

General Price List & Information Guide January 1, 2026



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Package Pricing

The service packages below are the ones most commonly selected by our families; however, many other options are available to you. One of our funeral directors can explain your options to you and help you create a unique service that meets your wishes and honours your loved one in a meaningful way.

No Service Option

Aquamation

Professional Fees	\$575
Documentation	\$225
Shelter	\$205
Initial Transfer	\$250
Aquamation	\$625
Discount	-\$205
HST	\$217.75
Disbursements	
Coroner Authorization	\$75
Death Registration	\$26

Total **\$1,993.75**

Flame Cremation

Professional Fees	\$575
Documentation	\$225
Shelter	\$205
Initial Transfer	\$250
Final Transfer	\$250
Northern Casket	\$250
HST	\$228.15
Disbursements	
Coroner Authorization	\$75
Death Registration	\$26
Cremation Fee	\$850

Total **\$2,934.15**

For more information about Aquamation see page 32

Celebration of Life

Includes staff and facilities for up to 3 hours

Aquamation

Professional Services	\$1,995
Documentation	\$225
Shelter	\$205
Initial Transfer	\$250
Aquamation	\$625
Staff	\$500
Facility	\$450
Sub-Total	\$4,250

Disbursements	
Coroner Authorization	\$75
Death Registration	\$26

HST \$552.50

Total \$4,903.50

Flame Cremation

Professional Services	\$1,995
Documentation	\$225
Shelter	\$205
Initial Transfer	\$250
Final Transfer	\$250
Northern Casket	\$250
Staff	\$500
Facility	\$450
Sub-Total	\$4,125

Disbursements	
Coroner Authorization	\$75
Death Registration	\$26
Cremation Fee	\$850

HST \$536.25

Total \$5,612.25

Itemized Pricing

SERVICES

Professional Fees (for Minimum Services) \$575.00

Professional consultation with licensed personnel, including but not limited to expert advice on options to meet your needs, drafting notices, and advice regarding possible government benefits. Coordination of all activities before, during and after they have been provided by us, and those provided by third-party suppliers, such as the cemetery, crematorium, and media outlets (death notices). Also included are overhead expenses such as maintenance and utilities, accounting and office administration, insurance and 24-hour access to emergency assistance.

OR

Professional Fees (for Visitation and/or Services) \$1,995.00

Professional consultation with licensed personnel, including but not limited to expert advice on options to meet your needs, drafting notices, and advice regarding possible government benefits. Coordination of all activities, rites, and ceremonies before, during and after they have been provided by us, and those provided by third-party suppliers, such as the cemetery, crematorium, florists, and media outlets (death notices). Also included are overhead expenses such as maintenance and utilities, accounting and office administration, insurance and 24-hour access to emergency assistance.

Documentation \$225.00

Completion and filing of all documents necessary to carry out the services and supplies requested, including, but not limited to, death registration, burial permit, coroner's certificate for cremation or hydrolysis, documentation necessary to ship the body out of the country. As part of this service, we will assist with CPP applications when appropriate, and provide you with 10 Proof of Death Certificates issued by Newcastle Funeral Home Ltd.

Basic handling of remains \$175.00

(requires Facilities for preparation/embalming/shelter)

The preparation of the body for placement into the casket or hydrolysis chamber, including any necessary cleansing and checking remains for personal effects. This charge applies whenever we handle remains.

Scattering of Hydrolyzed or Cremated Remains \$250.00

We will scatter cremated remains in accordance with Ontario and municipal laws and by-laws. Scattering will take place on a date and at a place our our choosing.

Preparation/Embalming of remains \$750.00

(requires Facilities for preparation/embalming/shelter)

Embalming is the process of replacing blood and bodily fluids with chemical preservatives. It is a process of sanitation, restoration and temporary preservation. Embalming is not legally required but may be recommended to preserve the body between the time of death and the visitation or disposition of the deceased. Our professional funeral directors will make a recommendation based on the condition of the body and the expected service needs.

Unlicensed Staff Services (1) or (2)

Staff for greeting and directing visitors, supervision of parking, provision of lounge services when on our premises, taking and processing donations.

