

Planning My Christian Funeral **Epiphany Lutheran Church, Racine, Wisconsin**

As a Christian, I believe the inspired words of St. Paul are true: *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21)*. Death is not the end for the believer, but it is the door to experience eternal life in heaven. I believe that I’m going to heaven because Jesus is my Savior. And I want to have a Christian funeral service that praises God for making me His child and to bring the hope of the Resurrection to my family and friends. In Christian love, I want to help my family plan for my funeral and give input while I am still alive. And since I recognize that at the time of my death, specific events, dates, and memories may be difficult to recall, I want to help my family and my church with the following service suggestions:

Today’s Date: _____ Full Name: _____

1. Important Personal Statistics:

- a. Date of Birth: _____
- b. Place of Birth: _____
- c. Parents’ Names: _____
- d. Date of Baptism: _____
- e. Name of Baptismal Officiant (pastor, parent, other)

- f. Place of Baptism: _____
- g. Date of Confirmation: _____
- h. Confirmation Verse: _____
- i. Name of Pastor(s) who performed the Rite of Confirmation:

- j. Place of Confirmation: _____
- k. Date of Marriage: _____
- l. Name of Marriage Officiant: _____
- m. Name of Spouse (maiden name of wife): _____
- n. Wedding Sermon Text: _____
- o. Church/City of Marriage: _____

p. Names of surviving children as well as deceased (list year of death) children (married name of children and their spouses' first name)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

q. Places & Dates where I held church membership (church name/city/state)

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

2. **Important Funeral Service Suggestions**

a. What are 3 hymn suggestions: _____

b. What are suggestions for an Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel readings from the Bible?

c. What is my favorite section of the Bible? _____

- Why is it important to you? _____

d. Do you want to have an organist? ____yes ____no

e. Do you want a soloist? ____yes ____no

- If so, what Christian selection would you like sung? _____

f. What funeral home will you be selecting? _____

g. When do you prefer funeral visitation? ____day before ____day of

h. Where do you want your funeral service to be held?

i. What cemetery will you be selecting?

j. Do you want to have a funeral luncheon? yes no

- If so, where do you want the luncheon? _____

- If so, give an approximate number of people that should be fed _____

3. **Other Information**

a. Did you attend a Christian elementary school? yes no

- If so, what is the name/city/state? _____

b. Did you attend Sunday School? yes no (Where? _____)

- Any memories? _____

c. Did you attend Bible studies? yes no (Where? _____)

- Any memories? _____

d. How were you active in your church?

- Church Committees/Boards: _____

- Church Organizations: _____

- Church Events: _____

- Any special memories? _____

e. What was your occupation and when did you retire?

f. Did you serve in the military and if so where? _____

g. Where do you desire to have memorials to go? _____

h. What were some of your hobbies? _____

i. Where did you like to go for a vacation and what did you like to do there? _____

j. What interests/Christian values/concerns/faith do you feel that you “passed on” to your family, friends, and neighbors?

**Please immediately return a copy of this form to the church office,
your safety deposit box/file, a family member.
Feel free to update any information as it becomes available.
Contact Epiphany’s pastor if we can help give you any guidance.
Even if part of this form is blank, still return it to help your family prepare.**

God bless you for your Christian care for others!