



**WORKING TO RAISE STANDARDS IN
BEREAVEMENT SERVICES**

**FORMAL DECLARATION OF
INSTRUCTIONS TO BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED UPON MY DEATH:**

I.....
(Also known as or previously known as..... Born on
Current Address.....

HEREBY RECORD MY STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED UPON MY DEATH.

- 1. I declare that I am Muslim by faith and that I make this declaration to conform to the tenets of Islam** and I ask all persons to honour this document and not to obstruct or change it in any way.
- 2. I am a Muslim and following my demise, my body SHALL be prepared for burial in keeping with the Islamic Law that is based upon the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad (Saw) peace be upon him.**
- 3. I also wish that my body be released as soon as possible after my death and that the burial is undertaken at the earliest practical opportunity.**
- 4. I direct my Executors, surviving relatives, and friends to ensure that I have a funeral strictly following Islamic law that must include Washing (Ghusl), Shrouding (Kafn), Funeral Prayer (Janazah) and Burial (Dafn).**
- 5. In the event that I do not have any surviving relatives who are Muslim then the arrangements for my funeral shall be made only by Muslims. This can include Muslim friends or a local Muslim Organisation or by the National Burial Council.**
- 6. In the event that any members of my family, even close family, request that my body shall be cremated, this direction SHALL NOT be followed. Under no circumstances is my body to be cremated.**
- 7. Should a post-mortem examination be legally mandated by a Coroner, my wishes are that this requirement be fulfilled through non-invasive imaging, wherever permissible under applicable law and medical protocols. My wish is a non-invasive option be fully explored before any invasive post-mortem is undertaken.**
- 8. The costs of my funeral and burial shall be borne by my Estate wherever possible. If any member of my family, friends, or a Muslim organisation pays all or part of those costs in the first instance, my Executors shall reimburse them from my Estate, provided that my Estate contains sufficient funds to do so after payment of all debts, taxes, liabilities and administration expenses required by law.**
- 9. I would also like to be buried in the Muslim Cemetery closest to the place of my death. (or I have reserved a grave at (insert name of cemetery) should I die in the United Kingdom I wish to be buried in the grave reserved- (if applicable).**

Cemetery Name			
Address			
If purchased in reserve Grave /Plot NO			

- 10. My body should be buried in a Muslim cemetery or the Muslim section of a cemetery.**

11. Should I die in another country, I wish to be buried in that country and strictly do not want my body to be repatriated to the UK (place of residence). I know this is a serious obligation and I would request that you use your best endeavours, to reach an agreement over the fundamental matters mentioned and compromise on others if you differ in opinion.

12. My body or any remains thereof **SHALL NOT** be embalmed or under any circumstances be cremated in keeping with religious and cultural traditions and belief.

13. The preparation of my body is to be performed by Muslims of the same sex in strict compliance with the Islamic Shariah (Law) and practice.

14. My body will be prepared and washed, after which it will be shrouded in the kafan (white cloth) in accordance with the rulings and requirements of Shariah (Law) and practise. Once the shrouding has been completed, no additional garments or clothing are to be placed on me.

15. There is to be no viewing of my remains after my body has been prepared for burial and the Janazah Salaat has been performed.

16. There should be **NO OTHER** religious service for me other than the Janazah prayer and the traditional Islamic prayer at the graveside.

17. The Interment of my body must also meet the Islamic requirement that I (my body) face in the direction of the Holy Kabah in Makkah, Arabia.

18. In the event of my death, executors appointed in my Will or, if no will has been made, the below persons or a local Muslim organisation or the National Burial Council (IN THAT ORDER) as set out in the schedule below are to be contacted immediately. They shall have the complete authority along with any executors that I may appoint to complete all my funeral arrangements that shall be under Islamic Law and practice.

EXECUTOR/ PERSON TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTACTED UPON MY DEATH	
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NAME (1)	
ADDRESS	
TEL NO	
NAME: (2)	
ADDRESS:	
TEL NO.	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANISATION / LOCAL MOSQUE	
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NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CONTACT TEL NO.	

Signed.....	WITNESSED BY
Name	Name.....
	Address.....
	
Dated thisDay of	Dated this Day of.....

Copies to Executors. Organisation /local mosque

NBC contact email: info@nbc.org.uk