

SECTION 5

Final Wishes

Thoughtful Planning Brings Peace of Mind.

“When we plan with care today, we give tomorrow a little more peace.”

This section gives you the opportunity to share your wishes, preferences, and personal messages. Having these details in one place can help your loved ones honor your wishes and make decisions with confidence during a difficult time.

- 1 FINAL WISHES**
Share your overall wishes and any guidance you would like your loved ones to know.
- 2 BURIAL OR CREMATION PREFERENCE**
Indicate whether you prefer burial or cremation and any related details.
- 3 FUNERAL PREFERENCES**
Share your preferences for arrangements, providers, and other important details.
- 4 SERVICE / MEMORIAL PREFERENCES**
Share your wishes for a service, memorial, or celebration of life.
- 5 OBITUARY NOTES**
Provide key information, memories, and details you would like included in your obituary.
- 6 PEOPLE TO NOTIFY**
List the family, friends, and organizations that should be informed.
- 7 PERSONAL MESSAGES**
Share your thoughts, encouragement, and love for the people who matter most.
- 8 ADDITIONAL WISHES**
Use this space for any other wishes, preferences, or instructions.



FINAL WISHES

Final Wishes

Thoughtful planning today brings comfort tomorrow.

This page is a place to share your final wishes and important preferences. Documenting your wishes can help guide your loved ones and reduce uncertainty during a difficult time.

“Peace of mind today is a gift to the ones you love tomorrow.”

GENERAL WISHES

Use this space for general wishes and practical instructions. Values and life lessons belong in your Gavrel Legacy Book.

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PERSON YOU TRUST

If there is someone you trust to help carry out your final wishes, list their information below. (If this is your executor, see page 31.)

Name:

Relationship:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Address:

WHERE MY WISHES ARE RECORDED

Your detailed wishes are on the pages that follow:

Burial or cremation, cemetery, funeral home	page 40
Service and memorial, music, readings, flowers	page 41
Obituary facts	page 42
People to notify	page 43
Letters and messages: where they are kept	page 44
Belongings, pets, charitable giving	page 45

OTHER REQUESTS

List any requests not covered on pages 40 to 45. (Memorial donations: page 41. Charitable giving: page 45.)

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

Include any other information, wishes, or details you would like your loved ones to know.

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A FINAL THOUGHT

While these are difficult topics to consider, taking the time to document your wishes is an act of love. It helps your family, reduces stress, and ensures your wishes are honored.

“Your wishes today can bring peace tomorrow.”



BURIAL OR CREMATION PREFERENCE

Burial or Cremation Preference

Your wishes. Their guidance. A more peaceful tomorrow.

Sharing your preferences can help your loved ones make decisions with confidence and reduce stress during a difficult time.

“Planning ahead today is a gift of love for tomorrow.”

MY PREFERENCE

- ☐ Burial
- ☐ Cremation
- ☐ I do not have a preference

Additional notes:

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IF BURIAL IS PREFERRED

Preferred cemetery:

Location (city, state):

☐ I already own a plot

Section/Lot/Space (if known):

☐ I would like a plot to be purchased

☐ I do not have a preference

Plot, crypt, or niche location (if owned):

Deed or plot certificate held by:

Headstone or marker (type, material):

Inscription or epitaph:

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Casket preference (style, material):

Urn preference (if cremated):



IF CREMATION IS PREFERRED

Preferred final disposition of ashes:

- ☐ Keep at home
- ☐ Scatter (location):
- ☐ Place in a columbarium (location):
- ☐ Inter in a family plot (location):
- ☐ Other:

FUNERAL HOME PREFERENCES

Preferred funeral home:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Phone Number:

Contact Person (if any):

Notes:

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OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ Religious or cultural traditions to be followed:
- ☐ I have prearranged and prepaid for services
- ☐ Service is paid through life insurance or other funds
- Pre-need contract with (provider):
- Contract or policy number:
- Amount prepaid / what it covers:
- ☐ Other instructions:

A LASTING GIFT

By sharing your wishes, you provide clarity, reduce uncertainty, and give your loved ones the comfort of knowing they are honoring what is most meaningful to you.

“Thoughtful choices today bring peace tomorrow.”



SERVICE & MEMORIAL PREFERENCES

Service and Memorial Preferences

A Meaningful Service Honors a Life Well Lived.

This page is a place to share your preferences for a service, memorial, or celebration of life. Your guidance can help your loved ones create a meaningful tribute that reflects your values, personality, and wishes.

“Those we love don’t go away, they walk beside us every day.”

