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WHY I MADE THE DECISION

It was Wednesday around noon when a unique invitation arrived in the mail—an invitation to prearrange my funeral services. The thought of it made me laugh. Did they really think I'd interrupt my schedule to rush over and plan my death? What made them think I had plans to die anytime soon, anyway?

Just then, my daughter, Jenny, and her kids stopped by, and I carelessly left the invitation on the counter. Big mistake. My daughter saw it, and to my surprise commented, *"Oh good—I was hoping you and Dad were going to do this. My friend Rachel's parents prearranged their services and she was so relieved to know that their plans were documented."*

WHAT? I couldn't believe what I was hearing. I had always thought that prearranging funeral services was a fine activity later on life—but definitely not something high on the priority list of a healthy 58 year old like me. After all, I exercise every week, maintain excellent blood pressure, and keep up with the grandkids just fine. I have no idea if I want to be cremated or buried—not to mention where I'd like to be laid to rest.

I rattled off all the reasons why this invitation did not apply to me. But Jenny just gave me a knowing look and said, *"Are you kidding? You're exactly the person who SHOULD prearrange services! You're mentally sound, financially able to cover the expense, and I would have no idea what to do if you and Dad were in a car accident tomorrow. Can you imagine me trying to figure everything out, and make all your arrangements, while taking care of the kids, AND grieving? I would really appreciate it if you did not risk putting me in that position!"*

I agreed to give it some thought and promptly changed the subject. And to think I was looking forward to her visit today! Later that evening I reiterated the conversation to my husband, Bob. As expected, he saw things my way and that was the end of the whole disturbing matter. That is, until breakfast the next day. Somewhere between the "Living" section of the newspaper and my second cup of coffee, I found myself wrestling with the dreaded "D" word. Bob said that maybe Jenny had a good point and that we should find out more. After all, did we really want to leave our daughter with such a huge burden?

To make a long story short, we did learn more. And amazingly, the experience wasn't all that painful. In fact, we felt relieved to have the tough decisions behind us. We were able to pay for our funerals at today's prices with an affordable payment program. And, we've documented our final wishes, so when the end does arrive, Jenny and her family can focus on saying goodbye. She won't have the added stress of arranging a million details, guessing what we'd like and coming up with the money to cover everything.

Want to know the best part? You should have seen the look on Jenny's face when we told her that we'd taken the next step. She gave us a huge hug and thank you, and said, *"You have no idea what this means to me. I know it's tough to think about death. I'm so glad that you care enough and were brave enough to do the right thing."* The process made us feel unburdened and in control of our lives. And most of all, we knew we were doing something invaluable for our daughter.

The free *Final Wishes Organizer* made it so easy. Thank you for the peace of mind this has giving us.

Sincerely,

Linda