Arranging the Funeral you want

A funeral often seems a difficult and stressful task to tackle. A funeral which is pre-arranged will mean that you can chose the type of service you want and be sure that your wishes are carried out accordingly. To facilitate, the observance of burial rites in accordance with the individual religious, cultural and traditional beliefs, it would be helpful if you could consider the following options that will assist us to give you a good ‘send off’ and that you have marked the end of your life in the best possible way.

1. **Details of ethnicity/religious/secular belief:**
   - ______________________________________________________________

2. **Would you prefer a cremation or burial?**
   - Cremation [ ]
   - Burial [ ]

3. **How soon should the burial/cremation take place:**
   - ______________________________________________________________

4. **Where will the service take place?**
   - ______________________________________________________________

5. **Who will conduct the service?**
   - ______________________________________________________________
   *i.e. In theory anyone can be chosen to conduct a funeral service. However it is usual for the particular culture’s clergy of the nominated place of worship to conduct the service.*

A funeral service is usually made up of a combination of special prayers or poems or readings, an address from a person that knew you well, tributes, and music.

6. **Would you like someone to say a few words?**
   - ______________________________________________________________

7. **Is there any special music that can be played (this may be hymns, tape songs etc)?**
8. Is there any prayers or readings that you want?
   
9. Do you want flowers at the funeral?
   
10. Do you want your body to be shown prior to the funeral?
   
11. Would you like to put a note in the local papers informing friends about the funeral?
   
Memorials

1. Burial:
   What would you want on your memorial gravestone?
   
2. Cremation:
   Which method of remembrance would you like?
   
   - Stone wall plaque  
   - Inscribed Remembrance  
   - Ashes to be scattered, Please state where: 
   - Other