

Making Funeral Arrangements in Advance Offers Peace of Mind

(NAPSA)—Most Americans agree that pre-arranging funeral and cemetery services makes sense. According to a recent survey by Wirthlin Worldwide, 84 percent say they think it's a good idea. However, only about 26 percent have actually made their arrangements.



Percentage of people who say it "makes sense" to pre-arrange funeral and cemetery services



Percentage of people who have actually made their arrangements



The reason is simple.

"Many people don't want to face the issue of their own mortality," said Greg Easley, president of the International Cemetery and Funeral Association (ICFA). "Yet it's the one thing we truly know is certain."

Arrangements can be made in advance for almost every aspect of funeral and cemetery services, from designating the type of funeral or memorial service desired, to selecting a gravesite, to purchasing a casket and a monument or marker.

Pre-arranging can allow people to lock in current prices and ensure they get the types of funeral and burial services they want. What's more, it relieves their family and friends of the burden of making some difficult decisions at an emotional time.

"Survivors who have to plan these services after a death will ask, 'What would Dad have wanted?'" Easley said. "This way, they know they're getting exactly what he wanted."

For more information on funeral and cemetery services and pre-arrangements, visit the "Consumer Resource" section of the ICFA Web site at www.icfa.org.