What One Should Know About Funeral Arrangements

Wide Range Of Details Adds Tasks To Bereavement Time

Wise, Careful Planning In Advance Urged As Emotional Strain From Death In Family Hampers Judgment. Certificates Require Many Items

when called upon to make funeral ar- automatically made. Naturally, the exrangements. The emotional strain re- act time at which the funeral is to be sulting from the death of a relative held should not be settled until after or friend makes wise and careful plan- consultation with him. The funeral dining extremely difficult. The only way rector will attend to this detail if deto accept the responsibilities of the task sired; otherwise some member of the with a degree of confidence is to have family should talk with the clergyman advance knowledge of what to do. directly.

a bereavement finds them unprepared, clergyman selected. frequently leading to haphazarded de- The clergyman should be informed of cisions that lead to disappintment and the type of service desired. Whether

is to select your funeral director in ad- Scriptural passages or poems of consolavance of need. That is merely wisdom, tion may be selected by the family. since a director renders a most intimate Many feel that music at the funeral and personal service and choice should services adds impressiveness and beauty. not be deferred until a death and en- The musical selections are usually made suing stress of emotion renders clear by the family, but the funeral director

thinking impossible. When death occurs, the funeral di- suggestions. rector should be notified. In co-operation with the family physician, he will fraternal organization and a lodge funarrange for the death certificate, procure the burial permit and attend to other preliminary details.

Some of the information required on the death certificate is often rather dif- States veteran of any war whose net ficult to obtain. Each family should assets at the time of death, exclusive of have a record of such things as: full debts, accrued pension, compensation or name and residence of the deceased; insurance, do not equal or exceed \$1,000, length of residence in locality; nation-ality; occupation; if married, widowed than \$100 towards funeral expenses or divorced; name of husband or wife; Application must be made within a year date and place of birth; name and from time of death. Before burial a birthplace of father; maiden name and flag may be obtained without cost from birthplace of mother; place and date the post office in the county seat, which of interment.

the funeral director to the proper au- after proof of death and service have thorities who issue a burial permit in been established. If a mliitary service exchange for it. The original certificate is desired, a funeral director will help is filed by officials and becomes a per- to plan the details at the family's remanent record.

death it is necessary that the coroner or pare for the insertion of notices in the medical examiner be notified. Your newspapers and when requested, will funeral director or your family physic- notify relatives by telephone or teleian will do this. The body must not be graph. moved or disturbed in any way without Pall bearers, whether active or honorthe coroner's permission. It is his duty ary, as selected by the family will be to investigate and determine the cause notified by the director and necessary of death and, if necessary, to hold an arrangements for their transportation to inquest. Sometimes it is necessary for and from the funeral services and the him to have the body removed to a place cemetery will be made by him. where an autopsy can be made to as- What can a close friend of the becertain the exact cause of death. This reaved family do to help, is a question is most important today because of the frequently heard. It is not easy to modern insurance policies.

place is of primary importance. Many fully and for the purpose of shielding families already own cemetery plots. and helping the bereaved. Frequently, however, the amount of Between the time of death and the space available in such plots is not funeral service a close friend may asknown nor is the right of burial legally sist in numerous ways. One is to aid in established. If one's knowledge is un- the notifying of friends and relatives. certain, it is wise to investigate or ask Another is to receive those who call to the funeral director to get complete pay their respects. A third is to take information for you.

already been made, this question should flowers at the private home. Still anbe settled as soon as possible. Cemetery other is to help in any errands or shoplots may be bought outright or held on ping that must be done. Sometimes long term leases. In most cemeteries, help in the preparation of meals will be single graves are available or a lot of much appreciated. To take care of the any desired size may be obtained. If young children in a bereaved family is a you do not know how to proceed, the kindness for which one is eternally funeral director can give you consider- gratefully. able information and will also assist Most all business men regard the you with the negotations if you ask him making of a will as an obligation and a to do so.

prevent a family from caring for the tery lots well in advance of need is not cemetery plot as they would wish to do. at all uncommon. There is a con-This difficulty can sometimes be avoid-stantly increasing number of people ed by providing for perpetual care at who are making funeral arrangements the time of purchase, although arrange- in advance; some have already paid ments may be made at a later date. the expense involved.

entrusted to him.