- (1) Up to 3 staff members for a maximum of 4 hours taking place in one day. \$500.00**
- (2) This fee is per additional staff member above and beyond the 3 included in (1). \$125.00**

Licensed Staff Services (1) plus/or (2)

- (1) Licensed staff to direct/oversee the ceremony, gathering, memorial service or graveside service for up to two hours \$500.00**
- (2) Licensed staff to oversee private time/identification prior to cremation or hydrolysis \$250.00**

Pallbearers \$150 each
Per person charge to assist as a pallbearer

Staff Surcharge for Saturdays \$750.00
Flat fee for all staff used on a Saturday

Staff Surcharge for Sundays and Holidays \$1,000.00
Flat fee for all staff used on a Sunday or Holiday

Staff Surcharge for Evenings \$500.00
Flat fee for all staff used during an evening (5pm-9PM Monday-Friday)

FACILITIES

Facilities for preparation/embalming/shelter \$205.00

Facilities used to prepare, embalm, and/or shelter the body. This charge applies whenever the body is in our facility for any purpose.

Facilities for visitation/gathering/ceremony \$450.00/day

(requires unlicensed staff services) Designated facilities including but not limited to visitation room, chapel, public washrooms, parking lot, lounges.

Facilities for Reception \$595.00

Use of the reception lounge or lounges for a maximum time of three hours. Includes coordination of catering, set-up, hostess staff, and clean-up.

Storage of body (1) or (2)

The storage of a body in our refrigeration unit until final disposition takes place

- (1) Storage required due to cemetery not being able to perform burial until ground conditions , often referred to as winter storage. **\$500.00**
- (2) Storage required due to other circumstances, such as a delay in confirming the date of service or the final disposition. **\$25.00/day**

EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES & MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Administrative Vehicle \$250.00

General duty vehicle used to register the death, provide transportation to clergy, make deliveries, pick up cremated remains from the crematorium, make off-site arrangements, etc.

Initial transfer of remains \$250.00

Vehicle, trained staff and specialized equipment used to transfer remains into our care from place of death. Additional mileage fees apply after 150km from Newcastle, ON.

Final transfer of remains (1) or (2)

Vehicle/trained staff for remains transfer to final place of disposition.

- (1) Using a funeral coach. **\$725.00**
- (2) Using a van or service vehicle, not as part of a service. **\$250.00**

Family car / limousine **\$725.00**

Limousine and driver to transport family on the day of the funeral, maximum three hours usage.
(Additional time charged at \$80.00 per ½ hour)

Additional mileage **\$2.50/km**

Charge per Kilometer (one way) for use of any vehicle. 150 km radius included in the initial vehicle fee.

Stationery Package **\$295.00**

Basic full stationery package, including register book, memorial cards, up to 50 acknowledgment cards, 4 laminated bookmarks.

Basic Guest Book **\$50.00**

Simplicity register book.

Memorial Cards **\$1.00/each**

Colour memorial cards with photo

Catering

Includes food as described below and all necessary paper products, coffee, tea, juice.

(1) Sandwiches and sweet trays, plus vegetable tray OR fruit tray – per person **\$14.00**

(2) Dessert trays only (cookies and squares) – per person **\$9.00**

Removal of pacemakers or other implants **\$150.00**

Procedure is required prior to cremating a body that has a pacemaker or other similar implant and will be carried out by a licensed funeral director.

Additional Hairdressing **\$150.00**

Haircutting, colour or dye, if requested. (standard hairdressing is included in Embalming fees)

Cremated/Hydrolyzed remains storage fees (refundable) **\$350.00**

Applicable when we are asked to store cremated or hydrolyzed remains for any period longer than two weeks. If the remains are not claimed within one year, the deposit may be used to inter the remains in common ground. If the remains are claimed before they are interred, the deposit will be refunded.

Credit Card Fee **2.4% of transaction**

Fee for processing payments made by Credit Card. This applies to Funeral Service Contracts and PrePaid Funeral Service Contracts.

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements are items arranged for and possibly paid for on your behalf by the funeral home to third party providers. Any prices quoted in this section are subject to change without notice. Such items include but are not limited to:

Cremation fee: This fee is charged by the crematorium for the cremation of the body. The fee varies by crematorium.

Coroner's fee: This is a provincially set fee charged by the coroner for issuing a certificate that allows cremation/alternative disposition or 'Out of Province' shipping to take place. **\$75.00**

Interment fee: This fee is charged by the cemetery for the opening and closing of the grave. The fee varies by cemetery and by the size and depth of the grave.

