

# My Burial Wishes

FOR USE IN ALASKA, ILLINOIS, AND TEXAS

**APPOINTMENT OF AGENT(S)** In recognition that there may come a time, after my death, that decisions will need to be made with regard to the care and disposition of my body, I

LEGAL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HEBREW NAME (IF KNOWN) \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S HEBREW NAME (IF KNOWN) \_\_\_\_\_

being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily declare and direct my desire that, upon my death, the disposition of my remains shall be controlled by the following person(s), whom I hereby appoint as my agent(s) regarding the disposition of my remains.

NAME OF PRIMARY AGENT \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SUCCESSOR AGENT (OPTIONAL) \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE (CELL) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby direct that the following "special directions" limit the power of my agent(s) and shall be followed in all events, whether or not my agent is able to act as such. No decisions regarding dissection, autopsy, donation of body organs, or the preparation for and time of my burial shall be made by anyone other than my agent(s) named above, so long as either is available, or in violation of my special directions.

- My body should be buried and not cremated. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)
- I object to any autopsy of my body except when permitted by Jewish law. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)
- I should receive a tahara and my funeral should be conducted according to Jewish law and tradition. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

I hereby revoke any prior declarations, wills, codicils, trusts, powers of appointment, and powers of attorney regarding the disposition of my last remains.

MY SIGNATURE *(Sign only in front of notary)* \_\_\_\_\_ MY LEGAL NAME *(Print)* \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: If you are not physically capable of signing, another person may sign your name on your behalf, and note that this was done.)*

## NOTARIZATION

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE (if required)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public, State of \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE AND ASSUMPTION BY AGENT(S)

*(Note: an agent's authority to act is not effective until the agent signs below.)*

- 1. I have no reason to believe there has been a revocation of this appointment to control disposition of remains.
- 2. I hereby accept this appointment.
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- 2. I hereby accept this appointment.

SIGNATURE OF PRIMARY AGENT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF SUCCESSOR AGENT *(if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT COPIES OF THIS FORM BE GIVEN TO: THE AGENT(S) NAMED ABOVE, FAMILY MEMBERS, ATTORNEY, SOCIAL WORKER, RABBI, OR ANYONE LIKELY TO BE CONTACTED IN THE EVENT OF YOUR DEATH.**



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## OPTIONAL INFORMATION

**My Last Will and Testament** is located at:

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**I have already bought a grave. The deed or permit for my grave** is located at:

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The grave is located at:

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NAME OF CEMETERY

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SECTION

BLOCK

ROW

GRAVE

**The funeral home** where  I have already made pre-arrangements is:  I would like to have my funeral arranged is:

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NAME OF FUNERAL HOME

PHONE NUMBER

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ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME

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# Instructions for Completing the **My Burial Wishes Form**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. You do not need two agents. However, it is advisable to have two if there is a possibility that your primary agent may be unable to perform their duties.
2. This form is intended for those whose primary residence is in Alaska, Illinois, or Texas.  
If you divide your time between one of these states and a *different* state, execute the document for the state that is your primary residence.

## **FILLING OUT THE FORM**

You can either:

1. Print the blank document and write in the information by hand, **or**
2. Fill in the fields on the computer, then print the partially completed document. Please note that fields for signatures, dates and initials will need to be filled out by hand, in front of the notary.

## **SIGNING THE FORM**

1. Do not:
  - a. Sign or date the document until the notary is present.
  - b. Initial any boxes until the notary is present.
2. If you are unable to sign for yourself, someone may sign on your behalf, but must note on the form that they did so.

## **AFTER THE DOCUMENT IS SIGNED AND NOTARIZED**

1. Your agent(s) must accept and assume their appointment in order for the document to be legally binding.
2. Distribute the document as follows:
  - a. A copy should be kept with your medical information.
  - b. Additional copies should be sent to anyone likely to be contacted in the event of your death, including but not limited to your family members, attorney, social worker, or rabbi.
  - c. Keep the original so you can give a copy of it to whoever you might need to in the future.