

*****Ceremonies and/or services that require the presence of the cremated remains **MUST NOT BE** scheduled prior to the cremation being complete; and/or authorization from the funeral home. The funeral home cannot guarantee the presence of the cremated remains for any service prior to authorization.

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- All cremations take place individually.
- All arrangements for identifying the deceased must be made known to the funeral home prior to cremation taking place.
- The cremation container containing the remains of the deceased will be placed in to the cremation chamber under extreme heat and will be totally and irreversibly destroyed.
- It is understood that even with exercise of reasonable care; it is not possible to recover all particles of the cremated remains of the deceased; and that some particles may inadvertently become comingled with particles of other cremated remains.
- The crematory is authorized to remove and dispose of any handles, ornaments, and any other noncombustible items attached to the cremation container prior to cremation.
- In the event of cremation of an infant or child, it is possible that **NO** cremated remains may be able to be recovered from the cremation chamber.

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ILLINOIS DEATH – PRIOR TO CREMATION

1. The funeral home will submit the death certificate electronically to the physician. The physician will complete the cause of death and electronically sign the death certificate. **THIS PROCESS CAN TAKE SEVERAL DAYS. THE PHYSICIAN AND ONLY THE PHYSICIAN WILL DETERMINE HOW FAST THE DEATH CERTIFICATE GETS SIGNED.**
2. After the physician electronically signs the death certificate, the funeral home will apply for the county cremation permit through the Medical Examiner’s office. The cremation permit will be issued to the funeral home within 2 days of initial request.
3. Once the funeral home has a completed death certificate from the physician and the county cremation permit has been issued; the funeral home will send the death certificate to the state of Illinois to become registered. The county will register the death certificate within 3 days.
4. Finally, after the state of Illinois registers the death certificate, the funeral home can authorize cremation with the crematory.
5. Cremation usually will take place 1-3 days after authorization.

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INDIANA DEATH – PRIOR TO CREMATION

1. Indiana law mandates a 48 hour holding period, prior to cremation taking place.
2. The funeral home will submit the death certificate electronically to the physician. The physician will complete the cause of death and electronically sign the death certificate. **THIS PROCESS CAN TAKE SEVERAL DAYS. THE PHYSICIAN AND ONLY THE PHYSICIAN WILL DETERMINE HOW FAST THE DEATH CERTIFICATE GETS SIGNED.**
3. After the physician completes the death certificate and the 48 hour holding period has expired; cremation will be authorized by the funeral home.
4. Cremation usually takes place 1-3 days after authorization.

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*******THE CREMATION PROCESS MAY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS TO COMPLETE, THE FUNERAL HOME WILL PROMPTLY AUTHORIZE CREMATION AFTER ALL STATE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.*******