



THE PARTY of YOUR LIFE
GET THE FUNERAL YOU WANT BY PLANNING IT YOURSELF

SECTION 4: The Service of Your Life

Congratulations, you're ready for your fourth stage of funeral planning, choreographing your funeral service! Take a moment now to describe your dream ceremony.

If you die after completing this section's worksheets, you can rest in peace knowing that you've left behind your essential party details and a capable team to bring your plans to life, as well as some guidelines for a ceremony that reflects your beliefs and interests.

These worksheets correspond with Chapters 13-16 of **The Party of Your Life.*

Note: You don't have to have a funeral service, and if you have one, it doesn't have to be "religious" or located at a church or funeral home. Remember, you can have spiritual elements in your ceremony without adhering to a specific religion. A Celebrant can advise on such ceremonies. Rule of thumb: if it's meaningful to you and your loved ones, that's all that matters.



Checklist for Worksheet 7:

- Describe your spiritual or religious beliefs and the role you want them to play (or not play) in your service or other end-of-life celebrations.
- List spiritual guides you'd like involved in planning your farewell, assisting your family, or participating in your memorial service or related events.
- Write down the readings, music, observances, and other activities you'd like included your funeral service.
- Make a list of "approved" eulogists, or if it's easier, make a list of "unapproved" eulogists.
- Store all in your funeral box.

Checklist for Worksheet 8:

- Think about how to maximize the dramatic potential of your life and your death. This will help you describe the tone and style of the event or events you need to fulfill your funeral dreams.
- Store in your funeral box.





The Party of _____'s Life

Worksheet 7
At My Service

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This worksheet contains descriptions of the essential elements of my funeral service. Please respect my wishes.

- I leave it up to my team (or _____) to prepare these elements into a dazzling sendoff ceremony.
I love my team, but I want them to have a Celebrant or _____ assemble my list of funeral activities and observances into a coherent funeral service that my guests will be dying to attend.
If there are any disputes about how to proceed with my service, I would like _____ to make the final decision.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Part I: God or Mod

1. My Spiritual Beliefs & Affiliations

Blank lines for writing spiritual beliefs and affiliations.

- I am a member of _____
I am a member of _____

2. My Ideal Service/Ceremony

Explain the tone and energy you want for your ceremony or service.

- I'd like a service/ceremony. Describe below.
I don't want a service.
I don't want a service, but I like the idea of adding some small sacred or ceremonial elements to my funeral party and related events. Describe below.
I'd like a secular service.
I'd like a spiritual service. Describe below.
I'm no longer a follower of the _____ faith, but it's ok to include the following observances in my funeral service if it pleases _____
I'm a clown, damn it, and I resent the author's bias against clowns and clown-related events! I want a clown funeral! (See page 143 of The Party of Your Life.)
Here's what I DON'T want at my service: _____

Additional Notes: _____

3. Officiate

I'd like _____ to serve as my officiate(s).

I'd like _____ to serve as my backup officiate.

I don't have an officiate in mind, but here are the qualities my team should look for in an officiate for my service:

4. Spiritual Guides

Here are my spiritual teachers, guides, and friends, as well as descriptions of the role I'd like each person to play in my funeral service:

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Role: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Role: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Role: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Role: _____

Additional Notes:



Part II: Observances

Be specific about the readings and other observances you want. If you would like a friend, family member, or anyone other than your officiate to perform these elements, include that information here.

1. Readings

2. Chants

3. Songs

4. Performances

5. Rituals

6. Eulogies

- The following people are NOT allowed to eulogize me.

- Nobody is allowed to mention the following topics and events at any of my funeral events.

- Feel free to share the following anecdotes with my guests:

- Here's a list of eulogists and specific stories I'd like them to tell:

- Will someone please make sure to mention the following topic and/or person:

7. Open Mic

Please ban the following people from speaking during the open mic period, at my service, or at related events:

Additional Notes: _____

6. Bouncer

- I don't think I'll need a bouncer at my service.
- It's probably not a bad idea to have a bouncer at my service to keep out party crashers and to control violent outburst by unruly or drunken guests. (Sorry I died before I could research this and find one myself.)
- _____

Additional Notes: _____



Part III: Scheduling

1. Pick a Date

- I'd like to my service to be held _____ days/weeks/months after I perish. *(Circle one.)*

2. Service/Ceremony Venue

- Ideal location for my service: _____
- My backup service location: _____
- I DON'T want my service held at _____

Additional Notes: _____

3. Time

I'd like my funeral service to last for:

- 30 minutes or less
- One hour
- One and half hours
- If my ceremony plans can't fit into my time frame, it's ok to move some of them to my next farewell event.
- _____
- Two hours, with intermission
- Whatever it takes

Additional Notes: _____



Completed by:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Please read all of my planning worksheets for complete funeral instructions. My planning materials are located:
