

# Authorization For Cremation and Disposition

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The State of Ohio requires that this Authorization form be completed and signed prior to the cremation. Since cremation is an irreversible process, please read this form and information carefully, and make sure you ask us any questions and understand the process completely before signing. This authorization is not a contract for cremation or disposition services. A separate contract or contracts will be required to purchase the services of the Funeral Home, Crematory and/or Cemetery.

Name of Person to be Cremated (Decedent) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFICATION OF THE DECEDENT IS REQUIRED BY ONE OF TWO METHODS. INITIAL APPLICABLE METHOD BELOW:

\_\_\_\_\_ The Authorizing Agent has viewed the remains and positively identified them as the body of the Decedent.

\_\_\_\_\_ The personal representative of the Authorizing Agent has viewed the remains and positively identified them as the body of the Decedent.

Name of Authorizing Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Authorizing Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

The Authorizing Agent certifies the relationship between the Authorizing Agent and the Decedent by checking ONE of the following options:

\_\_\_\_\_ Surviving Spouse of Decedent at time of death.

\_\_\_\_\_ The person designated by Decedent in an Antemortem Authorization Form to arrange the cremation.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Executor or Administrator of Decedent's estate who has written instructions by Decedent authorizing this cremation.

\_\_\_\_\_ An adult child of Decedent. If Decedent had more than one surviving child, the Authorizing Agent certifies that all of Decedent's other adult children have been notified of Decedent's death and plans to cremate Decedent, and none has expressed an objection to the cremation.

\_\_\_\_\_ A parent, guardian or custodian of Decedent. If the other parent of Decedent is alive, the Authorizing Agent certifies the other parent has been notified of Decedent's death and of the plans to cremate the Decedent's remains, and has not expressed an objection to the cremation.

\_\_\_\_\_ A person in the next degree of kinship of Decedent after those listed above. Kinship relationship is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ A public officer or employee of Ohio or political subdivision of Ohio, which is responsible for the final disposition of Decedent's remains.

\_\_\_\_\_ A representative of a care facility which has been designated in an Antemortem Cremation Authorization as the institution to make arrangements for the final disposition of Decedent's remains.

\_\_\_\_\_ In the absence of any individual listed above, an individual willing to assume the responsibility of serving as the Authorizing Agent.

As Authorizing Agent, I certify that I have the right to authorize the cremation of Decedent's remains by initialing ONE of the following statements:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that any living person who meets the qualifications of any line above the one I checked would have a right to act as Authorizing Agent. I do not have knowledge of the existence of any living person who has a superior right to act as the Authorizing Agent.

\_\_\_\_\_ As Authorizing Agent, I am aware of a living person or persons who has a superior priority right to act as Authorizing Agent. I have made reasonable efforts to contact such person(s) and have been unable to do so. I have no reason to believe that the person(s) with superior priority right would object to the cremation of the Decedent.

Pacemakers, defibrillators, radioactive, silicon or other implants, mechanical devices or prostheses (collectively, "Devices") may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber and subjected to heat. In addition, the Crematory may not cremate the remains of the Decedent if Decedent was previously treated with Strontium-89 (Mesatron), a radioactive material, since the entire vicinity may be contaminated by radiation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I certify that the Decedent was not treated with Strontium-89 (Mesatron)

Please initial ONE of the following statements:

\_\_\_\_\_ The remains of the Decedent do not contain any Devices.

\_\_\_\_\_ I instruct the Funeral Home to remove each Device listed below and to charge for its services in making or arranging for such removal.

List of Devices: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior to the cremation of the Decedent's remains, there will be a visitation and/or funeral ceremony as set forth below:

Dates(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Place(s): \_\_\_\_\_

The remains of the Decedent must be placed in a combustible casket or alternative container that is completely closed and rigid for the cremation.

The remains will not be removed from this container, and it will be consumed during the cremation process. The remains of not more than one Decedent will be simultaneously cremated in the same cremation chamber. By initialing below, I certify that I have read and understood the information regarding the container and description of the cremation process as set forth on this form \_\_\_\_\_.

To the extent permitted by the Crematory, I authorize the people listed below (and the crematory personnel) to be present during the cremation.

