

**H. PORTER & SONS**  
INDEPENDENT FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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# My Final Wishes

*A place to record your thoughts  
and guide you through your wishes  
regarding your own funeral*



***This booklet is to encourage the start of a conversation...***

Death and dying are not something that we like to talk about, but not knowing what your loved ones wanted can make a stressful time that much harder. This booklet can be used by yourself, your partner, brothers, sisters, parents - in fact anyone you choose to share it with.

If you have any questions, please call us for advice; we are happy to answer all of your queries.

The wishes that you record here are not legally binding - your family or friends who take care of you and your funeral do not have to follow them, but they will provide guidance. If you wish to make your funeral wishes more specific, we recommend a pre-paid funeral plan, thus removing the burden of decision-making and cost worries at the time of death.

Some questions require written answers, others require you to put a tick in the box provided. If you are unsure of your preference, please write 'undecided' or similar, so that your next of kin isn't wondering if you missed any by mistake.

If you would like to nominate us as your funeral director, send a copy of your wishes to H. Porter & Sons where all the details will be retained. You will be issued with a certificate that states we hold your wishes. This can then be given to either a family member or a solicitor.

Further copies of this document are available from H. Porter & Sons or via [www.hporter.co.uk](http://www.hporter.co.uk)

## My details

Full name:

Address:

Home telephone number:

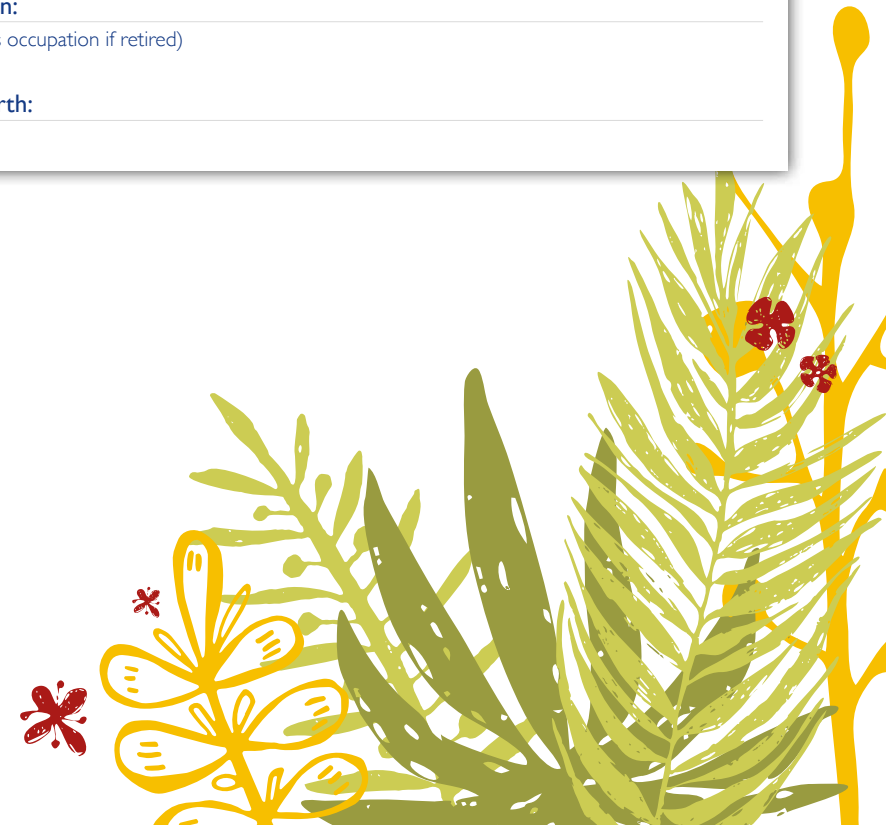
Mobile number:

Email:

Occupation:

(Or previous occupation if retired)

Date of birth:





## Next of kin details

### Name of next of kin (1):

Relationship to person completing form:

Address:

Home telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email:

### Name of next of kin (2):

Relationship to person completing form:

Address:

Home telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email:

## Important documents

### Where is your registered doctor's surgery?

### Where is your will located?

(E.g. location in your home, or at a solicitors):

I have a pre-arranged funeral plan: Yes  No

If yes, the name of the plan provider is:

The plan states my preferred funeral director is:

My plan number is:

I have a funeral insurance scheme with:

***(if you do have a plan, please make sure your next of kin knows about it specifically)***

H. Porter & Sons is proud to be a fully-appointed representative of Ecclesiastical Planning Services, regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Please ask for a brochure.





