

**FUNERAL INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

If your spouse is deceased, indicate date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Family Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Contact (If different than family contact): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have any prepaid funeral arrangements been made? Cemetery plots purchased? If so, please provide location of those documents and basic information:

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Funeral Home desired:

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Funeral home Phone:

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Name of Funeral Director:

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Scripture/ prayer for holy card, if possible:

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Cremation (the church prefers cremation take place after the funeral Mass): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Open Casket: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Current Parish:

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Parish Address:

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Other Parishes you belonged to/City and State:

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Parish ministries in which you were involved:

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Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Great Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_

Are Parent/s alive? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Names even if deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Brother's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

(indicate if any are deceased by showing (D) after their name).

Sister's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

(indicate if any are deceased by showing (D) after their name).

School(s) with dates of attendance:

Diploma or Degree(s) awarded:

Military Service: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Medals and Awards:

Will you be buried at the Veterans' National Cemetery? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**VIGIL SERVICE**

Where: (funeral home/Church): \_\_\_\_\_

Presider: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Readings: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_ Cantor/Reader: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_ (Proclaimed by the Presider)

Any Eulogies? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Whom: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: Eulogies are to be brief, no more than two or three minutes in length and given by one but not more than two persons.

If music is available (should be chosen with care and be related to the funeral rites and Christian belief):

Music: Entrance Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Recessional Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS DURING FUNERAL VIGIL**

Rosary? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Who will lead? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_before Vigil Service

\_\_\_\_\_after Vigil Service

If member of Knights of Columbus, do you want an honor guard present?

\_\_\_\_\_yes

\_\_\_\_\_no

Are there particular pictures you would want displayed? If so, where can the family find them? (Attach copies of the pictures or place in a file and email to the contacts).

Would you want people to make a donation to a particular charity in your name? If so indicate the name of the charity:

Any other preferences:

**FUNERAL MASS**

Church for the Funeral Mass:

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Address of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Presider desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Deacon, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Cantor desired: \_\_\_\_\_

*(above ministers reflect preference, if possible)*

Placing of Pall: (family /friends) (No less than four, no more than six people)

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Pall Bearers (Six, capable of carrying the casket)

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Entrance Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

What Responsorial Psalm (sung by cantor): \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Read by: \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_

Intercessions read by (If no deacon is present): \_\_\_\_\_

Preparation Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Recessional Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift presenters (2 to 4 persons): \_\_\_\_\_

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion if needed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: During Lent, no hymns with alleluia are sung. Here are other hymns to consider during the Lenten season if hymns above are not allowed:

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Other requests (e.g. signing of the Book of Remembrance/ bereavement meal afterwards to be held where?):

Other Catholic Customs:

- A centuries old practice is to celebrate a Mass for the deceased on the one month anniversary of their death. This can be said at the parish of the deceased or at a parish of a family member or friend.
- You may also remember the deceased by arranging for Mass intentions for the deceased on their birthday, anniversary or death date.



## RITE OF COMMITAL

Presider: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be buried at the Veterans' National Cemetery?      Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery location: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of committal: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and date this form: (make copies, and send one to your family contact)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If there is anything that you feel was not included above, please indicate it below:

Link where you can find the **readings on your computer:**

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/bereavement-and-funerals/index.cfm>

## Symbols at Catholic Funerals



**Holy Water:** Holy water is used to welcome the body or cremated remains into the church. It is a reminder of the deceased's membership in the Body of Christ through baptism.



**Paschal Candle:** The Paschal or Easter candle reminds us that Christ is the Light of the World. Blessed each year at the Easter Vigil, the presence of the Paschal Candle at the funeral is a reminder of that night when, in hope and joy, the Church anticipates Christ's resurrection.



**Pall:** The pall is a large white cloth which is placed over the casket which reminds us of the white garment the deceased received at baptism to signify their Christian dignity.



**Incense:** Incense is used during funeral rites as a symbol of our respect for the body of the deceased which became a temple of the Holy Spirit at baptism. Incense also represents the prayers of the assembly rising to God's throne.



**Cross:** A cross may be placed on top of the casket during the funeral Mass. It is a Christian symbol. By dying on the cross, Christ redeemed us and won victory over sin and death. At baptism the deceased was signed with the cross to claim them for Christ.