

Last Wishes - Disposition of Mortal Remains

Dear Family,

After much discussion and prayerful consideration, we have strong feelings about how our earthly remains should be dealt with after we pass away, and hope that you will respect our wishes.

We do not want:

- embalming,
- caskets,
- a viewing,
- a traditional funeral, or burial in a traditional cemetery.

Our preference would be cremation, with the following notes:

- we should be dressed in temple clothes prior to cremation, and
- you may spread ashes as allowed by law or may retain them in a container, as you wish.

Additional notes:

- a published or posted obituary would be fine, if you wish
- a memorial service would be fine, if you wish
- if there is a memorial service, it may be held in a chapel like a regular funeral, but without caskets,
- in lieu of flowers, we would request that donations be made to a worthy charity, such as Water for Africa, La Leche League or Peace Through Music.

There may be other suitable technologies rather than cremation which would also be acceptable. An example would be a shroud burial or green burial in an approved nature preserve. There may be additional simple alternatives in the future.

We will discuss this with each of you, our children, and put this letter in our files with our wills. Again, thank you for respecting our wishes. We love you and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Love,
Mom & Dad

[Signed and dated]