## Preparation of your body

If a post mortem is required after my death, I wish it to be: Traditional

Digital autopsy\*

I would like to donate my body for medical research\*\*:

Yes  No

I wish my body to be embalmed:

Yes  No

I wish to wear my own clothes:

Yes  No

If yes, the clothes I would like to wear are:

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I would like my make-up to be done: Yes  No

I would like my hair to be done: Yes  No

If yes, either attach a photo showing, or describe how you would like your hair/make-up done:

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I give permission for my body to be viewed by anyone/these specific people, for them to pay their last respects in the chapel of rest:

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\* A digital autopsy is non-invasive. It involves the body being scanned by a CT scanner and the scan then being reviewed by a radiologist and pathologist.

\*\* You would need to contact the HTA (020 7269 1900 or [www.hta.gov.uk](http://www.hta.gov.uk)) before death to fill in a consent form.

## Disposal of body

### I would like to be cremated

• **Attended cremation:** Yes  No

*This is an attended funeral service usually led by a funeral officiant with mourners present.*

• **Unattended cremation:** Yes  No

*This is a cremation with no service, mourners, or ceremony.*

### I would like to be buried

• **Attended burial:** Yes  No

*This is an attended funeral service usually led by a funeral officiant at a service location and with mourners present.*

• **Unattended burial:** Yes  No

*This is a burial with no service, mourners, or ceremony.*

• **Eco burial/cremation:** Yes  No

*Environmentally friendly funeral, same as the attended and unattended cremation and burials, using sustainable and locally sourced options.*

### Disposal of your body

I would like my body to be buried in the following place:

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## Funeral service

I would like a funeral service: Yes  No

**If yes, proceed to answer the following questions.**

**If no, proceed to page 12.**

I would like to use H. Porter & Sons Funeral Directors or:

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I would like my funeral service to be held in the following location:

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I would like the service to be led by (either a specific named person or a role e.g. vicar):

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I would like the funeral service to take into account my religion/philosophy/interests which are:

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I would like the funeral directors to provide bearers: Yes  No

If no, I would like the following people to be bearers of my coffin:

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I would like this type of coffin:

Standard eco

Standard veneer

Solid oak

Wicker

Personalised/painted

Cardboard

Bamboo

Banana Leaf

Pandanus

Seagrass

Cane

Willow

Other (please state):

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Shroud (for burial and limited crematoriums):

I would like floral tributes at my funeral:

Yes  No

I wish for my death to be announced:

Yes  No

If yes, I wish for my death to be announced in the following publications:

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I would like donations to be made in memory of me:

Yes  No

If yes, I wish for the donations to go to the following charity

(please make sure this does not contradict your will, if you have one):

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I wish my funeral service to be family only: Yes  No   
I wish my funeral service to be family and friends only: Yes  No   
I wish my funeral service to be open to all: Yes  No

I would like the funeral cortege to consist of the following vehicles (hearse, number of limousines, any special requests, e.g. vintage hearse, horse-drawn. If horses, what colour carriage, horses and plumes?):

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I wish for the funeral cortege to start from:

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I would like the funeral cortege to go via (an important place you would like to pass a final time):

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The music/songs/hymns I would like to be included in my service are:

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Some texts/poems/readings to be included in my service are:

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I would like orders of service produced: Yes  No

If yes, I would like the following details and photos to be included:

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The eulogy is to include the following areas/facts:

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If possible, and if they are happy to do so, I would like the main eulogy about my life to be given by:

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I would like a gathering (wake) after the funeral: Yes  No

If yes, I wish for the gathering to be held at the following location:

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I would like the gathering to take the form of (e.g. drinks, buffet, tea and cake etc):

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Additional information relating to my funeral service (i.e. no black to be worn):

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## Disposal of cremated remains

I would like my ashes in a:

**Casket:**

- Wood
- Wicker
- Willow

**Scatter tube:**

- Plain
- Patterned

**Urn:**

- Urn
- Eco Urn

I would like my ashes to be buried:

Yes  No

I would like my ashes to be scattered:

Yes  No

If yes, I would like my ashes to be buried or scattered at the following location:

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If no, I request the following to happen to my ashes:

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## Burial site (for burial of body or cremated remains)

I have an existing grave at:

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The grave deeds can be found at:

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## Notes/additional requests

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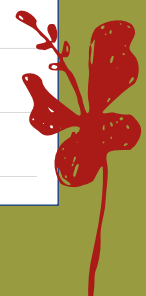
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Signed by:

Name printed:

Date:

**Witnessed by the undersigned who does not benefit from the signatory's will:**

Signed by:

Name printed:

Date:

Address:







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