Other Decisions to Think About Now

Name & Date_____

After the death of a loved one, family and friends are often left with some tough decisions. You can help ease the pain and anxiety by making your wishes -- about burial, autopsy and organ donations -- clear in advance.

1. Do you want to donate viable ORGANS for transplant? (Circle one)

Yes	If Yes , check one:	
Not sure	I will donate any organs.	
No	Donate just the following:	
2. Do you want to donate viable TISSUES for transplant? (Circle one)		
Yes	If Yes , check one:	
Not sure	I will donate any organs.	
No	Donate just the following:	

Attention! If you circled **Yes** for either of the above, be sure to register as an organ donor when you renew your driver's license and register with the Utah Organ Donor Registry at <u>www.yesutah.org</u>.

But be sure to tell your agent and family that you want to be a donor. Make sure they will support your wishes. Even with an organ donor card, hospitals will ask your agent or family to sign a consent form. 3. If you do *not* donate organs or tissue, you may choose to donate your WHOLE BODY for medical research or education. Would you like to do this?

Yes Not sure No

If you circle Yes, you must contact a medical institution to which you are interested in making this donation. Medical schools, research facilities and other agencies need to study bodies to gain greater understanding of disease mechanisms in humans. Note that total body donation is *not* an option if you also choose to be an organ or tissue donor.

The University of Utah School of Medicine has a body donor program. Information is available at <u>http://www.neuro.utah.edu/bodydonor/</u> or

University of Utah, Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy 401 MREB Salt Lake City, Utah 84132-3401 Phone (8 a.m.-4 p.m.): (801) 581-6728 Phone (After hours, weekends, and holidays): (801) 581-2121

4. Would you agree to an autopsy? (Autopsies, done after death, are used for diagnostic and research purposes. The body can still be viewed and buried.)

Yes	Not sure	No

Tool #5

Burial Arrangements

5. I would prefer to be: (circle one)

Buried Cremated No Preference

- 6. I would like my remains to be placed:
- 7. What are your thoughts about your memorial service such as songs or readings you want, or the people you hope will participate?

8. Other preferences:

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