

# who do you discuss funeral wishes with ...

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My mum is terminal and today asked me to leave the house because her solicitor was coming round to make will.

When I came back I carefully asked if the solicitor would be the executor of the will as *i have no idea what to do. I am an only daughter.*

*I also explained as I live 170 miles away that it would be a good idea if I was on her hospital notes as one of her contacts. Her husband is next of kin but is in a home with dementia so if hospital called him in an emergency he wouldn't understand.*

*I also asked what her wishes were for her funeral.*

*How do other families cope with talking about the arrangements?*

*Does the patient normally bring it up, Is it a very difficult subject? Or is it left to the family to guess what the wishes were?*

*Many thanks*

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Hi Canasta

Just to give my views here, I have discussed my funeral wishes with my husband and vice versa. We are also aware of our respective parents wishes, but only because we asked them outright. We have everything in writing at our Solicitors, and respective Parents have everything in writing at theirs, with copies all round.

We never saw this as a problem, and always rather regarded it as something you always kept up to date. This was especially true when moving abroad with the further ramifications involved.

My father is not at terminal stage cancer as yet, however, he has only made a will 6 months ago, and finally discussed his main funeral wishes only 2 months ago....final resting place he hasn't decided on yet....

Don't know if this is of any help. Good luck with a very tricky subject to broach.