

# FAREWELL FORM

*Immersed in voiceless internatal trance  
The beings that once wore forms on earth sat there  
In shining chambers of spiritual sleep.  
Passed were the pillar-posts of birth and death,  
Passed was their little scene of symbol deeds,  
Passed were the heavens and hells of their long road;  
They had returned into the world's deep soul.  
Sri Aurobindo, Savitiri*

Dear Aurovilian,

Please tell us how you want your body to be taken care of after death.  
This is very helpful for us to know so we can give you the care you want.

The FAREWELL FORM is a confidential letter that will only be seen when needed by a family member, friend, the health care team, or the Farewell Team. It can be changed any time. Skip any question that you don't want to answer. Use the back if you need more space.

Give the FAREWELL FORM to the Farewell Team in a sealed envelope.  
The envelope may be dropped off any morning at Farewell on the Crown Road.  
Write this information in block letters on the envelope:

NAME

NAME ON PASSPORT or AADHAR CARD

NAME OF YOUR COMMUNITY

DATE

Include a copy of your passport and Aadhar Card.

We suggest you talk to your family or close friends about your last wishes because the FAREWELL FORM is not a legal document. It only applies in Auroville, not outside of Auroville or in foreign countries. The FAREWELL FORM does not tell health care workers what you want during end-of-life care. Talk to your doctor and nurses about this.

Contact the Farewell team if you have questions or want help in filling out this form.  
(farewellmatters@auroville.org.in)

## In the event of death

### What will be done with the body?

Do you want your body to be taken to Farewell after you die? Yes  No

Do you want it put in the cool box in the viewing room? Yes  No

If no, please indicate what you would like to happen \_\_\_\_\_

Have a cool box and generator in your home? Yes  No

How many days would you like to be in the cool box at Farewell? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you wish to be dressed? \_\_\_\_\_

Timings for people to visit Farewell \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer silence  or music?

Do you want: candles  incense  flowers  photos  other? \_\_\_\_\_

### Communication

A notice of death, viewing timings and funeral arrangements will be posted on Massmail and Auronet.

Who else needs to be told?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

(Put more names on back of page.)

### Coordination

Have you asked someone to take care of the funeral details? Yes  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

### Burial

Do you want to be buried? Yes  No

Do you want the Farewell Team to find a burial space at Auroville Burial and Cremation Grounds (AVBCG)? Yes  No

Do you want to be buried in a box? Yes  No

Do you want to be wrapped in a white sheet, no box? Yes  No

Flowers? Yes  No

Candles & incense? Yes  No

Music (recorded or live)? Yes  No

Someone speaking or reading? Yes  No

(Your coordinator needs to arrange music or reading.)

## Cremation

Do you want to be cremated? Yes  No

(If you have a pacemaker, it must be removed before cremation.)

Usually a volunteer team of Aurovilians cremates the body. Sometimes the cremation team from Karavadikuppam is called.

Cremations are done at AVBCG in the collective space.

At the cremation would you like :

Flowers? Yes  No

Candles & incense? Yes  No

Music (recorded or live)? Yes  No

Someone reading aloud or speaking? Yes  No

(Your coordinator needs to arrange music or reading.)

After the cremation the Farewell Team collects the ashes along with family and friends.

There is a place at AVBCG to bury ashes.

Do you want your ashes placed there? Yes  No

Do you have specific instructions for the ashes? Yes  No

Have you asked someone to take care of your ashes? Yes  No

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and requests. Your wishes will be respected as much as possible according to the circumstances at the time.

Do you have any more wishes? Yes  No

If yes, write them on the back of the page.

Signature of the Aurovilian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_