

Would you shop around for:

A CAR



A HOUSE



A FUNERAL



Here are **10 things** to help you plan an affordable goodbye



After a house, wedding and a car, funerals are the most expensive purchase we make. Yet 97% of us don't shop around.



1 Talk about it now. Discussing your funeral wishes with friends and family can provide clear plans and save unnecessary costs.

2 Slow down, take a breath. Don't feel rushed into making funeral arrangements when someone dies. When we feel rushed we can make bad financial decisions.

3 Shop around. Costs vary hugely between funeral directors. Get three itemised quotes – you could save a lot of money.

4 Ask about a 'simple funeral'. Ask for the funeral director's most affordable funeral package. Often this will be called a 'simple funeral'.

5 Are you eligible for financial help? Call the DWP Bereavement Service line on 0345 606 0265, or the Citizens Advice Bureau, to check if you're eligible for financial support.

6 It's your choice. There is no legal requirement to hire a funeral director, hold a ceremony, or pay for flowers or special vehicles.

7 Cremation or burial? It is a personal choice, but it's worth noting a burial is often more expensive than a cremation.

8 What makes 'a good send off?' At a funeral, people remember thought and goodwill rather than lavish expense.

9 Need help now? For free help and advice on arranging a meaningful affordable funeral call Down to Earth on 020 8983 5055.

10 If no one can pay? Ask about a simple, dignified funeral paid for by the hospital or council.

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