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Thank you for allowing Unity Funeral Services the privilege of serving you and your family in your time of need.

Below you will find the instructions for completing the Authorization for Cremation & Instructions for the Disposition Form (Authorization Form). **This form is required to be completed and signed by the next of kin in the presence of a notary public prior to the cremation process taking place.** On the Authorization Form please complete the highlighted areas completely prior to printing the form for initials and signatures.

Authorizing Agent(s) – If you are pre-planning your own cremation and completing this form yourself, then you are considered the “Authorizing Agent.” If this form is being completed by any other person the following person(s) are considered to be the Authorizing Agent(s) in accordance with North Carolina General Statute § 90.210.124 in the order listed below:

1. The Surviving Spouse
2. A majority of the surviving children who are at least 18 years of age and can be located after reasonable efforts.
3. The surviving parents.
4. A majority of the survival siblings who are at least 18 years of age and can be located after reasonable efforts.

If there are multiple people considered as Authorizing Agents, then each person MUST sign the Authorization Form.

The completed and signed Authorization Form along with a recent photo of the deceased, signed death certificate by the attending physician or medical examiner will permit the cremation process to take place.

- Pages 1 through 4 – Please initial and sign where indicated.
- Page 2 – Please indicate who will receive the remains and initial where indicated.
- Page 4 – In the presence of a Notary Public, the spouse or the majority of the next of kin must sign, date, and indicate the time of signing.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this form, please call our corporate office at (910) 860-3900 and we will be happy to assist you.



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Authorization for Cremation & Instructions for the Disposition

Full Name of Individual to be Cremated [Hereinafter referred to as the “Decedent”]

Date of Birth

Date of Death

Time of Death

Age

Place of Death (Facility Name or Physical Address)

Hospice (Yes or No)

NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. THE CREMATION PROCESS IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

AUTHORIZATION

Name of Individual Confirming Identity of Decedent

Signature of Individual Confirming Identity of Decedent

The death of the decedent was [] / was not [] due to an infectious or contagious disease.

A. The undersigned [hereinafter referred to as the “Authorizing Agent(s)”] hereby certify, warrant, and represent that I/We have full legal right and authority to authorize the cremation, to include the processing or pulverizing of the cremated remains, and disposition of the remains of the decedent and the Authorizing Agent(s) is (are) not aware of any person who has a superior right to that of the Authorizing Agent(s) as set forth in N.C.G.S. § 90-210.124; or if there is another living person who does have a superior right to that of the Authorizing Agent(s), the Authorizing Agent(s) represent that the Authorizing Agent(s) has (have) made all reasonable efforts to contact such person, has (have) been unable to do so, and has (have) no reason to believe that such person would object to the cremation of the decedent.

Name(s) of person(s) attempted to be contacted:

Name #1

Name #2

Name #3

Name #4

B. The Authorizing Agent(s) has (have) either disclosed the location of all living persons with equal right to that of the Authorizing Agent(s), as set forth in N.C.G.S. § 90-210.124, or does (do) not know the location of any other living person with an equal right of the Authorizing Agent(s).

Initial(s)

C. I/We hereby request and authorize Unity Funeral Services, Inc., 594-106 S. Reilly Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28314 (hereinafter referred to as the “Funeral Home”) to take possession of and make arrangements for the cremation, processing or pulverizing, and disposition of the remains of the Decedent at:

Name of Crematory

Address of Crematory

(hereinafter referred to as the “Crematory”) in accordance and subject to:

- 1. The terms and conditions set forth in this Authorization as outlined by the Crematory,
2. The rules and regulations of said Funeral Home and,
3. Any applicable state or local laws, rules, and regulations.

Initial(s)

I/We, the Authorizing Agent(s), do hereby certify, warrant, and represent that I/we understand:

D. All cremations are performed individually. The cremation process begins with the placement of the cremation container into the cremation chamber where it is subject to intense heat and flame reaching temperatures of 1400 to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. Due to the nature of the cremation process, any valuable material will not be recoverable. In the event of such valuable items in which I/we wish to retain, it is my/our responsibility to remove them or have them removed prior to the cremation process. Body prostheses, dental bridgework, or dental fillings within the remains will either be destroyed or will not be recoverable. Accordingly, the Authorizing Agent(s) represent and warrant to the Crematory that such materials have been removed from the remains or if not, that they may not be removed from the remains and disposed of by the Crematory or may be destroyed by the cremation process.

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E. Following a cooling period, the cremated remains are then swept or raked from the cremation chamber. Cremated remains, depending on the bone structure of the decedent, will weigh approximately 4 to 8 pounds, and are usually white in color, but can be other colors due to temperature variations and other factors. Even with the exercise of reasonable care and the use of the Crematory's best efforts, it is not possible to recover all particles of the cremated remains of the Decedent; some particles may inadvertently become commingled with particles of other cremated remains remaining in the cremation chamber and/or other devices utilized to process (pulverize) the cremated remains. I/We hereby authorize the Crematory to dispose of any such particles in any lawful manner it deems appropriate.

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F. Cremated remains consist primarily of bone fragments, which are processed or pulverized to permit their placement in an urn or other suitable container. Unless a suitable container is purchased for the cremated remains of the Decedent, the crematory will place such remains in a container which is designed for short-term use and **may not be recommended for any type of shipment**. In the event the capacity of the urn or other container is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains of the Decedent, an additional temporary (short-term) container will be used and returned to the person(s) designated in Paragraph J.

