

What the funeral director will ask you for

Every one of these is asked at the first meeting, and most of them go on the death certificate. Filling this in beforehand turns a long appointment into a short one.

Some answers are on their birth certificate, marriage certificate or passport. If you cannot find something, leave it: the funeral director has seen every gap there is.

Them

Full legal name, including any middle names

Any other name they were known by

Date of birth

Place of birth, town and country

Home address, and how long they lived there

Marital status

Occupation, or what they did before retiring

National insurance or social security number

Armed forces service, and when

Their family

Father's full name

Father's occupation

Mother's full name, including her maiden name

Mother's occupation

Surviving partner's full name

The death

Date

Place

The doctor or hospital that certified it

What they wanted

Burial or cremation

Any plot, grave or plan already paid for

Anything they said or wrote about what they wanted

Where the will is, and who holds it
