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*A Rather Unusual Opportunity For You*

THINKING ABOUT CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING FOR YOUR LIFE

Too often, I meet with young men and women who are in the first stages of mourning the loss of their mother or father, and in their sadness they are confronted with having to arrange their parent's funeral. They have to make decisions around music, scripture readings, and other liturgical questions, and they have no idea how to respond. I always feel so sad for them because they look and act so lost.

Our hope behind this "Rather Unusual Opportunity" is to encourage you to take some time to discuss questions that your children might not be able to answer. I believe that when there is solid direction, which is all written out, a huge burden is lifted from the already distressed children.

My proposal is this: have a look at the following pages, which list some of the decisions. (You may find it worthwhile to take a little time with this.) Then, if you like, we can meet at a mutually convenient time. At that time, I will go over the areas of biggest concern children have in arranging a funeral for Mom or Dad. After that, if you like, we can discuss your wishes and instructions for your family, which will then be documented, dated, and kept in a confidential file here at the church.

Then, all you need to do is to get on with joyful living, in sure and certain confidence that the Lord is with you always. Thanks be to God!

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION:

- FUNERAL HOME \_\_\_\_\_
  
- CHURCH       ST. JAMES  
                   OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF SERVICE:

- BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES
  
- BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

- OLD TESTAMENT (CHOOSE ONE)
  - JOB 19: 21-27 I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES
  - ISAIAH 25: 6-9 HE WILL SWALLOW UP DEATH FOR EVER
  - ISAIAH 61: 1-3 TO COMFORT ALL WHO MOURN
  - DANIEL 12: 1-3 EVERY ONE WHOSE NAME SHALL BE WRITTEN
  - WISDON 3: 1-6 (7-9) THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN THE HANDS OF GOD.
  
- PSALMS (CHOOSE ONE)

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*Let the wonderful kindness and the understanding that come from our Lord  
and Saviour Jesus Christ help you to keep on growing.  
Praise Jesus now and forever!*



INTERMENT:

BURIED \_\_\_\_\_

CREMATED \_\_\_\_\_

FLOWERS: \_\_\_\_\_

DONATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

PRE ARRANGED FUNERAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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NEXT OF KIN: \_\_\_\_\_

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YOUR NOTES AND DIRECTIONS:

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