

Planning your own funeral ceremony

How a Celebrant can help



End-of-life Planning : Before I Go

- Household and garden
- Notifying family and friends
- Legal and associated documentation
- Financial affairs
- Last days wishes
- Considerations for after death - how can a Celebrant help?



What do I want to happen with my body?

- Your options:

- a funeral (cremation or burial)
- direct cremation (unattended)
- a natural burial
- burial at sea
- human composting
- resomation (water cremation)
- a “D-I-Y” funeral

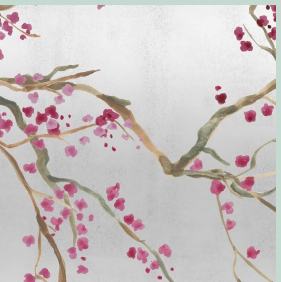
- More options:

- a memorial service
- a scattering or interment of ashes
- a living ceremony



Working with a Celebrant to plan your funeral

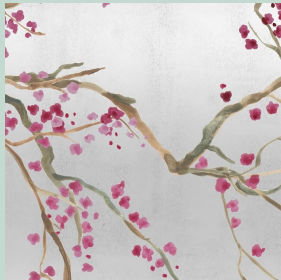
- how do I want to be remembered?
- is there anyone I particularly do (or don't!) want at my funeral?
- what “tone” would I like at my funeral?
- do I want a stone to mark my grave?



From *Joyce by Herself and Her Friends*

*If I should go before the rest of you
Break not a flower, nor inscribe a stone,
Nor when I'm gone speak in a Sunday voice
But be the usual selves that I have known.
Weep if you must
Parting is hell,
But life goes on,
So sing as well.*

Joyce Grenfell



Code poem for the French Resistance



*The life that I have is all that I have,
And the life that I have is yours.
The love that I have of the life that I have
Is yours and yours and yours.*

*A sleep I shall have
A rest I shall have
Yet death will be but a pause,
For the peace of my years in the long green grass
Will be yours and yours and yours.*

Leo Marks

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