

CREMATION AND DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION

This Authorization Form must be completed and signed prior to the cremation. Please read it carefully and ask us any questions you may have. Cremation is an irreversible and final process. It is important that you understand the cremation process that is described in Section 7 of this Authorization Form prior to signing it. We want you to fully understand the information provided in this Authorization Form, so we will be pleased to answer any questions about the cremation process or the other information in this Form.

THE AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A CONTRACT FOR CREMATION SERVICES. A SEPARATE CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THE SERVICES OF THE FUNERAL HOME AND/OR CREMATORY.

Name of Decedent: _____ Date of Death: _____ Time: _____

Place of Death: _____ Sex: M ___ F ___ Age: _____ DOB: _____ S.S.: _____

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE DECEDENT

BECAUSE CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE, IDENTIFICATION OF THE DECEDENT IS REQUIRED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

(Initials) The Authorizing Agent has authorized the Funeral Home to photograph the remains and the Authorizing Agent has positively identified the photograph as that of the Decedent.

OR

(Initials) The Authorizing Agent was present and witnessed the body of the Decedent being taken into our care

2. FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

The Authorizing Agent authorizes **Bartron-Myer Funeral Home, Inc., 382 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801** and **R.H. Jones Crematory, 35 Sunnyside Drive, Tunkhannock, PA 18657** as set forth below to carry out the directions and instructions of the Authorizing Agent contained in this Authorization.

3. IDENTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

Name of Authorizing Agent[1]: _____ Relationship: _____

Street: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone No.: (____) _____

Please list all other authorizing agents that will complete their own form;

[1] _____ [2] _____

[3] _____ [4] _____

4. AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

As Authorizing Agent, I represent that I have the right to authorize the cremation of the Decedent's remains and I am initialing one of the following three statements accordingly:

(Initials) I certify that I do not have actual knowledge of any living person who has a superior right to act as the Authorizing Agent.

OR

(Initials) There is another living person(s) listed below who has a superior or equal right to act as Authorizing Agent. That person(s) has provided me written permission to serve as Authorizing Agent.

OR

(Initials) There is another living person(s) listed below who has a superior or equal right to act as Authorizing Agent. I have made all reasonable efforts to contact such person(s), but have been unable to do so. I have no reason to believe that such person(s) would object to the cremation of the Decedent's remains.

Name(s) of Other Persons: _____

5. PACEMAKERS, IMPLANTS, AND PROSTHESES (See #5 on attached page)

Description of Devices: _____

Please initial one of the following statements:

(Initials) The remains of the Decedent do not contain any of the Devices described in #5 on the reverse side.

OR

(Initials) The remains contain a radioactive implanted Device.

OR

(Initials) As Authorizing Agent, I instruct the Funeral Home to remove each Device (except for a radioactive device) listed above and to charge for its services in making or arranging for such removal. Unless indicated directly below, the Funeral Home is to dispose of all such Devices.

The Devices listed are to be removed and returned to the Authorizing Agent: _____

6. ALTERNATIVE CONTAINER (See #6 on attached page)

Alternative Container Selected: Corrugated Box

7. THE CREMATION PROCESS (See #7 on attached page)

8. AUTHORIZATION TO CREMATE, PROCESS AND PULVERIZE

 As Authorizing Agent, I have read and understand the description of the cremation process contained in # 7 on the attached page
(Initials) side and authorize the cremation, processing and pulverization of the remains of the Decedent. I further authorize the Funeral Home to deliver the Decedent's remains to the Crematory for the purpose of the cremation.

9. URN OR TEMPORARY CONTAINER (SEE #9 on attached page)

XX Standard Corrugated Box provided by Crematory.

10. FINAL DISPOSITION (PLEASE INITIAL THE OPTION SELECTED AFTER READING (See #10 on attached page)

 The Crematory shall deliver the cremated remains of the Decedent to the Funeral Home.
(Initials)

 The Funeral Home or, in the event the cremated remains are not returned to the Funeral Home, the Crematory shall deliver
(Initials) the cremated remains of the Decedent for disposition as follows:

 Mail or release to:
Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

 Other: _____

11. PERSONAL PROPERTY

Jewelry may NOT be cremated with your loved one. All jewelry items will be removed and placed in the cremated remains or ashes upon return from the crematory.

All personal property and effects delivered with the remains of the Decedent to the Crematory, clothes, hair pieces, dental bridgework, eyeglasses, and shoes, will be destroyed in the cremation process or otherwise discarded by the Crematory, in its sole discretion, unless specific instructions for delivery to Authorizing Agent are given below.

Items to be delivered to Authorizing Agent: _____

12. CERTIFICATION AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Authorizing Agent acknowledges that the Funeral Home and Crematory are relying upon the representations being made by the Authorizing Agent in this authorization. The Authorizing Agent certifies that all of the information and statements contained in the Authorization are accurate and no omissions of any material fact have been made. The Authorizing Agent agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Funeral Home and the Crematory, their officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any legal fees arising out of or resulting from the Funeral Home's and the Crematory's reliance on or performance consistent with the directions, statements, representatives and agreements contained in the Authorization.

