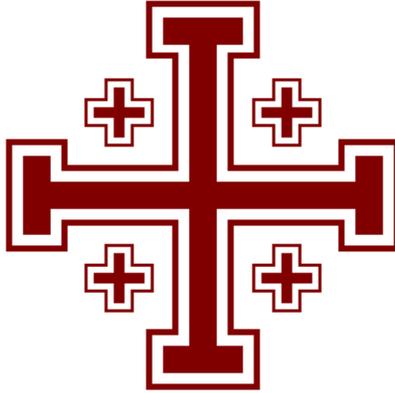


*the episcopal church of
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Confidential Information
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Personal Requests
of

For
Putting My House
in Order

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“The death of a member of the Church should be reported as soon as possible, and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with, the minister of the congregation.”

--The Book of Common Prayer

Purpose

The purpose of this booklet is to help your family and your rector by recording your personal wishes and providing essential information. If you want assistance in this work of love, the Priest of The Episcopal Church of St. Peter-by-the-Lake is ready on request to give you spiritual and experienced guidance. Remember, by answering the questions now and returning the booklet to the confidential file in the parish office, you will simplify decisions and details for your family and give them assurance that arrangements are in accord with your desires. If you wish later on to make changes in your instructions, this booklet will be available to your for that purpose.

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us, “In the midst of life we are in death.” It is fitting to prepare for death even as we pray for grace to make our lives worthy of the immortal life Christ promised to those who believe in Him and keep His commandants.

EXTRA COPIES OF THIS BOOKLET ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. EACH SPOUSE SHOULD HAVE ONE FOR HIS/HER USE.

Mortuary Arrangements

*The French philosopher La Rochefoucaud once wrote:
“Death is like the sun; no one can look at it directly.
This might be true, but if we never look at it even
Indirectly, then death will take us by surprise.”*

*Funeral Home preference: _____

*If you have none in mind, the clergy can give you the names of several that are experienced with funerals at St. Peter’s.

Have you given instructions to this funeral home? Yes () No ()

(Advanced consultation with a funeral home is especially helpful if remains are to be interred without cremation. Such consultation can be by phone or through the good offices of St. Peter’s.)

EVEN IF YOU HAVE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS
TO A FUNERAL HOME, PLEASE COMPLETE
THE BALANCE OF THIS BOOKLET.

Do you wish provision to be made at the funeral home for?

Visitation Yes ()
 No ()

Viewing Yes ()
 No ()

Rings, clothing and other items to be buried with me: _____

*“People as a rule do not discuss death very much; so
Most of us have little opportunity for getting ready.”*

Earth Burial

Do you wish the remains to be buried? Yes () No ()

If yes, do you own a lot? Yes () No ()

If yes, please give location, with full address of cemetery if it is not local.

Cremation

Do you wish the remains to be cremated? Yes () No ()

If yes, do you wish cremation as soon as possible or after the service at St.

Peter-by-the-Lake. As soon as possible: ()

After the service ()

Some notes about cremation:

In North Carolina a body must be held 24 hours after death, before cremation. If a pacemaker is worn, it must be removed before cremation. Cremation does not preclude the option of a funeral service in St. Peter’s with a plain closed casket draped with a pall. * Embalming is not required. It is not customary for family or friends to be present at the crematorium.

*If you are a veteran, you are entitled to the American Flag in lieu of the Pall. If that is your desire, check here. ()

The Service at The Episcopal Church of ST. Peter-by-the-Lake

“Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much
as dawned on man what God has prepared for those who love Him.”

Organist? Yes () No ()
Musical Preference: _____

Do you wish hymns included in the service? Yes () No ()
If Yes, your preferences: _____

Please indicate your preferences for Psalms and other Scriptural passages:

If the remains are cremated, do you wish them interred in St. Peter’s
Memorial Garden? Yes () No ()

If yes, please refer to: REGULATIONS AND APPLICATION
For The Interment of Ash Remains In
SAINT PETER-BY-THE-LAKE MEMORIAL GARDEN
Or other location where remains are to be interred: _____

Instead of flowers, memorial contribution should be sent to: _____

OR () St. Peter’s Memorial Fund OR () both, at donor’s discretion.

I prefer that the service commemorating my life be:
The Burial Office with Holy Eucharist Yes ()
(urn or closed casket present)
The Burial Office without Holy Eucharist Yes ()
(urn or closed casket present)
A Memorial Service::
Adapted Burial Office with Holy Eucharist Yes ()
(urn or casket not present)
A Memorial Service:
Adapted Burial Office without Holy Eucharist Yes ()
(urn or casket not present)

I prefer that the service commemorating my life be:
According to the provisions of Rite One Yes ()
According to the provisions of Rite Two Yes ()

The Book of Common Prayer

Personal Information

My doctor is:

(name) (address) (phone)

My attorney is:

(name) (address) (phone)

My business or professional affiliation is:

(name) (address) (phone)

My executor is:

(name) (address) (phone)

Locations of deed, mortgage agreement, lease, car title, previous tax returns, other important documents:

Banks in which I have accounts and/or safe deposit box; location of safe deposit key(s) and other necessary keys:

Location of original copies of my will and trusts, and locations of immediate reference copies in home or office:

Location of my own and family insurance policies and pension plan (include descriptions & company names):

Location of my securities, etc., and/or name, address and phone number of my broker, trust officer or similar person:

A Living Will

DECLARATION OF DESIRE FOR A NATURAL DEATH

I, _____, being of sound mind, desire that, as specified below, my life not be prolonged by extraordinary means or by artificial nutrition or hydration if my condition is determined to be terminal and incurable or if I am diagnosed as being in a persistent vegetative state. I am aware and understand that writing authorizes a physician to withhold or discontinue extraordinary means or artificial nutrition or hydration, in accordance with my specifications set for below.

