

# AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION

**NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.**

I/We, the undersigned, certify, warrant, and represent that I/we have the full legal right and authority to authorize the cremation, processing, and disposition of the remains of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Deceased

(hereinafter referred to as the "Deceased"). \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Deceased

I/We hereby request and authorize \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as the "Funeral Home")  
Name of Funeral Home  
to take possession of and make arrangements for the cremation of the remains of the Deceased at MACERA CREMATORIUM (hereinafter referred to as the "Crematory").

I/We authorize the Crematory to return the cremated remains of the Deceased to the possession and custody of the Funeral Home. I/We understand that the services and obligations of the Crematory shall be fulfilled when the cremated remains of the Deceased are returned to the possession and custody of the Funeral Home. I/We hereby authorize the Funeral Home to arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains of the Deceased as follows:

Is special handling required?  Yes  No Describe \_\_\_\_\_

Description of urn or container selected: \_\_\_\_\_ Suitable for shipping  Yes  No

Deliver to \_\_\_\_\_ Cemetery  
Name and Address of Cemetery

Release to family \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Designated Family Member to Receive Cremated Remains

Scatter at sea by Funeral Home or Funeral Home's agent

Ship via \_\_\_\_\_  
To: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

The cremation, processing, and disposition of the remains of the Deceased authorized herein shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, the rules, regulations, and policies of the Crematory, and the following terms and conditions:

1. The remains of the Deceased will not be accepted for cremation unless received by the Crematory in a closed, combustible, leak resistant cremation container. The Crematory is authorized to remove and dispose of handles, ornaments, and any other noncombustible items attached to the cremation container prior to cremation.

2. Mechanical or radioactive devices implanted in the remains of the Deceased (such as pacemakers, etc.) may create a hazard when placed in the cremation chamber. The Crematory will not cremate any human remains which contain any type of implanted mechanical or radioactive device. In the event such remains of the Deceased contain such a device, I/we hereby authorize the Funeral Home, its agents and employees, to remove any such mechanical devices from the remains of the Deceased prior to cremation, and dispose of such items at its discretion. I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED

DO  DO NOT CONTAIN ANY TYPE OF IMPLANTED MECHANICAL OR RADIOACTIVE DEVICE.  
Please initial one.

Listed below are all implanted mechanical and radioactive devices which the Funeral Home is authorized to remove from the remains of the Deceased prior to cremation, and dispose of as indicated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Implanted Device Disposition

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If no instruction for disposition is given, such items may be disposed of at the discretion of the Funeral Home.

3. I/We understand that certain items, including, but not limited to, body prostheses, dentures, dental bridgework, dental fillings, jewelry, and other personal articles accompanying the remains of the Deceased, may be destroyed during the cremation process. If any such items other than the cremated remains of the Deceased are recovered from the cremation chamber, I/We authorize the Crematory to separate any such items from the cremated remains and to have them disposed of at the discretion of the crematory. I/We further authorize the interment of such items in a non-recoverable manner, commingled with other such items.

Please initial.

4. Unless an urn or cremated remains container suitable for shipment is purchased, the Crematory will place the cremated remains of the Deceased in a cremated remains durable container which is not designed for any type of shipment.
5. In the event the urn or container is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains of the Deceased, any excess cremated remains will be placed in a secondary durable container and returned to the Funeral Home, together with the primary urn or container.
6. I/We understand that "The human body burns with the casket, container, or other material in the cremation chamber. Some bone fragments are not combustible at the incineration temperature and, as a result, remain in the cremation chamber. During the cremation, the contents of the chamber may be moved to facilitate incineration. The chamber is composed of ceramic or other material which disintegrates slightly during each cremation, and the product of that disintegration is commingled with the cremated remains. Nearly all the contents of the cremation chamber, consisting of the cremated remains, disintegrated chamber material, and small amounts of residue from previous cremations are moved together and crushed, pulverized, or ground to facilitate inurnment or scattering. Some residue remains in the cracks and uneven places of the chamber. Periodically, the accumulation of this residue is removed and interred in a dedicated cemetery property or scattered at sea."
7. Unless I/we give specific written instructions in the Authorization, the cremation, processing, and disposition of the remains of the Deceased will not be performed in accordance with any particular religious or ethic customs.
8. In the event the cremated remains of the Deceased remain unclaimed for a period of 30 days, the Funeral Home shall give written notice to me/us by certified mail at the address(es) indicated below. I/We agree that in the event the cremated remains of the Deceased remain unclaimed, for a period of one year after the date such written notification is mailed, the Funeral Home is authorized and directed to dispose of the unclaimed cremated remains of the Deceased in any lawful manner it may deem appropriate.
9. I/We agree to indemnify, release and hold the Crematory, Funeral Home, their affiliates, agents, employees, and assigns, harmless from any and all loss, damages, liability, or causes of action (including attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation) in connection with the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the Deceased, as authorized herein, or my/our failure to correctly identify the remains of the Deceased, disclose the presence of any implanted mechanical or radioactive devices, or take possession of, or make permanent arrangements for, the disposition of such remains.
10. Except as set forth in this Authorization, no warranties, expressed or implied, are made by the Funeral Home, Crematory, or any of their respective affiliates, agents, or employees.
11. I/We desire to identify the remains before cremation     Yes     No (possible additional costs)  
I/We desire to witness the cremation process             Yes     No (possible additional costs)

**SIGNATURE OF PERSON(S) AUTHORIZING CREMATION AND DISPOSITION**

I/We warrant all the representations and statements made herein are true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  

Street
City
State
Zip

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  

Street
City
State
Zip

WITNESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_  

Signature
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Address of Funeral Home

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CEMETERY AND CREMATION MATTERS, CONTACT:  
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