

CREMATION AUTHORIZATION FORM



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➡ Name of Decedent: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____
Weight: _____ Name of Crematory: _____
Name and/or type of Cremation Container: _____

CREMATION CONTAINER

Remains must be placed in a container for cremation. Such containers must meet the following standards: 1) be composed of Combustible Materials; 2) provide complete covering of the body; 3) be Resistant to Spillage or Leakage; 4) be Rigid for Handling with ease; 5) be able to Provide Protection for the Health and Safety of the crematory personnel.

THE CREMATION: PROCESSING OF THE REMAINS

- Cremation begins by placement of the cremation container in the cremation chamber where it is subject to intense heat and flame.
- Through the use of suitable fuel, incineration of the container and contents is accomplished and all substances are consumed and driven off, except bone fragments and metal.
- Certain items, including, but not limited to, body prostheses, dentures, dental bridgework, dental fillings, jewelry, artificial eyes and other personal articles and property accompanying the remains of the Decedent, will be destroyed during the cremation process.
- Following a cooling period, the cremated remains are swept or raked from the cremation chamber. Every effort is made to remove all of the cremated human remains from the chamber. However, a small residue, or dust, may remain in the cremation chamber, resulting in incidental or inadvertent commingling of minute particles of cremated remains with other previous cremations.
- After the cremated remains are removed from the chamber, all noncombustible materials (not previously removed) insofar as possible, will be Separated and Removed from the bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection and will be disposed of by the crematory in a non-recoverable manner.
- The bone fragments, are mechanically processed (pulverized) or reduced in size to uniform particles. This process of crushing or grinding may cause incidental commingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains.
- If an urn or other container is not provided to the crematory, or is insufficient in size to accommodate all the remains, the crematory will place the remains, or any excess, in a temporary receptacle (container) made of plastic or cardboard. Any receptacle containing excess cremated remains will be kept with the primary receptacle and handled according to the Disposition Instructions on the Cremation Authorization Form.

AFTER CREMATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED

The urn or container containing the cremated remains will be returned to you or the individual, cemetery, or funeral establishment designated on the Cremation Authorization Form. If the cremated remains are not claimed by the 61st day following the date of cremation, Grand Rapids Cremation Services shall arrange for the final disposition or dispose of the cremated remains in any manner permitted by law.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The obligations of Grand Rapids Cremation Services shall be limited to the cremation of the decedent and the disposition of the decedent's cremated remains as authorized on the Cremation Authorization Form. No Warranties Expressed or Implied are Made, and Damages Shall be Limited to the amount of the cremation fee.

I/We, the undersigned (the "Authorizing Agent(s)") hereby authorize the cremation and disposition of the decedent listed above by Myrtle Park Crematorium ("the Crematory") in accordance with and subject to its rules and regulations, and any applicable state or local laws. I/We hereby request and authorize the Funeral Establishment listed above to take possession of, make arrangements for, and deliver the decedent to the Crematory, for cremation. As the Authorizing Agent(s), I/We hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Crematory and Funeral Establishment, their 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 failure to properly identify the Decedent or the human remains transmitted to the crematory for 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, and damage due to harmful or explodable implants, claims brought by any other person(s) claiming the right to control the disposition of the Decedent or the Decedent's cremated remains, or any other action performed by the Crematory, the designated Funeral Establishment, its officers, agents, or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of willful negligence.

DECEDENT _____ Date of Birth _____ Date of Death _____

Following the cremation and processing of the cremated remains, the Crematory will arrange for the return of the cremated remains to the contracted Funeral Establishment. If the Authorizing Agent(s) chooses to Ship Cremation Remains or Release to a Designated Person, the Authorizing Agent(s) hereby authorizes the Crematory or Funeral Establishment to release, deliver, transport, or ship the cremated remains as specified. **Check one of the following as applicable:**

☐ **Release to Designated Person:** _____ **Relationship:** _____

☐ **Ship To:** _____
Name of individual to receive cremated remains Mailing address City State/zip

is delivery of cremated remains via USPS, Priority Express Mail. Authorizing Agent agrees to assume all liability that may arise from such shipment, and to indemnify and hold the Crematory and Funeral Home harmless from any and all claims related to shipment.) Additional charges may apply for mailing of cremated remains.

The cremation, processing, and disposition of the Decedent authorized herein shall be performed in accordance with the governing laws, rules, regulations, and policies of the Crematory and Funeral Establishment, and the following terms and conditions. **ALL PACEMAKERS AND RADIOACTIVE IMPLANTS MUST BE REMOVED** Mechanical or radioactive devices implanted in the remains of the Decedent (such as Pacemakers, etc.) may create a hazard when placed in the cremation chamber. The Crematory will not accept for cremation, any remains which contain such devices. In the event the remains of the Decedent contain such device(s), I/we hereby authorize the Funeral Establishment, its agents and employees, to remove said device(s) and dispose of same at their discretion.

Pacemaker or implanted battery device? Yes _____ NO _____

I, the undersigned Authorizing Agent, do hereby waive my right of identification of the above-named deceased person. I decline to view and acknowledge that the Funeral Director and/or Funeral Establishment will rely on the institution and/or responsible person(s) releasing physical custody for identification of said remains into their care. I/We, the undersigned hereby certify that I/We are the closest living relative, next of kin of the Decedent, or that I/WE otherwise serve in the capacity of a legal representative to the decedent, that I have charge of the remains of the Decedent and as such possess full legal authority and power according to the laws of the state, to execute the authorization for and to arrange for the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the Decedent. Unless otherwise stated, I/We am not aware of any person(s) with a superior or equal priority right. If such a person(s) exists, I/We have made all reasonable efforts but failed to contact that person(s) and believe such person(s) would not object to the cremation. Furthermore, I/We am aware of no objection to this cremation by any spouse, child, parent, or sibling.

Signature Printed name Relationship Date

Address _____
Street City State/Zip phone

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Cremation arranger: _____
signature Date