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G. Implanted pacemakers or other mechanical devices in the Decedent may create a hazardous condition when placed in a cremation chamber. The Crematory will not, therefore, cremate any human remains which contain any type of implanted mechanical device. In the event the remains of the Decedent do contain such a device, the Authorizing Agent(s) hereby authorize and instruct the funeral home, its agents and employees to contact the appropriate persons and secure the removal of any and all mechanical devices from the remains prior to the cremation process.

TO THE BEST OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE AUTHORIZING AGENT(S), THE HUMAN REMAINS DO DO NOT CONTAIN A PACEMAKER OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL OR IMPLANT THAT MAY BE POTENTIALLY HAARDOUS TO THE PERSON PERFORMING THE CREMATION. THE AUTHORIZING AGENT(S) CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS/THEIR KNOWLEDGE THE REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT DO DO NOT CONTAIN ANY TYPE OF IMPLANTED MECHANICAL DEVICE.

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H. The Crematory reserves the right to accept or reject a cremation container constructed of noncombustible materials. Remains received in a noncombustible cremation container may be removed prior to cremation and placed in a combustible container; and the Crematory reserves the right to make disposition of such noncombustible container at its sole discretion. The Crematory is authorized to remove and discard handles or any other items attached to the cremation container which may cause damage to the cremation chamber.

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I. If no final disposition is given, the cremated remains will be held by the Crematory Licensee/Funeral Home for 30 days before they are disposed of, unless the cremated remains are received from the Crematory Licensee/Funeral Home prior to that time, in person, by the Authorizing Agent or his designee.

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J. I/We authorize the Crematory to return the cremated remains of the Decedent to the possession and custody of the Funeral Home. I/We understand that the services and obligations of the Crematory shall be fulfilled when the cremated remains of the Decedent are returned to the possession and custody of the Funeral Home. I/We hereby authorize the Funeral Home to arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains of the Decedent as follows (*complete appropriate disposition*):

- Deliver the cremated remains to _____ cemetery, with which arrangements already have been made for the cremated remains to be _____.
- Release the cremated remains to the following designated person:

Name	Relationship
3. <input type="checkbox"/> Delivery by funeral home the cremated remains to the US Postal Service for the shipment via Registered, Return Receipt mail to (<i>Attach Postal Receipt to Delivery of Cremated Remains Form</i>):	

- | Name | Address | City, State & Zip |
|--|---------|-------------------|
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver the cremated to _____ (<i>Name of Carrier</i>) for shipment in my name as cosignor to _____ (<i>Name and Address of Cosignee</i>) for permanent disposition. (<i>Attached copy of carrier receipt to Delivery of Cremated Remains Form</i>). | | |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>Describe</i>): _____ | | |

(If options 3 or 4 are selected, then I/we agree to assume all liability that may arise from such shipment, and indemnify and hold the Funeral Home and/or Crematory harmless from any and all claims that may arise from such shipment.)

_____ **Initials**
K. If this cremation authorization form is being executed on a preneed basis, by placing his or her initials in the appropriate line, the Authorizing Agent indicates his or her election of said option:

I do not wish to allow any of my survivors the option of canceling my cremation and selecting alternative arrangements, regardless of whether my survivors deem such a change to be appropriate

_____ **Initials**

I wish to allow only the survivors whom I have designated below the option of canceling my cremation and selecting alternative arrangements or continuing to honor my wishes for cremation and purchasing services and merchandise if they deem such a change to be appropriate.

_____ **Initials**

_____ **Name #1**

_____ **Name #2**

_____ **Name #3**

_____ **Name #4**

_____ **Initials**

- L. The Authorizing Agent(s) may specify in writing religious practices that conflict with Article 13 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The crematory licensee and funeral director shall observe these religious practices except where they interfere with cremation in a licensed crematory as specified under N.C.G.S. § 90-210.123 or the required documentation and record keeping.
- M. The Authorizing Agent(s) understand(s) that after this cremation authorization form is executed, the authorizing agent(s) can only revoke the authorization and instruct the crematory licensee or funeral establishment to cancel the cremation and to release or deliver the human remains to another crematory licensee or funeral establishment by providing such instructions to the crematory licensee prior to the commencement of the cremation. The crematory licensee shall honor these instructions provided that it receives such instructions prior to commencement of the cremation of the human remains.
- N. As the Authorizing Agent(s), I/we hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Funeral Home, its officers, agents and employees, of and from any all claims, demands, cause or causes of action, and any 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 transported to the Crematory, the processing, shipping and final disposition of the cremated remains, any 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, its officers, agents, or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of willful negligence.

_____ **Initials**

By executing this Cremation Authorization Application Form, as Authorizing Agent(s), the undersigned warrant that all representations and statements, except for Section G if that information is unknown to the Authorizing Agent(s), contained on this form are true and correct, that these statements were made to induce the Crematory to cremate the human remains of the Decedent, and that the undersigned have read and understand the provisions contained on this form.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENT(S) FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION

_____ Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Relationship to Decedent	_____ Date	_____ Time
_____ Street Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code	_____ Telephone

MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENT(S) FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION

_____ Signature	_____ Print Name	_____ Relationship to Decedent	_____ Date	_____ Time
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REPRESENTATIONS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR

By executing this authorization form as a licensed funeral director and agent/employee of Unity Funeral Services, Inc., I warrant to the best of my knowledge that:

1. 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; and
4. That our funeral home obtained all necessary permits authorizing the cremation of the Decedent.

I understand that failure to complete this authorization in its entirety and other required documentation will result in the delay of the cremation of the Decedent.

Signature of Funeral Director

License Number

(910) 860-3900
Telephone Number

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