Holy Spirit Catholic Church
11665 Fort Caroline Road, Jacksonville, FL 32225

# FUNERAL PLANNING FORM

Full Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Death: _____ Present Age: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time of Funeral: _____

Place of Committal or Burial: _____

(*Please circle one)*: Casket or Cremains

**Words of Remembrance or Eulogy** *(optional)***:** One family member or friend can say a few words in remembrance of the deceased. We ask that the speaker prepare and write out these remarks in advance and keep them to less than five minutes in length. It is read about 5 minutes before the start time of the funeral.

Read by: _____

**A. Liturgy of the Word:** The Word of God brings hope and consolation. At the Funeral Mass we have three readings from the Bible. (Selections found at https://holyspiritchurchjax.org/forms/#funeral or scan the QR code)

1. First Reading from Section A (or Section B, if it is the Easter Season) # _____

Read by: _____

2. Second Reading from Section C #_____

Read by: _____

**B. Prayers of the Faithful (General Intercessions):** We offer our prayers for the deceased, for the family, for all who mourn, and for all gathered for the funeral Mass. These are prepared by the church office. You may have someone from the family read these prayers after the homily.

Read by: _____

**C. Offertory Gift Bearers:** Family members or friends are invited to carry up the gifts of bread and wine which are used for communion. This is another liturgical expression of love for the deceased. Usually, 2-3 gifts are brought to the altar.

Gift Bearers: _____

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**Selections Prepared by:** _____

**Relation to deceased:** _____

**Contact Number:** _____

**Email:** _____

**Contact Address:** _____

Office use:

Priest: _____

Gospel: D _____ Choir/Cantor: _____

Hope & Consolation: ☐ Altar Servers: ☐

**E. Music Selection:** Music is an integral part of worship during the Funeral Mass and can be helpful to the grieving process. Funeral music needs to reflect not only the grief of the family, but the whole truth about the life and death of a Christian: "God's love for them and the promise of eternal life." This is why the Church insists that only **liturgical music should be used** and that the primary focus should be on the assembly's song. Ideally there should be a balance between music expressing grief, loss and the need for comfort, and music expressing the believing community's joyful hope that both the deceased and those who celebrate the rites are entering into the risen life of Jesus the Lord.

If you have some Catholic hymns or songs that you might like to be used during the Mass, please list them below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

*Please note that Father and the music director will look over the hymns to make sure they are appropriate for the funeral liturgy.*