

Having it your own way, even in death

AN UNUSUAL NEW WEBSITE¹ called Lasting Post has been launched that helps people plan for how their own death is handled. It is in fact both practical and sensitive and will alleviate the burden on all those who are coping with a bereavement.

The Lasting Post site is free to use, but those wanting to set out their own wishes or leave a tribute will need to register. There is currently a sponsored link to the florist Interflora, and the site is run by a company, but it describes itself as "quasi-charitable". There are four sections to the site: planning ahead, when death occurs, announcements and "Everlasting post".

The first section, "planning ahead", allows users to set up contact details for people to be informed in the event of their own death and record details about their will, such as where it is and who the executors are. It also covers financial matters, such as investments and inheritance tax, and allows the user to specify the nature of the funeral or

memorial service, the burial or cremation, and any reception afterwards. There are all sorts of nuggets of information, such as commonly chosen hymns, and the contact details of the British Humanist Association.

"When death occurs" is intended for the bereaved. It provides guidance on, among other things, whom to notify, appointing a funeral director and coping with bereavement.

The "announcements" section is where users can look for notices of death, post announcements, and post obituaries and memorial books. Finally, "Everlasting post" is where friends and relatives can record their enduring memories of the person who has died. The plan is that these everlasting posts will indeed be available online for all time, although there is, of course, no absolute guarantee.

The concept may sound morbid, but really it isn't. Take a look.

¹ www.lastingpost.com.

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Planning Ahead
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Lasting Post has four parts. Planning Ahead helps you make personal arrangements for use after your death. The When Death Occurs section assists you and your family after the death of a loved one. Announcements enables you to post a notice of death and Everlasting Post is where tributes and enduring memorials can be created.

Planning Ahead - For you if you want to make arrangements to be used in the event of your death including help with legal and financial issues, informing people and choosing the details for your funeral.

When Death Occurs - For you if a loved one has died and you need help arranging the funeral, informing people, probate, financial matters and coping with your loss.

Announcements - For announcements of death and where obituaries and memorial books can be posted.

Everlasting Post - For lasting and enduring Memories of people who have died, giving their families and friends a special way to remember and celebrate their lives.

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