

## AUTHORITY TO CREMATE AND ORDER FOR DISPOSITION

I(We), the undersigned (the "Authorizing Agent(s)"), hereby request and authorize \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "Funeral Home") and **Greenwood Cemetery & Crematory, Inc.** (hereinafter referred to as the "Crematory") to take possession of and make arrangements for the cremation of and the final disposition of the Decedent named below (the "Decedent") in accordance with and subject to the provisions set forth on the front and reverse sides of this document, and in accordance with and subject to their rules and regulations, and any applicable state/provincial or local laws or regulations.

Name of Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Death \_\_\_\_\_

Cause of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral Director in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mechanical, radioactive devices or implants in the Decedent may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber. All pacemakers and radioactive implants must be removed prior to delivery of the Decedent to the Crematory.**

Do the decedent's remains contain any such devices? ☐ YES or ☐ NO If yes, please list devices which should be removed prior to cremation: \_\_\_\_\_

I(We) understand that if the Funeral Home has not been notified about such devices or implants, and not instructed to remove them, that I(We) are responsible for any damages caused to the Crematory or crematory personnel by such implants or devices.

### CREMATION INFORMATION

Cremation will take place after any scheduled ceremonies or viewing have been completed, civic and medical authorities have issued all required permits, all necessary authorizations have been obtained and no objections have been raised and 24 hours have transpired since death occurred.

The Crematory, or authorized agent(s), is authorized to perform the cremation upon receipt of human remains, at its discretion, and according to its own time schedule, as work permits, without obtaining any further authorization or instructions. All cremations are performed individually. The Crematory will only place the human remains of one individual in the cremation chamber at a time.

Cremation is a technical process, using heat and flame, which reduces human remains to bone fragments through heat and evaporation. Cremation shall include the processing, and may include the pulverization of bone fragments. Please refer to the detailed description of the cremation process in Appendix A.

The Crematory requires either a casket or an alternative (cremation) container for the cremation. Please refer to the attached form for further details regarding the caskets/containers.

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or container. The Crematory will make a reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or container, with the exception of dust or other residue that may remain on the processing equipment.

### DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR THE DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS

Initial \_\_\_\_ I(We) authorize the Crematory to return the cremated remains of the Decedent 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 Decedent 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 Decedent as stated below:

Initial \_\_\_\_ Deliver said cremated remains to: \_\_\_\_\_

for the purpose of: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial \_\_\_\_ Place in storage. If unclaimed within \_\_\_\_ days, I(We) understand that the cremated remains will be disposed of pursuant to statutes, and the urn will be disposed of without further notice of authorization.

Initial \_\_\_\_ I(We) appoint the Funeral Home as my agent to make shipment of said remains via the U.S. Postage Mail (priority mail express, signature required), or scheduled air shipment. I am aware that the Funeral Home's services have been fully completed when the cremated remains leave the Funeral Home and that the Funeral Home is only acting as my agent for my accommodation only in carrying out these instructions. I understand that the Funeral Home assumes no responsibility after delivery to the Post Office, common carrier or agent.  
Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial \_\_\_\_ Deliver to: (cemetery) \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of interment/entombment (I/We understand there may be a separate charge for this service at the cemetery):  
\_\_\_\_ Placement of cremated remains in a community vault; I understand that cremated remains in a community vault or ossuary are commingled with other cremated remains and can never be recovered.  
\_\_\_\_ Placement of cremated remains in a niche;  
\_\_\_\_ Placement of cremated remains in a cremorial;  
\_\_\_\_ Interment of cremated remains in ground cremation space.

Initial \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of casket or container selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of urn or container selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Engrave urn exactly as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX A**  
**ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**  
**THE CREMATION PROCESS**

Cremation is performed to prepare the deceased for memorialization and it is carried out by placing the deceased in a casket or alternative container and then placing the casket or alternative container into a cremation chamber 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 its contents is accomplished by raising the temperature substantially (extreme temperature) 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 temperature is not sufficient to consume them.

Due to the nature of the cremation process, any personal possession or valuable materials such as dental gold and silver, or jewelry (as well as any body prostheses or dental bridgework) that are left with the Decedent and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation may be destroyed and become non-recoverable. If not destroyed, the Crematory is authorized to dispose of such materials at its sole discretion (recycling disclosure). The Authorizing Agent understands the arrangements must be made with the Funeral Home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the Decedent is 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 from the cremation chamber. The Crematory makes a reasonable effort to remove all of 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 reasonable effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremation 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 materials (insofar as possible), such as dental bridgework, and materials from the casket or container, such as hinges, latches, nails, etc. 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 the human bone fragments will remain.

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), which includes crushing or grinding and incidental commingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains, into granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions, virtually unrecognizable as human remains, prior to placement into the designated container.

**CASKETS/CONTAINERS**

The above named Funeral Home does not offer metal caskets for cremation.

All caskets and alternative containers must meet the following standards:

1. Be composed of materials suitable for cremation;
2. Be able to be closed to provide a complete covering for the human remains;
3. Be sufficient for handling with ease;
4. Be resistant to leakage or spillage;
5. Be able to provide protection for the health and safety of crematory personnel.

