

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

Pacemakers, Implants & Prostheses

Pacemakers, radioactive, silicon or other implants, mechanical devices or prostheses may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber and subjected to heat. As Authorizing Agent, I have listed on the reverse side all devices (including mechanical, prosthetic, implants or materials) which may have been implanted or attached to the deceased.

Witnesses

Witnessing a cremation can be an emotional experience. Witnesses are assuming the risks involved and fully release **KRAMER FUNERAL HOME** and the crematory from any liability. To the extent permitted by the crematory, the persons listed on the reverse side are authorized to:

- (a) Be present in the crematory room when the machine is turned on and the body is placed into the cremation chamber. Your minister or other religious leader may also be present to offer prayers or comfort;
- (b) Be present on the premises (though not in the crematory room) while the cremation is occurring;
- (c) Be present in the crematory room when the cremated remains are removed from the chamber and processed, **only if religious custom dictates.**

The Cremation Process

The body is placed in the casket or alternative container selected by the Authorizing Agent before the deceased is delivered to the crematory.

Upon arrival to the crematory, the crematory operator will place an identification tag in the cremation container with the body to properly identify the cremated remains once returned to the funeral home.

The cremation container/casket containing the body is then placed in the cremation chamber. The cremation chamber, sometimes referred to as the retort, is lined with fire resistant bricks on the walls and ceiling. The floor is made from a special masonry compound formulated specifically to withstand extremely high temperatures. Once the body is in, the chamber door, which is about a half a foot thick, is closed.

The crematory operator then starts the machine which normally goes through a warm up cycle before the main burning begins. After the machine is warmed up, the main burner ignites starting the process of incinerating the body. Temperatures within the chamber often reach the 1350°F - 1700°F range. The burners within a cremator are fueled by natural gas.

It generally takes anywhere from 2 – 4 hours for a body to be completely reduced to just the bone fragments by cremation.

After the entire incinerating process is complete, a cool down period of one hour is required before the bone fragments can be handled for further processing. After the cool down period, the cremated remains (bone fragments) are removed from the cremation chamber and placed on a table work area. It is here that the crematory operator removes all metal debris such as screws, nails, surgical pins or titanium limbs/joints with a magnet and by hand. It is impossible to recover all of the dust and residue from the cremation chamber and the cremated remains of the deceased may have a minute amount of co-mingled particulate matter from prior cremations. Additionally, a minute amount of the Deceased's cremated remains will remain in the cremation chamber and processing equipment.

The remaining bone fragments are then placed in a special processor which consists of a cylindrical container with motorized blades at the bottom of the unit. This processor pulverizes the bone fragments to a fine powder called cremains or more commonly referred to as the ashes.

The ashes are then placed in a plastic bag within a temporary cremation container or an urn provided one is furnished to the crematory.

The ashes are then returned to the funeral home for disposition as authorized by the family.

Federal & State Requirement Disclosure Casket/Alternative Container & Urn/Temporary Container

The Federal Trade Commission states:

"If you want to arrange a direct cremation, you can use an alternative container. Alternative containers encase the body and can be made of materials like fiberboard or composition materials (with or without an outside covering)."

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 308.47.030 states:

"The crematory must not accept or hold human remains for cremation unless the human remains are contained in a cremation container."

Kramer Funeral Home requires that the Authorizing Agent select or provide a casket or alternative container for cremation at the time of arrangement. It is in that container that the deceased will be delivered to the crematory, in accordance with WAC 308.47.030

Unless otherwise instructed, the crematory will return the cremated remains in a plastic bag within a cardboard box. This method is designed as a TEMPORARY method to store the cremated remains and the Authorizing Agent will be given an opportunity at the arrangement conference to select or provide a permanent vessel to store the cremated remains.

In the case of an adult, it is recommended that the urn be a minimum size of 200 cubic inches. In the event that the urn is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed by the crematory in a secondary container. This secondary container will be kept with the urn and handled in accordance with the final disposition instructions set forth on the reverse.

Final Disposition

Following the cremation, the Authorizing Agent directs **KRAMER FUNERAL HOME** to undertake the actions set forth on the reverse for final disposition of the cremated remains of the deceased.

If the cremated remains are to be shipped, the funeral home will only do this via USPS Certified Overnight Mail with return receipt, as a method of tracking the status and location of the cremated remains.

If the Authorizing Agent fails to retrieve the cremated remains from the funeral home within (90) days of this authorization, the funeral home is instructed to dispose of such cremated remains in accordance with WAC 38-47-070, including but not limited to (a) releasing the urn for burial at a state or national veteran's cemetery (if eligible); (b) interring such urn in a common plot designated for unclaimed urns at the Colfax Cemetery (Colfax, Washington); or (c) scattering the ashes at a place designated by the funeral home. **Only one notification to claim the urn will be made to the Authorizing Agent before the funeral home will take action on final disposition.**