



# ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FOR FUNERAL AND BURIAL



Full Legal Name:

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Date of Birth:

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Address:

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City, Province, Postal Code:

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Name, address, and telephone number of person responsible for making funeral and burial arrangements:

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I, the above-named and undersigned, do hereby make known that I am an Orthodox Christian, and that after my death, my body is to be disposed of in accordance with the teaching and traditions of the Greek Orthodox Church.

- My body is not to be cremated, but buried in the earth.

- The coffin used is to be made of a degradable material, such as wood, but not plastic or metal, to allow my body to return in a natural way to the earth. A concrete or metal liner for the grave is NOT to be used or recommended to my family.

- My body is not to be embalmed. If there is a need for my body to be preserved pending funeral arrangements, only refrigeration is to be used to slow decay. Therefore the funeral service must happen within 48 hours of my death, in consultation with the immediate family.

- My body is to be transported to a Greek Orthodox Church for funeral services. The VIEWING and FUNERAL SERVICE are NOT to happen at the funeral home but ONLY in the Orthodox Church.

My home parish is:

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My parish priest is:



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

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

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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