Municipal death registration fee: This is a fee charged by the local municipality to register the death on behalf of the Province of Ontario. The municipality issues a burial permit, then forwards the registration documents to the Office of the Registrar General in Thunder Bay. The current fee to register a death in the municipality of Clarington **\$26.00**

Clergy / church / celebrant / musician honourarium(s): This is an amount paid to the clergy, church, celebrant and/or musician for their services. In some cases, the amount is set by the third-party, in others it is an amount to be determined by you.

Media notices: These are charges for death notices in newspapers, radio stations or other media outlets.

Bereavement Authority of Ontario Consumer Protection Fee

(The fee is charged by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) in order to provide its services of information on your options in bereavement services and to regulate the profession making sure the law is consistently followed.) **\$30.00**

CASKET SELECTION

Unless otherwise noted, all caskets listed are of a standard adult size. Children's and infant caskets, plus-sized caskets, or alternate choices, can be selected from the manufacturers' catalogues.



Basic Cremation Container

OIC

Wood base, cardboard cover, no interior or pillow

\$250.00



Plain Cloth Covered Casket

Northern #40

Blue cloth, press wood construction, taffeta interior

\$950.00



Eden Enviro

Northern #102

Solid poplar, no metal or steel, cotton interior

\$995.00



Cloth Covered

Northern #70

Blue cloth, press wood construction,
taffeta interior

\$1,400.00



Carter Natural

Northern #228N

Solid poplar, natural finish, rose tan
crepe interior

\$1,995.00



Newport Silver

Northern #N204

20 gauge steel, silver, taffeta interior,
not available for cremation

\$2,495.00



Delta Pine

Northern #405

Solid pine, satin finish, rose tan crepe interior

\$2,495.00



Durham Poplar Light

Northern #504

Poplar veneer, light finish, white satin interior

\$2,495.00



Aldergrove

Northern #428

Solid poplar, light walnut finish, rose tan crepe interior

\$2,495.00



Camo

Northern #303

Ash veneer, amber satin finish, camo wrapped sides and lid, rose tan crepe interior

\$2,895.00



Milword

Victoriaville #WR252-00262

Poplar veneer, satin finish, tan crepe interior

\$2,895.00



Brunswick

Victoriaville #WR232-00435-CC

Solid ash, gloss finish, beige crepe interior

\$3,495.00



Vista

Northern #520

Solid oak, gloss finish, rose tan crepe interior

\$3,495.00



Carlton

Northern #33

Wood veneer, gloss finish, rose tan crepe interior

\$3,495.00



Newington

Victoriaville #WC252-00008-CC

Poplar veneer, gloss finish, tan crepe interior

\$3,495.00



Rosehall

Northern #500 KP

Solid oak, gloss finish, rose mist crepe interior

\$3,595.00



Dominion

Victoriaville #WR220-00379-CC

Solid maple, walnut gloss finish, tan crepe interior

\$4,500.00



Bordeaux

Victoriaville #WR205-20818

Solid cherry, polished finish, milano pearl velvet interior

\$5,995.00

RENTAL/CEREMONIAL CASKET

The following casket is available for rent when Aquamation has been selected.



Delta Pine Rental

Northern #405

Solid pine, matte finish, cream crepe interior. No wood insert -
for use only when Hydrolysis is selected

\$895.00

OUTER BURIAL CONTAINER SELECTION

Outer burial containers listed below are for standard adult size caskets. Custom pricing may apply for oversized vaults to accommodate plus-size caskets.



2 Piece Crypt

Approx 2,000lbs concrete grave liner. Non sealing

\$1,200.00



Standard Vault

Reinforced concrete, painted gold with a tongue and groove sealed lid. Name plate included.

\$1,695.00



Oxford Vault

Reinforced concrete, polymer vinyl liner, butyl tape provides a waterproof seal.

