

## *Elements of Ceremony and Ritual*



2023 Courtesy of **Maryland Funeral Resources & Education**, In Maryland, no one is required to purchase the services of a funeral director or funeral home. Families may conduct any or all tasks commonly performed by a funeral home (except embalming which is not required by Maryland law) and may bury on their own property if certain provisions are met. This chart illustrates the continuum of involvement that a family and their community can have with or without the support of funeral professionals. For more see [marylandfuneral.org](http://marylandfuneral.org)> How To> Have a Home Funeral.