The Funeral Home Approach for Final Expense Sales

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The Funeral Home Approach

- The most common mistake some salespeople make is to be too formal or politically correct. Most prospects have heard the most common approach and techniques and are ready to stop you in your tracks.
- "Try this approach"
- May I ask you a question....
 What funeral home does your family use when loved one passes away?
- 90% of the time the prospect will respond by naming the funeral home. When this occurs simply say:
- XYZ funeral home provide an excellent service when a loved one passes away with dignity and compassion....
- We work with funeral homes to assure the funds are available to pay for the services they provide.
- It will take me around ten minutes to explain how our programs work... Okay?

The free Gift

- Okay, you have their attention now it's time to get to know your prospect.
- Provide a funeral planning guide and or marketing brochure.



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The free Gift

- Provide a funeral planning guide- "Mr & Mrs. prospect I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with your Plan."
- "I like to give you this guide to help record your final wishes."
- "You have made important decisions your whole adult life, does it make since to make the decision to record your final wishes?"

My Life My Wisbes
My Funeral Planning Guide

Juy 1	Background
Full Name:	
Street Address:	
State:	Zip:
Social Security Number:	
Place of Birth:	
Sex:	
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Employer:	
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Rank:	
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Places and Dates of Service:	

My Wishes	
💚 I am an organ donor: Yes 🗌 No 🗌	
Preferred Funeral Home:	
Place of Service:	
Type of Service:	
Special Requests:	
Clergy / Layperson;	
Reading / Scripture Selections:	
Music:	
Flowers:	
Lodge, Society or Organization Present:	
Veteran's Flag - Folded or Draped:	
Clothing:	
Jewelry / Glasses:	
Casket - Wood, Copper, Bronze or Steel:	
Open or Closed Casket:	
Outer Burial Container - Copper, Bronze, Steel or Concrete:	
Pallbearers:	
Urn - Bronze, Wood, Marble or Other:	
Memorial Service Prior to or After Cremation:	
Memorial Service With or Without Cremated Remains:	
Disposition of Cremated Remains:	
Cemetery Name and Telephone:	
Memorial Service at Cemetery:	
Burial / Mausoleum / Lawn Crypt Space:	
Alternative Disposition:	
Monument Type:	
Material:	
Material:	

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- Take a few minutes to review how the important information recorded in their planning guide will be for their family.
- Mr. & Mrs. by recording your wishes, you will be removing the stress and burden from your loved ones to make these types of decisions.

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Full Name:	
Street Address:	
State:	Zip:
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Cov:	
Sex:	
Occupation	
Employer:	
Years Employed:	
Military Serial or Regimental Number:	
War Record:	
Education:	
Titles / Designations:	
Club / Lodge Memberships:	
Volunteer Associations:	
Marchall Contract	
Name of Spouse-	
Father's Place of Birth:	
Mother's Maiden Name:	
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emetery Name and Telephone:	
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How the plan works & the Company

• Use a brochure similar as below to help explain why, benefits and features of the proposed product.



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family is the burden of outstanding debts from

In the past 5 years, the cost for a funeral with burial

and vault increased by 7.6%. At that rate, the price for a funeral could double in 10 years and triple in 15 years

final expenses. We can help you make sure

achieve the goals you've planned together.

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that doesn't happen.

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000



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How Will You Pay for your Funeral?

- Social Security? "A special one-time payment of \$255 for those who qualify."
- Veterans Burial Allowance? "One-time payment of \$300 for those who qualify."
- Savings? "Have you set aside money for your final expense needs."
- Loved Ones? "Place the burden on your loved ones to have to pay for your funeral and final expenses?"
- "What type of funeral service your family prefers to have, traditional Burial or Cremation?"
- Once they respond, ask what they believe the cost will be?
- Provide some examples of the average cost for their type of service.

Pre-Qualify

- One of the most common questions you may here is;
- "How Much Does this Cost?"
- Your response should be:
- Excellent question. In order for me to provide you with a price, we need to pre-qualify you. If my price is not what you are looking for, There will be no charge! "Okay"
- Assuming your prospect is ready to move forward, proceed with completing the application.

The Quote!

• Now that you have gathered the necessary information, we suggest using a worksheet similar as below

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The Choice Close!

- We recommend using the choice close for this type of sale.
- "Mr. & Mrs. you mentioned the average cost for similar service would be \$0.00."
- "We have designed three options to choose from, witch plan be suites your needs?"

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Setup the Payment Plan

- Your prospect has decided on which plan and price, it is time to setup the Premium payments.
- "Mr. & Mrs. Prospect... When do you want to put your plan in benefit?"
- How do you want to pay your premiums?
- Provide them with the payment modes Annual, Semi-Annual or Monthly EFT.

Ask for referrals

• You have a satisfied customer, congratulate them on their purchase, This is the best time to ask for referrals.

Prospect Name	Telephone	Address	Email address
Prospect Name	Telephone	Address	Email address
Prospect Name	Telephone	Address	Email address
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Thank You!