\$1,995.00

KEEPSAKE URNS \$125 each



KEEPSAKE URNS



URNS



Thamesford Pewter
Gravure Craft #UR200-9P
8" x 6"

\$150



Thamesford Gold
Gravure Craft #UR200-9G
8" x 6"

\$150



Stained Hardwood
Batesville #148339
9" x 6.5" x 6.5"

\$150



Mocha
Batesville #255701
9" x 6.5" x 6.5"

\$150



Artisan Dark
Victoriaville #US150-00518
7.5" x 6" x 10.5"

\$250



Artisan Light
Victoriaville # US150-00275
7.5" x 6" x 10.5"

\$250



Stylus Aluminum
Gravure Craft #UR-1481
6" x 10"

\$250



Courage
Howard Miller #HM800-191
10" x 6" x 6"
Rental Price \$75
Purchase Price \$595



Brass Antiqued Finish
Gajmoti #99110
11" x 5"

\$395



Brass Antiqued Finish
Gajmoti #99110
11" x 5"

\$395



Brass Pink
Gajmoti #99141
11" x 5"

\$395



Going Home
Gajmoti #99061
11" x 5"

\$395



Brass with Bright Nickel
Gajmoti #99105
11" x 5"

\$395



Wings
Gajmoti #99117
11" x 5"

\$395



Aqua
Gravure Craft #UR-1494
10" x 6"

\$395



Mother of Pearl
Gravure Craft #UR-1734
10" x 6"

\$595



Blue Butterfly
Gajmoti #99069
11" x 5"

\$395



Antique
Gajmoti #99115
11" x 5"

\$395



Black Etched
Gajmoti #99025
11" x 5"

\$395



Country Floral
Gajmoti #99140
11" x 5"

\$395



Allen Maple (Engravable)
Victoriaville # US120-00003
10" x 6" x 6"

\$495



Engraving Examples
See your funeral director
for more options



Fisherman
Gravure Craft #UR-3000
10" x 7" x 8"

\$595



Farming
Gravure Craft #UR-3001
10" x 7" x 8"

\$595



Golf
Gravure Craft #UR-3005
10" x 7" x 8"

\$595



Hockey
Gravure Craft #UR-3013
10" x 7" x 7"

\$595



Cardinal
Gravure Craft #UR-3021
10" x 7" x 8"

\$595



Loon
Gravure Craft #UR-3025
10" x 7" x 8"

\$595



Maple Leaf
Gravure Craft #UR-5140
5" x 7" x 8"

\$595



Maple Leaf Chest
Gravure Craft #UR-5145
10" x 7" x 8"

\$595

COMPANION URNS



Essex Companion
Gravure Craft #UR-2037
11" x 8" x 9"

\$795



Majesty Companion
Gravure Craft #UR-6000
10" x 8" x 9"

\$595



Lovebird Companion
Gravure Craft #UR-6001
10" x 9" x 10"

\$595



Photo Companion
Walnut or Oak
Gravure Craft #UR-6003/6002
11" x 9" x 8"

\$595

Scattering Urns
Full Size \$150
Keepsake Size \$75

























 <p>Dove Scattering Tube UR-8100 and KS-8100</p>	 <p>Autumn Woods Scattering Tube UR-8101 and KS-8101</p>	 <p>Camouflage Scattering Tube UR-8102 and KS-8102</p>	 <p>Charcoal Scattering Tube UR-8103 and KS-8103</p>
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SCATTERING URNS

 <p>Forget Me Not Scattering Tube UR-8104 and KS-8104</p>	 <p>Mountain Scattering Tube UR-8105 and KS-8105</p>	 <p>Ocean Sunset Scattering Tube UR-8106 and KS-8106</p>	 <p>Rainbow Pond Scattering Tube UR-8107 and KS-8107</p>	 <p>Sunflower Fields Scattering Tube UR-8108 and KS-8108</p>
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 <p>The 19th Hole Scattering Tube UR-8109 and KS-8109</p>	 <p>Lily Scattering Tube UR-8110 and KS-8110</p>	 <p>Orchid Scattering Tube UR-8111 and KS-8111</p>	 <p>Poppy Scattering Tube UR-8112 and KS-8112</p>
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JEWELLERY \$125 each

 <p>Heart Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1540*</p>	 <p>Flower Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1550*</p>	 <p>Ribbon Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1560*</p>	 <p>Key to my Heart Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1140*</p>	 <p>Bone Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ -1150*</p>	 <p>Teddy Bear Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ -1170*</p>
 <p>Tear Drop Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1570*</p>	 <p>Double Heart Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1580</p>	 <p>Tear Drop Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1590*</p>	 <p>Cat Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1180*</p>	 <p>Butterfly Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1190</p>	 <p>Angel Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1200*</p>
 <p>Infinity Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1600</p>	 <p>Double Ring Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1610</p>	 <p>Classic Angel Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1620</p>	 <p>Bullet Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1210*</p>	 <p>Bird Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1220*</p>	 <p>Maple Leaf Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1230*</p>
 <p>Tree of Life Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ 1630*</p>	 <p>Victorian Bola Stainless steel Silver Finish URJ 1640</p>	 <p>Sport Fish Stainless steel Silver Finish URJ 1650 *</p>	 <p>Music Key Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1240*</p>	 <p>Dolphin Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1250*</p>	 <p>Cylinder Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1260</p>

