
CREMATION AUTHORIZATION AND DISPOSITION

AUTHORIZATION

I (We) the undersigned (the "Authorizing Agent(s)"), hereby authorize and request the All Counties Crematory, in accordance with and subject to its rules and regulation, and any applicable state/provincial or local laws or regulations, to cremate the human remains of _____ (the "decedent") and to arrange for the final disposition of the cremated remains, as set forth on this form.

INITIALS OF AUTHORIZING AGENT _____

IDENTIFICATION

I (We) have identified the human remains **In Person/ Via Photo** that were delivered to the funeral home as the decedent, and have authorized the funeral home to deliver the decedent to the crematory, for cremation.

Date of Death _____ Place of Death _____ Sex _____ Age _____

INITIALS OF AUTHORIZING AGENT _____

TIME OF CREMATION

The crematory is authorized to perform the cremation upon receipt of the human remains, at its discretion, and according to its own time schedule, as work permits, without obtaining any further authorization or instructions.

INITIALS OF AUTHORIZING AGENT _____

PACEMAKERS, PROSTHESES AND RADIOACTIVE IMPLANTS

Was the decedent treated with radioactive therapy? Yes No

If yes, the following list contains all existing devices (including all mechanical, radioactive implants and prosthetic devices) which are implanted in or attached to the decedent, that should be removed prior to cremation _____

I have instructed the funeral home to remove or arrange for the removal of these devices and to properly dispose of them prior to transporting the decedent to the crematory.

INITIALS OF AUTHORIZING AGENT _____

The decedent's remains do not contain a pacemaker, radioactive implant or any other device that could be harmful to the crematory. They are safe to cremate.

INITIALS OF AUTHORIZING AGENT _____

FINAL DISPOSITION

After the cremation has taken place, the cremated remains have been processed and the processed cremated remains placed in the designated receptacle, the crematory will arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains as follows, and the Authorizing Agent(s) hereby authorize the crematory to release, deliver, transport, or ship the cremated remains as specified. _____

INITIALS OF AUTHORIZING AGENT _____

AUTHORITY FOR AUTHORIZING AGENT

I (We) hereby certify that the decedent left the following surviving heirs at law:

Spouse Yes No Name _____

Children Yes No How many _____ Name(s) _____

Parent(s) Yes No How many _____ Name(s) _____

Sibling(s) Yes No How many _____ Name(s) _____

If all responses are NO, the person(s) in the next degree of kinship to the decedent is (are) _____

If the legal next of kin or if all of the same degree of kinship are not signing below, a written explanation must be completed by the person(s) signing below as Authorizing Agent(s). Separate authorization(s), if necessary, shall be attached to, and considered part of this form.

Therefore, I (we), the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the closest living next of kin of the decedent and that I am related to the decedent as his/her _____ or that I otherwise serve (served) in the capacity of _____ to the decedent, that I have charge of the remains of the decedent and such possess full legal authority and power, according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to execute the authorization form and to arrange for the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the decedent. In addition, I am aware of no objection to this cremation by any spouse, child, parent, or sibling specified.

INITIALS OF AUTHORIZING AGENT _____

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

As the Authorizing Agents(s), I (we) hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless All Counties Crematory, its officers, agents and employees, of and from any and all claims, demands, causes or causes of action, and suits, 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 transmitted to the crematory, the processing, shipping and final disposition of the decedent's cremated remains, the failure to take possession of or make proper arrangements for the final disposition of the cremated remains, any damage due to harmful or explodable implants, claims brought by any other person(s) claiming to right to control the disposition of the decedent's cremated remains, or any other action performed by the crematory, its officers, agents, or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of willful negligence.

INITIALS OF AUTHORIZING AGENT _____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENTS

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

By executing this Cremation Authorization Form, as Authorizing Agent(s), the undersigned warrant that all representations and statements contained on this form are true and correct, that these statements were made to induce All Counties Crematory to cremate the human remains of the decedent, and that the undersigned have read and understand the provisions contained on this form.

