

# All About Funerals

## Making the Most of a Stressful Time



- What will my family need to know?
- How can I plan my funeral in advance?
- What are my options?
- How much is too much to pay?
- What needs to be done after a death?
- What if I plan and then relocate?
- What's required of me and my family?
- How do I select a Funeral Home?
- Is there a way to compare prices?

In our culture, thinking about death or funerals is avoided. But the passing of a loved one is a most turbulent and confusing time for those who remain. Caught up in the grief process, families frequently do things that the deceased would not have wished or spent money foolishly. There are many things that can be done to make life so much easier to family survivors. And there are many innovative alternatives to “traditional funerals” and “traditional burials.” This information-only presentation will explore important issues to help individuals and families plan ahead. Advance registration is required.

**Thursday, February 11, 2021 - 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

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## Advance planning for funerals eases burdens

Few people are comfortable talking about death, but making funeral arrangements ahead of time is beneficial in more ways than one. Decisions made in haste or under pressure are often not the best decisions, especially after the passing of a loved one. Pre-planning your funeral can reduce the emotional and financial burden on families while honoring your final wishes.

“All About Funerals: Making the Most of a Stressful Time,” is a helpful overview of the many practical, immediate decisions that must be made when a person dies. Participants will receive vital information and resources to navigate problems families often face at the time of death.

This free presentation will be held twice in February, both online and by telephone:

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By many estimates, there are over 100 decisions families need to make at the time of death – many within 72 hours of one’s passing. These include transportation of the body, choosing a funeral home, disposition of the remains, obituary, memorialization, planning a service, obtaining death certificates and more.

“Only about one-quarter of Americans have talked with a loved one about their funeral wishes,” said Aaron Van Valkenburg, Pierce County Aging and Disability Resources manager. “We don’t like to think about it, but death is inevitable for all of us. Doing some advance planning lifts a huge burden from the shoulders of our families. It’s a special gift for each person to think about final arrangements – what we want and what we do not want – including possible organ donation, funeral ceremony, final disposition, obituary and the like.”

“All About Funerals: Making the Most of a Stressful Time,” will be presented by Ray Fernandez, Family Service manager at Mountain View Funeral Home in Tacoma. This informational workshop is sponsored by the Pierce County [Aging and Disability Resource Center](#) (ADRC). This event is open to the public, but advance registration is required. For help registering contact the ADRC at 253-798-4600.

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