Executed at _____, this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Authorizing Agent: _____

STATE OF _____ COUNTY: _____

_____ Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in State and for said County listed above. The before mentioned who, first being duly sworn, says that the above facts are true to the best of knowledge and belief, and says that the execution of the above assignment is voluntary act and deed, being under no restraint whatever.

Dated _____

Notary Signature : _____

ATTACHMENT

5. PACEMAKERS, IMPLANTS, AND PROSTHESES

Pacemakers, radioactive implants, other implanted battery-powered devices, or certain prostheses may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber and subjected to heat. Examples of these devices include, but are not limited to the following:

- Pacemakers
- Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDs)
- Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Devices (CRTDs)
- Implantable Drug Pumps
- Neurostimulators (including for pain and functional electrical stimulation)
- Bone Growth Stimulators
- Hydrocephalus Programmable Shunts
- Fixion Nails
- Dental Mercury Amalgam
- Radioactive Seeds (Brachytherapy)
- Any other battery powered implant

As Authorizing Agent, I have listed in #5 on the reverse side all devices which may have been implanted in or attached to the Decedent. If radioactive implants have been used in the procedure known as seed brachytherapy within one year of the time of death, cremation may not be performed.

6. CASKET OR ALTERNATIVE CONTAINER

The remains are to be cremated in a combustible casket or alternative container that is capable of being completely closed, is resistant to leakage or spillage, is sufficiently rigid to be handled easily, and provides protection for the health and safety of Crematory and Funeral Home personnel. The Crematory is authorized to inspect the casket or alternative container, including opening it if necessary. In the event that the casket or container does not meet the above requirements, the Crematory will notify the Authorizing Agent. Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible material also contain some exterior parts (decorative handles or rails) that are not combustible and that may cause damage to the cremation equipment. As Authorizing Agent, I authorize the Crematory, in its discretion, to remove and discard the non-combustible materials. I understand that some crematories will not accept metal or fiberglass caskets. I further understand that the casket or alternative container will be consumed as part of the cremation process.

7. THE CREMATION PROCESS

The cremation of the Decedent's remains may take place before or after ceremonies to memorialize the Decedent. Cremation is performed to prepare the remains of the Decedent for final disposition. It is carried out by placing the Decedent's remains in the casket or alternative container, which is then placed into a cremation chamber or retort where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. All cremations are performed individually. During the cremation process, it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the remains of the Decedent in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation. Through the use of suitable fuel, the incineration of the container and its 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 non-human materials) as the temperature is not sufficient to consume them.

Due to the nature of the cremation process, any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as dental gold or jewelry (as well as anybody prostheses or dental bridgework) that are left with the remains and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation may be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by the Crematory. The Authorizing Agent understands that arrangements must be made with the Funeral Home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the remains of the Decedent are transported to the Crematory.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average-size adult, are then swept or raked from the cremation chamber. Although the Crematory will take reasonable efforts to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process will be left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent and incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residues of previous cremations is a possibility, and the Authorizing Agent understands and accepts this fact.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible material (insofar as possible) such as dental bridgework and hinges, latches, and nails from the container will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection. The Crematory is authorized to dispose of these materials with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner, so that only human bone fragments will remain.

When the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the skeletal remains often will contain recognizable bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified, after the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will be mechanically pulverized. The process of crushing or grinding may cause incidental commingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains. These granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions, which are virtually unrecognizable as human remains, will then be placed into a designated container.

9. URN OR TEMPORARY CONTAINER

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the urn listed on reverse side or, if an urn is not provided to the Crematory, in a temporary container provided by the Crematory. The Authorizing Agent acknowledges that it is impossible to recover all of the dust and residue from the cremation and processing.

In the case of an adult, it is recommended that the urn or temporary container be a minimum size of 200 cubic inches. In the event the urn or temporary container 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 or the temporary container and handled according to the final disposition instruction set forth in Section 11 below; provided, however, that the secondary container may not be designed for shipping. All urns or containers provided to the Funeral Home or Crematory must be appropriate for shipping. The Authorizing Agent directs the Crematory to use the specified urn or container listed in #10 on the reverse side.

10. FINAL DISPOSITION

Following the cremation, the Authorizing Agent directs the Crematory and/or Funeral Home to undertake the actions set forth on the reverse side to arrange the final disposition of the cremated remains of the Decedent. If the cremated remains are shipped at any time, the Authorizing Agent directs that the Crematory or Funeral Home utilize Priority Express Service with a return receipt through the U.S. Postal Service or a shipping service that uses an internal system for tracing the location of the cremated remains during shipment and requires a signed receipt of the person taking delivery of the cremated remains.

(Initials)