

## Pre-Planning a Cremation Integrity Funeral Care

Is the person under a doctor's care?

- We will need the name, address, and phone number of the attending physician, as he or she will have to sign the death certificate prior to the city issuing a cremation permit

Is the person in a hospital, nursing home, or hospice?

- The facility will need the name and phone number of the funeral home that you will be using. Some facilities have you sign a release form, authorizing release to a funeral home.

What do we do when the death occurs?

- When death occurs, the facility will contact the funeral home
- A member of our staff will go to the place of death and bring the deceased into our care
- We can set up a date/time for the arrangement meeting at our office or at your home
- During this meeting, the final details will be decided and the necessary documents will be signed

Who will authorize the cremation? Who is the surviving Next of Kin?

- Is there a surviving spouse?
- If no spouse, children? How many? Do they all agree on cremation?
- If no children, parents?
- If no parents, siblings?

Prior to the cremation:

- Will the family say their goodbyes at the place of death and request a direct cremation?
- Will the family want a brief, private viewing at the funeral home?
- A full public viewing?
- A full funeral service, with the deceased present?
  - For a viewing and/or funeral, there are additional fees for embalming/preparation and use of staff and equipment. We can also provide a ceremonial casket, which is a casket shell with a removable interior. The interior component is used for the cremation. With the interior component installed, it looks just like a regular casket.

Does the deceased have a pacemaker or other prosthesis or implant?

- They will be removed prior to the cremation. Additional fees may apply.

After the cremation takes place, what will be the final disposition of the cremated remains?

- Burial in a cemetery – We can assist and advise you with the cemetery requirements and provide urns and urn vaults.
- Private scattering – Our price for cremation includes what is known as a scattering urn. This is a temporary urn that is made to last only a few years.
- One person will keep the cremated remains in an urn – We have a wide selection of urns that are made to contain cremated remains forever.
- The cremated remains will be divided by various family members – We have a wide selection of keepsake urns (smaller urns made to hold a portion of the cremated remains) and keepsake jewelry (pendants that are made to hold a small portion of the cremated remains and can be worn every day).
- Scattering at sea – We can assist you with contacting various sources

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If the cremated remains are to be picked up from the funeral home or delivered by the funeral home:

- Who will be the designated recipient?

Will there be a memorial service?

- We can assist you in coordinating the service or you can coordinate directly with a church.
- Will the memorial service take place while the cremation is still in process?
- Will the memorial service be scheduled after the cremation takes place, so that the urn can be present?