

**COMPREHENSIVE CREMATION AUTHORIZATION**

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

CREMATORY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned requests and authorizes said crematory in accordance with and subject to its Rules and Regulations (see second page), to cremate the remains of:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO DIED ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**ALL PACEMAKER AND RADIOACTIVE IMPLANTS MUST BE REMOVED PRIOR TO CREMATION**

I/We have instructed the above-mentioned crematory and/or funeral home to remove or arrange for the removal of these devices and to properly dispose of them prior to cremation.

**LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

As the Authorizing Agent(s), I/we hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless said crematory, its officers, agents and employees, from any and all claims, demands, causes or courses of action, and suit of every kind, nature and description, in law or equity, including any legal fees, costs and expenses of litigation, arising as a result of, based upon or connected with this authorization, including the failure to properly identify the decedent or the human remains transported to said crematory, the processing, shipping and final disposition of the decedent's cremated remains, any damage due to harmful or explodeable implants, claims brought by any other person(s) claiming the right to control the disposition of the decedent or the decedents cremated remains, or any other action performed by said crematory, its officers, agents or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of willful negligence.

**AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT**

I/we, the undersigned, hereby certify that I/we am/are the closest living next of kin of the decedent and that I/we am/are related to the decedent or that I/we otherwise serve in the legal capacity for the decedent, that I/we have charge of the remains of the decedent and as such possess full legal authority and power to execute the authorization for and to arrange for the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the decedent. In addition, I/we am/are aware of no objection to this cremation by any spouse, child, sibling or parent of the decedent.

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENT(S)**

By executing this Comprehensive Cremation Authorization Form, as Authorizing Agent(s), the undersigned warrants that all representative and statements contained on this form are true and correct, that these statements were made to include said crematory to cremate the human remains of the decedent, and that the undersigned had read and understands the provisions contained on this form.

**SPECIAL NOTATION**

**I/we further certify and confirm that I/we understand said crematory will hold cremated remains for no longer than ninety (90) days from the date of cremation unless prior specific arrangements have been made. Without prior arrangements after ninety days said crematory retains the right to dispose of the cremated remains in any legal manner and shall not be held liable for the non-recoverability of the cremated remains \_\_\_\_\_ (Authorizing Agents Initials)**

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Funeral Director as Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
License Number

**Funeral Home**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Street Address**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**City/State/Zip**  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **Policies, Procedures & Requirements**

The cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of the deceased shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, and the policies, procedures and requirements of said crematory and/or the designated funeral home. This document describes many of the policies and requirements of said crematory and are incorporated in our Comprehensive Cremation Authorization Form. We suggest you take the time to read this document carefully before executing the Comprehensive Cremation Authorization Form.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR CREMATION**

Cremation will take place only after all the following conditions have been met.

- 1) Any scheduled ceremonies or viewing have been completed.
- 2) Civil and medical authorities have issued all required permits.
- 3) All necessary authorizations have been obtained.

### **CASKETS / CONTAINERS**

Said crematory requires either a wood casket or an alternative (cremation) container for cremation. No caskets/containers made of steel, synthetic materials, plastic, fiberglass, etc. are acceptable. All caskets and alternative containers must meet the following standards: 1) be composed of materials suitable for cremation; 2) be able to be closed to provide a complete covering for the human remains; 3) be resistant to leakage or spillage; 4) be sufficient for handling with ease; 5) be able to provide protection for the health and safety of crematory personnel.

### **PACEMAKERS & RADIOACTIVE DEVICES**

Pacemakers as well as any other mechanical or radioactive devices or implants in the decedent, may create a hazardous condition when placed in the retort. It is imperative that pacemakers and radioactive devices and implants be removed prior to cremation. If the said crematory and/or funeral home is not notified about such devices and implants, and not instructed to remove them, then the person(s) authorizing the cremation will be responsible for any damages caused to said crematory or crematory personnel by such devices or implants.

### **THE CREMATION PROCESS**

All cremations are performed individually. Cremation is performed by placing the decedent in a casket or alternative container and then placing the casket or container into a retort or cremation chamber, where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. During the cremation process, it may be necessary to open the retort and reposition the decedent in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation. Through the use of a suitable fuel, incineration of the container and contents is accomplished and all substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metal (including dental gold, silver and other non-human materials) as the temperature is not sufficient to consume them. Due to the nature of the cremation, any personal possessions or valuable materials such as dental gold or jewelry (as well as any body prostheses or dental bridgework) that are left with the decedent and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation will be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by said crematory. The casket or container will not be opened by said crematory to remove valuables, to allow for a final viewing or for any other reason. Arrangements must be made with the said crematory and/or funeral home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time the decedent is placed into the casket or container for cremation. Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average adult, are then swept from the cremation chamber. Said crematory makes every reasonable effort to remove all of the cremated remains from the retort, but it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and residue from the process are always left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid co-mingling, inadvertent or incidental co-mingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility. After the cremated remains are removed from the retort, all non-combustible materials (in-so-far as possible), such as bridgework, dental materials, jewelry, prostheses and materials from the casket or container, such as hinges, latches, nails, handles, etc. will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible and/or magnetic selection and will be disposed of by said crematory with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner. When the cremated remains are removed from the retort, the skeletal remains often contain recognizable bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified, after the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will then be mechanically processed (pulverized). This process of crushing or grinding may cause incidental co-mingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previous cremated remains. These granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.

### **URNS / CONTAINERS**

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or container. Said crematory will make every reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or container, with the exception of dust or other residue that may remain on the processing equipment. In the event the urn or container provided is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed in a separate receptacle. The separate receptacle will be kept with the primary receptacle and handled according to the disposition instructions on the Comprehensive Cremation Authorization Form. Said crematory requires that all urns or containers provided are appropriate for shipping or permanent storage, and that in the case of an adult, it is recommended that the urn or container be a minimum size of 200 cubic inches. If such an urn or container is not provided for the cremated remains, then said crematory will place the cremated remains in a container designed for shipping or permanent storage

### **CREMATION AND/OR SERVICE CHARGES**

All service, cremation and mailing charges are payable in advance.

### **FINAL DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS**

The cremation process simply reduces the decedent's body to cremated remains. These cremated remains usually weigh several pounds and usually measure in excess of 150 cubic inches. Some provision must be made for the final disposition of these cremated remains. Therefore, said crematory and/or funeral home strongly suggests that arrangements for final disposition be made at the time that the cremation arrangements are made and at the time the Comprehensive Cremation Authorization Form is completed.

### **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The obligations of said crematory shall be limited to the cremation of the decedent and the disposition of the decedent's cremated remains as authorized on the Comprehensive Cremation Authorization Form. No warranties, express or implied, are made and damages shall be limited to the amount of the cremation fee paid.