Executed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Name _____ Signature _____ Relationship to decedent _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Name _____ Signature _____ Relationship to decedent _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Name _____ Signature _____ Relationship to decedent _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Name _____ Signature _____ Relationship to decedent _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

REPRESENTATIONS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR

By executing this authorization form as a licensed funeral director and employee of the funeral home indicated above, I warrant to the best of my knowledge the following:

1. That our funeral home was responsible for making arrangements with the Authorizing Agent(s) for the cremation of the decedent and that I have reviewed this authorization form with the Authorizing Agent(s)
2. That no member of our funeral home has any knowledge or information that would lead us to believe that any of the answers provided on this form, by the Authorizing Agent(s), are incorrect.
3. That the human remains delivered to the Crematory and represented as the human remains specified on this form are in fact the human remains that were identified to our funeral home as the decedent.
4. That our funeral home obtained all necessary permits authorizing the cremation of the decedent, and that those said permits are attached.
5. That the representation contained above concerning a pacemaker and any other material or implant that may be potentially hazardous are true

Licensed Funeral Director with license number _____

CREMATORY POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND 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 All Counties Crematory and the designated funeral home.

This document describes many of the policies and requirements of the crematory and is incorporated in our Cremation Authorization Form. We suggest you take the time to read this document carefully before executing the Cremation Authorization Form.

CREMATORY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR CREMATION

1. Any scheduled ceremonies or viewings or identification viewings have been completed.
2. Twenty-four (24) hours have transpired since the death occurred.
3. Civil and medical authorities have issued all required permits.
4. All necessary authorizations have been obtained, and no objections have been raised.

WITNESSING

It is the policy of the crematory that no one, except crematory personnel, shall witness the casket or cremation container being placed in the cremation chamber. Witnessing this process will be allowed if it is a part of the religious practices of the family, and will be limited to six (6) family members, clergy and funeral home staff.

CASKETS AND CREMATION CONTAINERS

The crematory requires either a casket or a cremation container for cremation. All caskets and cremation 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; and 5) be able to provide protection for the health and safety of the crematory personnel.

Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible material also contain some exterior parts, e.g. decorative handles or rails, that are not combustible and that may cause damage to the cremation equipment. All Counties Crematory, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to remove these non-combustible materials prior to cremation and to discard them with similar materials and other refuse in a non-recoverable manner.

All Counties Crematory does not accept metal caskets.

PACEMAKERS, PROSTHESIS AND RADIOACTIVE DEVICES

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

THE CREMATION PROCESS

All cremations are performed individually.

Cremation is performed by placing the deceased in a casket or other cremation container and then placing the casket or container into a cremation chamber or retort, where they are subject to intense heat and flame. During the cremation process, it may be necessary to reposition the deceased 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 and silver and other non-human material) as the temperature is not sufficient to consume them.

Due to the nature of the cremation process any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as dental gold or jewelry (as well as any body prosthesis or dental bridgework), that are left with the decedent and not removed from the casket or cremation container prior to cremation will be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of the crematory. As the casket or container will not normally be opened by the crematory, arrangements must be made with the funeral home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the decedent is transported to the crematory.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average size adult, are then removed from the cremation chamber. The crematory makes a reasonable effort to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, but it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process are always left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible materials (insofar as possible), such as bridgework, and materials from the casket or container, such as hinges, latches nails, etc., will be separated and removed from the human bone fragment by visible or magnetic selection and will be disposed of by the crematory with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner.

When the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the skeletal remains often contain recognizable bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified after the bone fragments are removed from the other material, they will then be mechanically processed. This process may cause incidental commingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains. These granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.

URNS AND CONTAINERS

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or container. The crematory will make a reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or container, with the exception of dust or other residue 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 Cremation Authorization Form.

The 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 the crematory will place the cremated remains in a container designed for shipping or permanent storage.

FINAL DISPOSITION

Cremation is not final disposition, nor is placing the cremated remains in storage at a funeral home final disposition. 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, the crematory strongly suggests that arrangements for final disposition be made at the time that the cremation arrangements are made and that the Cremation Authorization Form is completed.

If the final disposition of the cremated remains has not been completed within 30 days of the cremation, then the crematory shall be authorized for the final disposition of the cremated remains in any manner permitted by law. Such final disposition may include the commingling of the cremated remains with other cremated remains and thereafter the cremated remains of the decedent will not be recoverable.

If the option selected for final disposition includes scattering, then the cremated remains will not be recoverable. If scattering is performed in a common area, then the cremated remains may be commingled with the particles of other cremated remains that have been previously scattered.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

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