TEMPLATE O

# Funeral and End-of-Life Wishes

Use with Chapter 18.2. A worksheet for a conversation with the parent and the funeral home. It isn't a legal document. Medical treatment wishes belong in an advance directive the parent completes with an attorney, and medical orders (POLST or MOLST, the physician or medical orders for life-sustaining treatment) come from the doctor.

**Questions to ask the doctor:** Is the advance directive in the medical record? Is a POLST or MOLST form appropriate now? What should the family expect as the illness progresses?

**Questions to ask the attorney:** Do the will and other documents match these wishes? If a prepaid funeral contract is being considered, how would it affect benefits?

| Topic | Wishes |
|---|---|
| Where I'd like to be at the end, if there's a choice | |
| Organ / tissue / body donation | |
| Burial / cremation / other | |
| Cemetery and plot (deed location) | |
| Ashes | |
| Funeral home | |
| Service type and religious tradition; officiant | |
| Viewing / visitation | |
| Music, readings, speakers | |
| Pallbearers | |
| Clothing / jewelry | |
| Military honors | |
| Obituary facts and photo | |
| Memorial gifts to | |
| Reception | |
| Budget / "keep it simple" | |
| People to notify personally | |
| Prepaid contract or trust (company, contract #, location) | |
| Life insurance for final expenses | |

Filled in by ____ · Date ____