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A quick look at the current top 10 funeral songs turns up some predictable results. 'My Way' by Frank Sinatra is favourite, followed by 'Time to Say Goodbye' in second place. Another more ironic choice is 'Always Look on the Bright Side of Life' from Monty Python's 'Life of Brian'.

Have you planned your song choice?

Do any of the above reflect your wishes? Or would you take a different approach? Would you want the attendees to truly celebrate your life and your sense of humour or would you rather make a poignant, emotional choice?

Whatever works for you, whether hymn or humour, you want your song choice to be one less thing for your loved ones to worry about.

It can be costly too

There's no soft way to approach this topic but it's best to tackle these difficult issues head on, like how we would cover the costs of our funeral. The average cost of a funeral is at an all-time high of £9,214. This is a 29% increase in just 10 years.

— £4,281 – the average cost of a basic funeral including the doctor, funeral director fees, the cremation or burial and the minister or celebrant

— £2,061 – the average amount spent on additional extras such as the memorial, death and funeral notices, flowers, order of service sheets, limousines, venue and the wake

— £2,872 – the average amount spent on hiring legal professionals to administer the estate

A Whole of Life Plan can help take away some of the financial worry for your loved ones. These plans are designed to pay out a specified sum when you pass away or are diagnosed with a terminal illness. The amount paid depends on the sum assured and type of cover you choose when setting up your plan.

It is a tongue-in-cheek discussion most of us have had with family and friends. What songs would you have played at your funeral? After all, a funeral service and the music played should celebrate your life in the way you want.

Most popular funeral songs by genre

Hymns

Abide with Me

All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Rock

Stairway to Heaven Led Zeppelin
Bat Out of Hell Meatloaf
Don't Want to Miss A Thing Aerosmith

Sport

Match of The Day Cricket Theme
You'll Never Walk Alone

Indie

Chasing Cars Snow Patrol
Wonderwall Oasis
Don't Look Back in Anger Oasis

TV

Only Fools and Horses
Last of The Summer Wine
Coronation Street

RnB

I'll Be Missing You Puff Daddy
I Miss You Beyoncé
One Sweet Day Boyz II men