

Plan a Funeral

Plan a cremation, burial, ceremony, or memorial by filling out the information below. Be as specific as you can regarding cultural timelines, services and also burial costs.

Considerations:

- Cultural/Spiritual/Faith leader, speakers or attendants
- Type of casket/urn/container
- Flowers/decorations
- Type of Service
- Music
- Photographers/video
- Programs
- Obituary
- Clothing
- Giveaways/Meal/Reception/Refreshments
- Ceremonial funeral, including meals/food baskets and expenses related to traditional "giveaway" or "gifting" practices
- Quilts for gifts and for actual burial
- Tobacco, which can be a common item for gifting or giveaways
- Traditional grief healing for family of deceased
- Faith-based counseling services for family of deceased
- Sweat lodge ceremonies
- Smudging ceremonies
- Services of a Spiritual Leader of the Tribe for various ceremonies
- Burial clothing for the deceased
- Misc. food items including: flour for fry bread, meat, oil, vegetables, baskets of fruit, etc.
- Gifts for the cooks (could be fruit baskets, quilts, or other useful items)
- Gifts for those performing services (quilts or other useful items)
- Expenses for memorial one year after the burial (includes meal and "giveaway" or "gifting")
- Child care during funeral - in some cultures children are not allowed to come to a funeral

Additional considerations for family members:

- Traditional healing
- Sweat lodge ceremonies
- Medicine Man services
- Smudging ceremonies
- Faith-based counseling services
- Services of a spiritual leader for various healing ceremonies