The Crematory is authorized to inspect the casket or alternative container, including opening it if necessary. In the event there is leakage or damage, the Crematory may contact the Authorizing Agent directly for instructions. The Crematory reserves the right to open the container to verify the identity of the deceased.

Many caskets that are comprised of combustible materials also contain some exterior parts, e.g., 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.

**URNS/TEMPORARY CONTAINERS**

In the event the urn or other container selected is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed in a separate receptacle. The separate receptacle will be kept with the primary receptacle and handled according to the disposition instructions on this form. Crematory requires that all urns or containers provided be appropriate for shipping or permanent storage, and that in the case of an adult, it is recommended that the urn or container be a minimum of 200 cubic inches. Unless a suitable urn is provided for the cremated remains, the Crematory will place the cremated remains in a container furnished by the Crematory which is not designed for shipment.

**FINAL DISPOSITION**

Cremation is NOT the final disposition, nor is placing the cremated remains in storage at a funeral home final disposition. The cremation process simply reduces the decedent's body to cremated remains. These cremated remains usually weigh several pounds and are usually in excess of 150 cubic inches. Some provision must be made for the final disposition of these cremated remains. If the option selected for final disposition includes scattering, then the cremated remains will not be recoverable. If scattering is performed in a common area, then the cremated remains may be commingled with parties of other cremated remains that have been previously scattered.

## AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

I(We) hereby certify that the Decedent left the following surviving heirs at law:

Spouse Yes ☐ No ☐ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children Yes ☐ No ☐ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Yes ☐ No ☐ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings Yes ☐ No ☐ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Other: Names and Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Separate authorization(s), if necessary, shall be attached to, and considered part of, this form.

Are there any people who wish to witness the casket or container being placed in the cremation chamber? Yes ☐ or No ☐

If yes, please list their names: \_\_\_\_\_

### DISCLOSURES, WARRANTIES AND PERMISSIONS (INITIAL EACH)

- \_\_\_\_, I(We) certify that the deceased person named above arranged for his/her own cremation on a pre-need basis - Yes ☐ or No ☐.
- \_\_\_\_, I(We) certify that the deceased person named above left a Will with written instructions to be cremated - Yes ☐ or No ☐.
- \_\_\_\_, I(We) certify that the deceased person named above has not given other specific directions concerning the disposal of his/her remains.
- \_\_\_\_, I(We) have been offered the opportunity to personally identify the remains and assume full responsibility for the identity. I give permission for the Funeral Home to photograph the Deceased prior to cremation for identification purposes and give permission for the Funeral Home to maintain the photograph in their files.
- \_\_\_\_, I(We) understand that if I wish to remove and/or retain any items from the remains, I must do so directly or by authorized agent prior to the cremation process.
- \_\_\_\_, I(We) give full permission for the following:
- The incidental or inadvertent commingling of the cremated remains.
  - The processing of the remains and resulting incidental commingling of the cremated remains.
  - The disposal by the Crematory of metal or other non-human material recovered to which may be affixed bone particles or other human residue.
  - The recycling and refining of metals and other implants.

### INDEMNITY

I(We) declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing certifications, representations and statements are true and correct, and that this statement is being made to induce the above named Funeral Home and Crematory to cremate (or cause to be cremated) the remains of the Decedent named above. I agree to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the above named Funeral Home and Crematory as well as their representatives, directors, officers, agents, employees and shareholders, from and against all claims, liabilities or damages whatsoever (including reasonable attorneys' fees) which may result from this authorization and order including the failure to properly identify the remains, failure to take possession or make proper arrangements for the final disposition of the cremated remains, the processing of the remains, shipping of remains, any explodable or harmful impact, infectious diseases, other persons claiming rights to control disposition of the remains, or any other cause. No warranties, express or implied, are made and damages shall be limited to the amount of the cremation fee paid.

### SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENT(S)

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, hereby certify that I am the closest living next of kin of the Decedent or that I otherwise serve(served) in the capacity of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Decedent, that I have charge of the remains of the Decedent and as such possess full legal authority and power, according to the laws of the state to execute this authorization form and to arrange for the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the Decedent. In addition, I am aware of no objection to this cremation by any spouse, child, parent or sibling specified.

By executing this cremation authorization form, as Authorizing Agent(s), the undersigned warrants that the undersigned have read and understand the provisions contained on the front and back of this document.

Executed at \_\_\_\_\_, This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Decedent \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Decedent \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Decedent \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness for signature(s) of Authorizing Agent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### REPRESENTATIONS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR

I warrant, to the best of my knowledge, that I have reviewed this form with the Authorizing Agent(s), that no member of our Funeral Home has any knowledge or information that would lead us to believe that any of the answers provided by the Authorizing Agent(s) are incorrect, that the human remains delivered to the Crematory and represented as the human remains that we identified at our Funeral Home as the Decedent, that our Funeral Home obtained all the necessary permits authorizing the cremation and those permits are attached and that the representations concerning a pacemaker and other materials or implants that may be potentially hazardous are true.

Signature of Funeral Director \_\_\_\_\_