

## Perfect Choice Funeral Plans

# “Always Look on the Bright Side of Life” Tops 10 Most Popular Funeral Songs

*A new poll by a provider of funeral plans in the UK has unveiled a new playlist, after Britons revealed the songs that are most popular to be used as a final send off. ‘Always Look on the Bright Side of Life’ by Monty Python’s Eric Idle beat Frank Sinatra’s ‘My Way’ to the number one spot.*

A poll conducted by a UK provider of funeral plans has revealed the top 10 songs which are most popular at funerals for the deceased’s final farewell, with Eric Idle’s ‘Always Look on the Bright side of Life’ top of the list. Other tracks appearing in the list include songs by Frank Sinatra, Gracie Fields and Bette Midler.

The study, conducted by [www.perfectchoicefunerals.com](http://www.perfectchoicefunerals.com), polled 1,794 British adults, who were questioned about their song preferences for their own final farewell.

Those taking part were asked “Which song(s) do you want played at your own funeral?” and were told to take into account any tracks that they had already chosen or would consider having played. The team at perfectchoicefunerals.com then analysed all the responses to find the ten most commonly selected songs.

The top 10 funeral songs were revealed to be as follows:

1. Always Look on the Bright Side of Life (Eric Idle) – 51%
2. My Way (Frank Sinatra) – 49%
3. Over the Rainbow (Eva Cassidy) – 37%
4. What a Wonderful World (Louis Armstrong) – 31%
5. Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen) – 29%
6. Wind Beneath My Wings (Bette Midler) – 25%
7. Wish Me Luck As You Wave Me Goodbye (Gracie Fields) – 21%
8. Unforgettable (Nat King Cole) – 19%
9. Imagine (John Lennon) – 15%
10. Don’t You, Forget About Me (Talking Heads) – 11%

Some of the more unusual songs to be named during the research, as selected by the perfectchoicefunerals.com team, were ‘Another One Bites the Dust’ by Queen, ‘Ignition’ by R Kelly, ‘Highway to Hell’ by ACDC and Led Zeppelin’s ‘Stairway to Heaven’.



7% of the people polled claimed that they would like a humorous song played at their funeral, or a track that made guests laugh for one reason or another. 82% of the people polled felt that music was a 'very important' part of a funeral.

Michael Liddle from Neville Funeral Service Ltd, a local independent funeral director based in Beds, Herts and Bucks said: "Picking a song for your final farewell is a very personal decision. It is something which you will want those attending your funeral to remember you by, so you may wish this to reflect your personality or a particular aspect of your life".

What we can see from the results is that the wide variety and sense of humour of the British public is being reflected, with more humorous salutes being selected and showing that funerals are increasingly celebratory of a loved-one's life in a sensitive manner, as well a vehicle to mourn their loss. What is important to remember though, is that a funeral is an extremely distressing time and there are those who do prefer the more traditional music to bid farewell to loved ones."

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