It should be borne in mind, however, that in most states the law prohibits Color Can Brighten cremation until at least forty-eight hours after death and that it is necessary to use a casket as in the ordinary burial. In addition, it is customary to provide an urn for the permanent safe- western exposure, which get little sun keeping of the ashes. Most funeral di- until late afternoon, present a particrectors can offer a well-chosen variety of cremation urns from which a selection may be made.

The urn is then placed in a crypt at Clear yellow walls lighten the room. mausoleum, interred in the family cemetery lot or otherwisee disposed of according to the wishes of the family.

as possible. Since most funeral directors have a display rom showing a wide variety of styles, designs, finishes and prices, it is more satisfactory to see and tion. examine a casket before purchasing. The

customary to purchase the desired type room. of outside container to enclose it. It should be realized that there is a dis- Lamps have come out in a hundred tinct difference between a casket and new designs this fall — formal, gay, an outside container. The latter wheth- amusing . . . of glass, of pottery, of meter it be a grave vault of metal, concrete al. All perform a useful function in or other material, or an outside box of brightening the home and lending a pine, chestnut, oak, cypress or mahog- smart note when judiciously chosen. any, provides additional protection but Shades of swirling ivory taffeta used on

eral director some times carries a wide ern design has made its appearance. assortment of women's dresses, men's The diffused light through the opaque suits and other articles of dress varied architectural glass gives an interesting, to cary out the color harmony of the subdued note. arrangements. Where directors do not do this, they are frequently helpful in Triangular corner shelves and wall advising about choice so that the same brackets are easily made by the home harmony can be obtained.

filiations, the decision as to what cler- vases or glazed figurines.

Too few people know what to do gyman will officiate at the services is

The average person is called upon to If the family has no church connecconsider the sad task of arranging for a tions, the funeral director will assist in funeral about one in twelve or fiftteen securing a cleryman. Most funeral diyears. Seldom is any planning done be- rectors have on file the names of the forehand. Fear, superstition, ignorance various clergymen in the town or city and distaste combine to cause most peo- and, after learning the wishes of the ple to shun such planning. As a result family, will obtain the services of the

eulogy or personal remarks are to be The soundest advice that can be given included is for the family to decide

and clergyman are in a position to make

If the deceased is a member of some

eral is wanted, the funeral director will co-operate with the officers of the lodge. The clergyman, too should be fully informed regarding such plans. An honorably discharged United the postmaster is authorized to provide The death certificate is submitted by upon request of the veteran's family

In the case of violent or accidental The funeral director will usually pre-

accident clauses contained in many answer. Care must be taken not to let intended kindness become burdens. The selection of the final resting Whatever is done should be done tact-

the responsibilities of answering tele-If cemetery arrangements have not phone calls and receiving messages and

duty. Nearly every family man carries Sometimes a change of residence may life insurance. The purchase of ceme-

If cremation is desired, the funeral But where no such steps are taken, it director is fully qualified to advise and is still the part of wisdom for people to guide. All arrangements may be safely plan somehow for the emergency which sometimes falls to the lot of every one.

Rooms Without Sun

Rooms with a northern or northcan be eliminated by judicious use of

Furniture in the modern motif, in contrasting tones of bleached and natural Phlippine mahogany, blends effectively The casket should be selected as soon bedspread and white glass curtains. Green over-curtains and green-andwhite upholstery for the chairs will

selection should be made by one or chart and care in selecting the lighter At the time the casket is selected, it is northwest room into a delightful guest

cannot be used to replace the casket. a crystal-cut glass base are widely fav-As a service frequently desired a fun- ored. Architectural glass in severe mod-

handyman, and immeasurably brighten If the family has definite church af- a room when used to support oriental

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