking care of the deceased (washing, dressing etc.) providing a hearse, providing pall-bearers and making legal arrangements.

Name of funeral director (if known):  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Type of service:

- Traditional    Cremation    Woodland    Humanist    Burial at sea

If buried, where? (New grave or with a family member? Please state name):  
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If cremated, what to do with ashes? (e.g. beauty spot, urn)  
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### Transport:

- Traditional hearse & limousine    Horse drawn hearse    Motorcycle hearse  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** Where would you like your funeral held?  
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**Funeral conductor:** Who would you like to conduct your funeral?  
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**Pall bearers:** Who would you like as pall bearers?  
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**Eulogy speakers:** Who would you like to deliver eulogies?

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**Readings:** Any particular readings you would like?

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**Hymns/songs:** Any particular songs or hymns you would like?

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**Guest list:** People you want at your funeral that the executor might not know?

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**Memorial:** Preference of memorial (e.g bench, plaque, headstone)

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**Donations:** Which charity would you like to donate to?

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**Flowers:** What is your favourite flower?

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**Religious requests:** State religious requests below:

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**After the funeral:**

Do you want a wake?  Yes  No

If so, where would you like it to be held?

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**Any other funeral wishes?** (e.g. funeral procession route, dress code, catering)

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## Checklist for executor:

Use the checklist below to ensure you and/or the funeral director has everything in place ready for the funeral:

### The first few days after someone has died

Tick boxes once complete

- Arrange a medical certificate from a GP or doctor to register the death. You must register the death within 5 days and then you'll get the documents you need for the funeral.

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- If you are using a funeral director, contact them to start getting everything into place or start organising the funeral yourself. If you are using a funeral director, make sure they are aware of the requests that have been made in this booklet.

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- Inform friends and relatives.

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- Register the death with a registrar of births, death and marriages.

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- Put an announcement in a local newspaper if you would like to.

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- Arrange plans for after the ceremony such as catering and a venue.

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- Inform any company with whom the deceased had any type of financial plan (e.g. insurance, savings, investments).

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- Read through the wishes inside this booklet and make sure everything has been organised before the day of the funeral.



Find out how you can cover your funeral expenses at:  
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