TYPE OF SERVICE

- ☐ Religious service (please specify faith or denomination):
- ☐ Traditional funeral service
- ☐ Memorial service / celebration of life
- ☐ Graveside service only
- ☐ No formal service
- ☐ Other:



PREFERRED LOCATION

- ☐ Place of worship (name):
- ☐ Funeral home (name):
- ☐ Outdoor setting (park, lake, etc.):
- ☐ At home
- ☐ Other:

Address (if known):

City, State, ZIP:

ATTENDANCE

- ☐ Open to all (friends, family, community)
- ☐ Family and close friends only
- ☐ By invitation only (invite list: see page 43)
- ☐ I do not wish to have a service
- ☐ Other:



MUSIC PREFERENCES

Songs, hymns, or artists you would like included:

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☐ I have a playlist (location):

☐ No music preference

READINGS OR TRIBUTES

Readings to include (ones that shaped you: Legacy Book, “Faith, Spirit, and Meaning,” page 53):

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☐ I have a document with specific readings (location):



FLOWERS AND DONATIONS

Let your loved ones know your wishes for flowers and memorial gifts.

Flowers (welcome / not needed):

Donations in lieu of flowers to:

Other wishes:

Suggested charity (if any):

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

☐ I would like a reception or gathering afterward

Suggested location for reception:

☐ I would like military honors (if applicable)

☐ I would like photos or a video tribute (photos with stories: Legacy Book, “Photographs With Stories,” pages 70 to 78)

☐ Other:

“A meaningful farewell is a gift to those who continue the journey.”



OBITUARY NOTES

Obituary Notes

A Life Remembered. A Story Worth Telling.

Record the facts your loved ones need for an obituary. Your name, birth date and birthplace are on page 9; family details on page 11; the people to notify on page 43. Your stories and memories belong in your Gavrel Legacy Book.

“Our stories may end, but the love we share lives on.”

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full name, preferred name, date and place of birth: see page 9.

Date of passing:

Place of passing (city, state):

Age at passing:



FAMILY INFORMATION

Spouse/Partner:

Children:

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Grandchildren:

Parents:

Siblings:

Other family members to include:

EDUCATION AND CAREER

Schools attended (including years):

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Degrees or certifications:

Military service (branch and years):

Career highlights or occupations:

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INTERESTS AND PASSIONS

Hobbies, interests, and activities:

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Organizations, clubs, or community involvement:

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Special causes or charities:



PERSONAL QUALITIES

Short phrase for the obituary (or see Legacy Book, “The Person I Hope You’ll Remember,” page 16):

Accomplishments to mention (list only):

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Anything else you would like included in your obituary:

“A life well lived leaves a beautiful story behind.”



PEOPLE TO NOTIFY

People to Notify

Because important people should be informed.

This page helps your loved ones identify who should be notified after your passing. Having this information in one place can reduce confusion, ensure no one is overlooked. Professional contact details are on page 53.

“The people we care about deserve to know.”

IMMEDIATE FAMILY

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE / EMAIL
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EXTENDED FAMILY

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE / EMAIL

CLOSE FRIENDS

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	NOTIFIED / DATE

PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS

NAME / ORGANIZATION	PURPOSE	NOTIFIED / DATE

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

NAME / ORGANIZATION	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE / EMAIL



PET CARE CONTACTS

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE / EMAIL

OTHER IMPORTANT PEOPLE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE / EMAIL

A SMALL REMINDER

Keeping this list up to date can help your loved ones focus on what matters most, honoring your life and supporting one another.

“Connections live on, even when we’re gone.”

ADDITIONAL WISHES

Additional Wishes

Thoughtful Details for Peace of Mind.

This page is a place to share any other wishes, preferences, or instructions that do not fit in the previous sections. These details can help your loved ones honor your wishes and make decisions with confidence.

“It’s the little things that often mean the most.”

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Specific items and who should receive them. (Item list: page 29. Will: page 31.)



KEEPSAKES (CONTINUED)

More items. Keepsake stories: Legacy Book, “Keepsakes With Stories,” pages 79 to 81.

CHARITABLE GIVING

Causes to support. (Memorial donations: page 41.)

PETS

Who will care for your pets? (Pet details: page 12.)

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Are there any specific instructions or requests you would like your loved ones to know?



OTHER WISHES

Use this space to share anything else that is important to you.

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A FINAL THOUGHT

Your wishes are a reflection of the life you’ve lived and the legacy you leave behind. By sharing them, you help ease the burden on your loved ones and ensure your voice is heard.

“Peace comes from knowing your wishes are understood.”





GAVREL FAMILY PLANNING KIT

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Gavrel Family Planning Kit.**

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Honor Your Past. Protect Your Present. Prepare Your Future.