

Some Questions to Consider:

Have you selected a funeral home? Is there a place which has served other family members? Have you had a conversation with a director about your wishes? Is there a faith community and clergy with whom you have a relationship? Is it a part of your tradition to have a service where your faith community gathers for worship? Have you selected a cemetery? If your preference is cremation, have you made plans for the ashes?

FUNERAL HOME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CONTACT _____

CEMETERY _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

DIRECTOR _____

FAITH COMMUNITY _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CLERGY _____



These next questions will be asked by the funeral home at the time of death. It is good to have this information ready and written down in advance.

Full Name of the Deceased _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth (City, State, Country) _____

Social Security Number _____

Veteran (If yes, please bring a copy of discharge papers or DD214) _____

Father of the Deceased – First and Last Name _____

Mother of the Deceased – First Name and Maiden Name _____

Some funeral homes may request some or all of the following:

- *Clothing, including a complete set of undergarments.*
- *A recent picture: 2-5 yrs, preferably a close up (head and shoulders). For women, please provide a picture that shows how you would like the hair to be styled.*
- *Any special cosmetics the individual may have used.*
- *Birth certificate or baptismal record.*

You may also want to consider the placing of a death notice in the newspaper. Which paper(s) does your circle of acquaintances, friends and extended family read? Do you prefer a traditional notice or do you have a unique statement you would like to make in this announcement? The funeral home will request the following information in assisting you with the notice.

Names of family members (spouse, parents, children, grandchildren, siblings, etc.)

Names of any organizations your loved one belonged to

Names of any organizations you may wish people to make contributions to in memory of the deceased in lieu of receiving flowers

If you would like memorials to be made to Rainbow Hospice, please instruct the funeral home to use the following statement in the death notice:

***“In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rainbow Hospice
444 North Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge, IL 60068”***

Envelopes can be provided to the funeral home.