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End-of-Life Checklist

When Pre-Planning Cremation or Planning a Loved One's Cremation

Think about whether you'd like to have additional services before or after the cremation, such as:

Funeral service before cremation		
	Religious Memorial after the Secular Military Visitation/wake Select a funeral home	
Memorial service after cremation		
	Location Who will come?	
	Who will officiate? ————————————————————————————————————	
Scattering ceremony		
	Is it on private property? Do you have permission? Is it on public land? Do you have authorization? Who will come?	
	Will you have any music or special components?	
What to Do with the Remains Following cremation, what would you like to do with the remains?		
	garage and a garage memorial	

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When a Loved One has Died

Notify people and relevant organizations

	Personally call family and close friends Notify the cremation provider Notify the life insurance or final expense insurance provider Notify the employer, or the organization administering retirement benefits Notify the VA, Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid, and other relevant parties	
Make d	remation arrangements	
	Select a cremation provider Complete required paperwork, such as cremation permits and death certificate Make financial arrangements for the cremation Call to arrange transport of remains to the cremation facility Make arrangements to pick up cremated remains or have them shipped	
Manage related details		
	Write and submit an obituary to memorials.funeralhomeresource.com Select a charitable organization for donations Make arrangements for visiting family to stay with local friends and family, or prepare a list of lodging options	
Handle Death-Related Details After the Cremation		
Manage	accounts:	
	Banks Investments	

Deal with legal considerations

☐ Insurers

☐ Utilities☐ Credit cards

☐ Retirement plans

Administer the estate per the will and local probate laws
Pay bills until the estate is settled
Hire an accountant for help with end-of-life financial considerations