 <p>Cross Stainless Steel Silver/Gold Finish URJ-1000*</p>	 <p>Heart Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1010*</p>	 <p>Tear Drop Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ -1020</p>	 <p>Angel Stainless Steel Silver & Gold Finish URJ-1400</p>	 <p>Dragonfly Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1420</p>	 <p>Double Dolphin Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1440</p>
 <p>Pet Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ -1030*</p>	 <p>Cross Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1040*</p>	 <p>Heart Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1050*</p>	 <p>Circular Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1450*</p>	 <p>Rectangular with Heart Stainless Steel URJ-1460* <small><i>This item comes blank. Included inscription must be requested</i></small></p>	 <p>Rectangular Stainless Steel URJ-1470* <small><i>This item comes blank. Included inscription must be requested</i></small></p>
 <p>Cylinder Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1060*</p>	 <p>Circular Pendant Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1080*</p>	 <p>Two-Toned Tear Drop Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1090</p>	 <p>Hook Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1480</p>	 <p>Guardian Angel Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1490*</p>	 <p>Music Note Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1500*</p>
 <p>Heart Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1110*</p>	 <p>Cylinder Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1120</p>	 <p>Footprints/Heart Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ -1130*</p>	 <p>Motorcycle Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1510*</p>	 <p>Anchor Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1520</p>	 <p>Butterfly Stainless Steel Silver Finish URJ-1530*</p>

PAYMENT, FINANCING, AND FUNDING

For funerals that are being arranged at the time of need, unless otherwise specified, a deposit will be required at the time the contract is signed, or before the date of the funeral. The balance of the account is due within 30 days of the signing of the contract. Payment may be made by cash, cheque, E-Transfer, Visa or Mastercard. Beyond the allotted time, interest will be charged at a compounded rate of 1.33% per month on the unpaid balance, which is equivalent to 16% per annum (APR).

For funerals that are being arranged pre-need, we offer two funding options when prepaying services or supplies. When prepaying, you pay for the services and supplies today, and the money will be used to pay for the services and supplies when they are delivered at the time of death.

Trust: Payment is made directly to the Trust company, where it will accrue interest until the contract is fulfilled (when the services and supplies are delivered) or the contract is cancelled. Payment can be made by cheque or credit card (2.5% credit card processing fee will apply)

Insurance: You may purchase an insurance product through us where the proceeds of the insurance policy will be used to pay for the services or supplies at the time they are delivered or the contract is cancelled. Payment may be made by cheque for single payments. Time payments may be made by credit card or direct withdrawal.



Our History

Newcastle Funeral Home is a historic building in Newcastle, Ontario. Originally it was the home of Mr. Thomas Montague, who was one of Newcastle's most prominent and generous citizens. Thomas Montague was born in 1845 in London, England. He passed away in 1928. Rev. Scott Howard, his wife Clara and their two children also lived in the house with Montague. Rev. Howard died in 1939 in his 83rd year. Mrs. Howard stayed in the home until prior to her death in 1952. Shortly after, it became the South Haven Rest Home, which eventually went into bankruptcy, leaving the once beautiful home empty for a number of years.

In the fall of 1995, Carl Good and his wife Joyce Kufra purchased the property. They began an extensive restoration of the home and opened as Newcastle Funeral Home in 1996.

In 2012, Carl and Joyce sold the business to Trevor Charbonneau. Trevor is a licensed funeral director who is originally from a small town in Northern Ontario. Trevor started his career as a funeral director at Rosar-Morrison Funeral Home in Toronto in the year 2000. He eventually became the Assistant Manager there. In 2006, he was promoted to Manager of Jerrett Funeral Home in Scarborough.

In 2017, an area of the funeral home was renovated and Newcastle Funeral Home became the first provider of Aquamation in the area. Because of the growing demand for Aquamation, another facility was established in Whitby for Aquamation in 2023.

