

WEEKS' FUNERAL HOMES

Certification of the Right to Control Disposition

Name of Deceased: _____

Is there a **Valid Written Document** or **Prearrangements**: Yes No

Person Authorized to Direct Disposition (PADD) if died while serving in military service.

PADD: Yes No Name of PADD: _____

A person acting as a Designated Agent of the decedent under the signed authorization of the decedent.

Designated Agent: Yes No Name of Agent: _____

Legally Married Spouse: Yes No Name: _____

Registered Domestic Partner: Yes No Name: _____

Children: (including legally adopted) Yes No Number of Surviving Children: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Parents: Yes No Number of Parents Surviving: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Siblings: Yes No Number of Siblings Surviving: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Court-Appointed Guardian or Most Responsible Party Name: _____

I, _____ do hereby give up my right to control disposition of the remains of

_____ and assign the right of disposition to _____.

Important: Please read and check the above answers carefully. I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the funeral home is relying on my answers to determine who has the right to control disposition.

Sign/Date: _____ Sign/Date: _____

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RCW 68.50.160

Right to control disposition of remains.

(1) A person has the right to control the disposition of his or her own remains without the predeath or postdeath consent of another person. A valid written document expressing the decedent's wishes regarding the place or method of disposition of his or her remains, signed by the decedent in the presence of a witness, is sufficient legal authorization for the procedures to be accomplished.

(2) Prearrangements that are prepaid, or filed with a licensed funeral establishment or cemetery authority, under RCW [18.39.280](#) through [18.39.345](#) and chapter [68.46](#) RCW are not subject to cancellation or substantial revision by survivors. Absent actual knowledge of contrary legal authorization under this section, a licensed funeral establishment or cemetery authority shall not be held criminally nor civilly liable for acting upon such prearrangements.

(3) If the decedent has not made a prearrangement as set forth in subsection (2) of this section or the costs of executing the decedent's wishes regarding the disposition of the decedent's remains exceeds a reasonable amount or directions have not been given by the decedent, the right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person vests in, and the duty of disposition and the liability for the reasonable cost of preparation, care, and disposition of such remains devolves upon the following in the order named:

(a) The person designated by the decedent as authorized to direct disposition as listed on the decedent's United States department of defense record of emergency data, DD form 93, or its successor form, if the decedent died while serving in military service as described in 10 U.S.C. Sec. 1481(a) (1)-(8) in any branch of the United States armed forces, United States reserve forces, or national guard;

(b) The designated agent of the decedent as directed through a written document signed and dated by the decedent in the presence of a witness. The direction of the designated agent is sufficient to direct the type, place, and method of disposition;

(c) The surviving spouse or state registered domestic partner;

(d) The majority of the surviving adult children of the decedent;

(e) The surviving parents of the decedent;

(f) The majority of the surviving siblings of the decedent;

(g) A court-appointed guardian for the person at the time of the person's death.

(4) If any person to whom the right of control has vested pursuant to subsection (3) of this section has been arrested or charged with first or second degree murder or first degree manslaughter in connection with the decedent's death, the right of control is relinquished and passed on in accordance with subsection (3) of this section.