In the event of my death in office as President of the United States I make the following requests:

1. That a service of the utmost simplicity be held in the East Room of the White House, to be attended only by the immediate family, by those in the Executive Office who have been close to me, by the Cabinet and their families, and by such other members of the Administration Branch as has been close to me.

2. That there be no lying in State anywhere.

3. That the Army have charge of taking the car to the Potomac of the body and that immediately after that service be held there, The House, Judiciary and Diplomatic Corps will attend. I request that the service last not more than 20 minutes and that there be only prayers and two hymns—no speaking. Keep in charge all day, to the funeral train, which will leave at 6 p.m., arriving there at 8 p.m., and that it be accompanied only by those before me.
to attend the interment. That the Navy have
charge of the train and everything thereafter.
5. That an arrival at Hyde Park the casket
be taken to W. James Church and a simple
short service be held, the neighbors of Wm.
only being asked. Casket to be borne by Marion.
6. That there the casket be placed from the
church to the house, and placed in front of
the East fireplace in the big room.
7. That the following morning the interment
take place where the Rev. Mr. Clark
resides, and that the casket be carried
from the house to the garden by men from
the place including the Birch Place and the
tree farm and Wakhill Cottage.
8. That the interment be attended only by the
family, the Cabinet, the President, the Usher
and not to exceed 2 Senators and 2 Representatives.
9. That a gun-carriage and gun be driven
for us throughout.
10. That the casket be of absurd simplicity, that
and
The body be not embalmed or heparitized.
Signed, and that the place be not timed with
which cannot be others.
That al marble monument, be placed
over the place east and west as follows:
Height 3 feet,
Width 4 feet,
Height 3 feet.
The which is to rest on a marble base 2 feet
at an angle of the monument shall stand
not shall have not to be more than 3 feet
inches above the ground.
It is my hope that my dear wife will
her death in burial there also, and that
the monument contain no device or figure
that the following on the south side:
Franklin D. Roosevelt
1852-1919
Anna Helen Roosevelt
1864-1919.
13. That only the Rector of St. James Church officiate at the interment.
14. That no moving pictures be taken on the place, and only 3 still picture cameras may be allowed at St. James or at the church in question. 3 newspaper men only pass generation.
15. That a detail of marines and state troopers guard the gardens, house and grounds for a reasonable time and that the public do not admitted to the place until adequate arrangements can be made.
16. That any period of national mourning be limited to one month.
17. That Subsequent care of the gardens, graves, and tombs be arranged substantially in accord with memorandum covering this and enclosed with this.

The White House
Dec. 26 - 1927

Franklin D. Roosevelt