After the cremated remains have been processed, all of the cremation residue that is practically recoverable will be placed in a temporary container provided by the Crematory, or urn as checked: \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary container OR \_\_\_\_\_ Urn Description of Urn: \_\_\_\_\_

Following cremation, the Authorizing Agent directs the crematory to arrange for final disposition, by checking choice of disposition below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Delivery to Funeral Home or picked up by Funeral Home within \_\_\_\_\_ days

\_\_\_\_\_ Deliver or ship cremated remains to name and address below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial), I appoint Jerry W. Kinley Funeral Home as my agent to make shipment of said remains via U.S. postage. I am aware that The Crematory services have been completed when the remains leave the Crematory. I agree to assume all liability for damages that may arise from shipping or delivery.

Understanding that anything put with the remains into the cremation chamber cannot and will not be returned with the cremated remains, following are the instructions for any personal property and effects: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to proceed with the cremation any time after the body is received, providing the minimum waiting period has elapsed (unless other arrangements have been made). As Authorizing Agent, I acknowledge that the Funeral Home and Crematory are relying upon my representations. I certify that information given here is true and accurate, and agree to hold harmless the Crematory and the Funeral Home from any claim arising from the reliance of the information contained herein. I hereby certify that I am authorized to act as agent and authorize the cremation and disposition of the Decedent named above.

Printed Name of Authorizing Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorizing Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and printed name of witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home in Charge: Jerry W. Kinley Funeral Home

Name and Signature of Funeral Director obtaining permit: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Cremation Regulations and Information

In order to avoid delay and assist you in making arrangements, a guide to our cremation regulations and information concerning cremation follow.

An authorization for cremation must accompany the remains and be properly signed by the next of kin, or be accompanied by proper documentation of the signer's legal authority.

Arrangements for disposition of the cremated remains must be made on the authorization form. If no instructions for the final disposition of the cremated remains are provided on the authorization form, the Crematory will deliver the cremated remains to the Funeral Home, and the Funeral Home shall hold the cremated remains for thirty (30) days after cremation. If during that thirty (30) day period the cremated remains are not retrieved by the person designated above to receive them or by the Authorizing Agent, or if arrangements for their final disposition are not made, then the Funeral Home may return the cremated remains to the Authorizing Agent at the address listed on the reverse side of this form. Alternatively, if no arrangements for the final disposition have been made within sixty (60) days after the cremation, and if the Authorizing Agent has not taken delivery of or caused the delivery of the cremated remains, or in the event the arrangements for the final disposition have not been carried out within that sixty (60) day period because of the inaction of a party other than the Funeral Home, then the Funeral Home may dispose of the cremated remains in a grave, crypt or niche. The Authorizing Agent shall be liable for the cost of such final Disposition and shall reimburse the Funeral Home immediately upon receipt of an invoice.

#### Casket or Container

Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible material also contain some exterior parts, such as decorative handles or rails, that are not combustible and that may cause damage to the cremation equipment. The Crematory, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to remove these non-combustible materials prior to cremation and to discard them with similar materials from other cremations and other refuse in a non-recoverable manner.

The Crematory will not accept metal caskets and will refuse cremation when the remains are in a casket made of materials which would be damaging to the cremation chamber of injurious to its operator.

The Crematory reserves the right to inspect all caskets and containers and to remove any articles or substances which it deems to be noxious or injurious to life or equipment.

#### The Cremation Process

Cremation is performed by placing the deceased in a casket or other container and then placing the casket or container into a cremation chamber or retort, where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. During the cremation process, it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the deceased in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation. Through the use of a suitable fuel, incineration of the container and contents is accomplished and all substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metal (including dental gold and silver and other nonhuman material) as the temperature if not sufficient to consume them.

Due to the nature of the cremation process, any personal possessions or valuable materials that are left with the decedent and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation will be destroyed, or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by the Crematory. As the casket or container will not be opened by the Crematory (to remove valuables, to allow for a final viewing or for any other reason), arrangement must be made with the Funeral Home to remove any such possessions of valuables prior to the time the decedent is transported to the Crematory. The Crematory will not be responsible for jewelry or other valuables left in caskets or containers.

The Crematory makes a reasonable effort to remove all the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, but it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process are always left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid co-mingling, inadvertent or incidental co-mingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible materials (insofar as possible) will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible and magnetic selection and will be disposed of by the Crematory with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner.

When the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the skeletal remains often contain recognizable bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified, after the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will be mechanically processed (pulverized). This process of crushing and grinding may cause incidental co-mingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains. These granulated particles of unidentified dimensions will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.