_____ If my condition is determined to be terminal and incurable, I authorize the following:

_____ My physician may withhold or discontinue extraordinary means only.

_____ In addition to withholding or discontinuing extraordinary means if such means are necessary, my physician may withhold or discontinue either artificial nutrition or hydration, or both.

_____ If my physician determines that I am in a persistent vegetative state, I authorize the following:

_____ My physician may withhold or discontinue extraordinary means only.

_____ In addition to withholding or discontinuing extraordinary means if such means are necessary, my physician may withhold or discontinue either artificial nutrition or hydration, or both.

This the _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Notary Public Certificate

I, a Notary Public, for _____ County, hereby certify that _____, the declarant, appeared before me and swore to me and to the witnesses in my presence that this instrument is his/her Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death and that he/she had willingly and voluntarily made and executed it as his/her act and deed for the purposes expressed in it.

I further certify that _____ and _____ Witnesses, appeared before me and swore that they witnessed _____, the declarant, signed the attached declaration, believing him/her to be of sound mind, and also swore at the time they witnessed the declaration (1) they were not related within the third degree to the declarant or to the declarant’s spouse, and (2) they did not know or have a reasonable expectation that they would be entitled to any portion of the estate of the declarant upon the declarant’s death under any will of the declarant or codicil thereto then existing or under the Interstate Succession act as it provides at the time, and (3) they were not a physician or an employee of a health facility in which the declarant was a patient or an employee of a nursing home or any group-care home in which the declarant resided, and (4) they did not have a claim against the declarant. I further certify that I am satisfied as to the genuineness and due execution of the declaration.

This the _____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

I hereby declare that the declarant, _____,
Being of sound mind, signed the declaration in my presence and that I am not related to the declarant by blood or marriage and that I do not know or have a reasonable expectation that I would be entitled to any portion of the estate of the declarant under any existing will or codicil of the declarant or as an heir under the Interstate Succession Act if the declarant died on this date without a will. I also state that I am not the declarant's attending physician or an employee of a health facility in which the declarant is a patient or an employee of a nursing home or group-care home where the declarant resides. I further state that I do not now have any claim against the declarant.

Witness

Address

Witness

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“Let us with gladness present the offerings and obligations of our life and labor of love.”

Book of Common Prayer

Do You Have a Well-Prepared Will

Every person of legal age and sound mind who owns property should have a will, both husband and wife. No matter how much or how little you own, you need a will. A will insures that your estate will be distributed exactly as you desire after your death. A well drawn will provides tax advantages for your estate and for your survivors. The tax laws are subject to change from time to time, and for maximum benefits one ought to periodically bring his estate plan and will up to date. If you have not met with a lawyer and/or tax counsel in the past five years for a review of your will, you should not put off this most important task.

Your Will

Congress has authorized many tax advantages for those who wish to arrange their affairs so that the Church and other charities may benefit in the years to come. Your first obligation, of course, is to remember those you love, but provision also should be made for the family of God, the Church. A bequest to The Episcopal Church of St. Peter-by-the-Lake will still be working in your name for years and years to come, and will be used as directed by you.

The growth in service of The Episcopal Church of St. Peter-by-the-Lake is dependent on the generosity of many people who have given living memorials to their parish. A bequest to The Episcopal Church of St. Peter-by-the-Lake may be directed to a restricted fund, or can be left to the discretion of the rector, wardens and vestry. Your wishes will be followed. This is an excellent opportunity to continue your participation in the future development of your church.

Many persons leave their residuary estate in trust for one or more members of their immediate families, with the remainder or some part of it going to the church. There are also ways to increase your present spendable income and at the same time help The Episcopal Church of St. Peter-by-the-Lake. Some parishioners have found great tax advantages in deeding their homes to the Church while they are still living, and reserving the right to occupy them during their lifetimes. Still others have set up life income agreements, or made arrangements to remember the Church by life insurance policies. There are many possibilities, and the rector and finance committee will be happy to sit down with you and your lawyer and discuss these benefits at any time.

Forms of Bequest

For a Specific Purpose

I give and bequeath to The Episcopal Church of St. Peter-by-the-Lake, Denver, NC, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of North Carolina the sum of \$ _____ dollars for its Restricted Fund (to which may be added, “As a memorial to _____.”

Naming a Residuary Legatee

All the rest residue, and remainder of my estate, real and personal, of which I shall die seized or possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my death, I give devise, and bequeath to The Episcopal Church of St. Peter-by-the-Lake, Denver, NC, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of North Carolina.

For a Specific Sum

I give and bequeath to The Episcopal Church of St. Peter-by-the-Lake, Denver, NC, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of North Carolina, the sum of \$ _____ dollars, for its corporate purposes.

(A codicil to your existing will is necessary to add this (these) bequest.)

**TO WHOMEVER TAKES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINAL
ARRANGEMENTS**

In the calm recognition of the inevitable, we two – husband and wife – have given thought to our personal wishes concerning the final arrangements each of us would appreciate. We feel that this effort now will surely minimize the emotional strain which will come upon whichever of us survives the other. Either, left alone would be burdened by the great pressures of immediate decisions on unfamiliar matters which inescapably must be made then, if not made now.

Difficult as it has been for us to set this down, we feel a greater distress would be faced by one of us, and perhaps a far greater distress by our loved ones, if these decisions were left to be made with no indication of our specific wishes.

Though these wishes may not be legally binding, we trust they will help avoid confusion, extra expense, or the least self-reproach which might arise because of doubts, omissions, or commissions.

Husband

Wife

Date

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