Newcastle Funeral Home remains Clarington's only local, family owned and operated funeral home.



What Is Aquamation?

Aquamation is a method of disposition that uses a combination of water flow, temperature and alkalinity to breakdown the body. At the conclusion of the process, the bones survive and are reduced to a powdery consistency and returned to the family for keepsakes, internment or scattering. The scientific name for this process is alkaline hydrolysis.

WHERE IS AQUAMATION APPROVED?

FOR HUMANS **FOR PETS**

● APPROVED
● ACTIVE LEGISLATION WITHIN THE PAST YEAR
● UNDER CONSIDERATION
● CURRENTLY UNKNOWN

AQUAMATION

A flameless process that uses 95% water and 5% alkali.

No direct emissions of harmful greenhouse gases or mercury.

The infographic consists of two maps of North America, one for humans and one for pets. The 'FOR HUMANS' map shows various states in different colors: green (Approved), blue with diagonal lines (Active legislation within the past year), light blue (Under consideration), and grey (Currently unknown). The 'FOR PETS' map shows most states in green. Below the maps is a legend and the Aquamation logo. At the bottom, two circular icons with text describe the process: a water drop icon for 'A flameless process that uses 95% water and 5% alkali.' and a leaf icon for 'No direct emissions of harmful greenhouse gases or mercury.'

Frequently Asked Questions

Aquamation is a method of final disposition that is available for both our human and pet loved ones. The scientific name for this water-based process is alkaline hydrolysis. It is the same process that occurs as part of nature's course when a body is laid to rest in the soil. A combination of water flow, temperature, and alkalinity are used to accelerate the breakdown of organic materials.

Does the Family Receive an Urn?

Yes, at the end of the process, the inorganic remains of the body (the calcium phosphate of the bones) resemble skeletal remains. In North America and other parts of the world, it's customary to process the minerals into a powder for placement in an urn.

Can the Family Still Have a Viewing?

Of course, and in fact many families choose to have a full-service visitation for family and friends prior to the Aquamation process.

Can the Body be Embalmed?

Yes, this is a choice that is in the hands of the individual or family. All embalming fluids are completely broken down in the process.

Is a Casket Required?

No, these materials will not break down in the Aquamation process, nor will clothing unless it is protein-based (silk, wool, or leather).

How Long Does the Process Take?

The process takes 6-8 hours, or 14-18 hours depending on the operating temperature of the equipment.

What Actually Happens During the Process?

The Aquamation process is performed after any viewing or visitation services the family wishes to have. When it's time for the process, the individual body is respectfully placed in a stainless steel vessel. Alkali is added to the process based on individual characteristics (weight, sex, embalming status), and the vessel fills with water. The solution of 95% water and 5% alkali is heated to 200-300°F, and gently circulated for the entire length of the process.

At the end of the process, all material is broken down to the smallest building blocks; there is no DNA or RNA remaining. The sterile process water is released for recycling (our bodies are approximately 65% water to begin with), and the vessel performs a fresh water rinse for the equipment and remains. When the operator opens the door, the inorganic bone minerals remain. These minerals are processed into powder and returned to the family in an urn. Many families hold a celebration of life or gathering when the loved one's remains are returned to the family's care.

Can the Family Still Have a Memorial Service After the Process?

Yes. Many families choose to have a memorial service or celebration of life to honour the life of their loved one and gather with friends and family.

Are the Remains Safe to Handle?

Yes, the remains are 100% safe to handle, pathogen and disease free. Alkaline hydrolysis is a proven sterilization process.

What Can be Done with the Remains?

Some families bury the urn in a cemetery, or permanently inter the urn in a columbarium/niche. There are numerous memorial products that can be made with the remains – hand blown glass memorials, ceramic art pieces, man-made diamonds, memorial plantings for your garden, and many more. Many families choose to scatter some or all of the remains in a special place.

Are there any Special Considerations for Spreading the Remains?

Please check local regulations to make sure the scattering location is okay prior to scattering, and speak with us about the best way to scatter the remains so your experience can be as meaningful as possible. Some special care must be taken when spreading the remains in wind or water, as the remains are quite fine.



Will I Need a Larger Urn?

Sometimes a larger urn is needed due to the increased volume of remains, but this varies for each individual case. We have many urns that will accommodate the remains from Aquamation.

What is the Impact of Water Usage?

Very low. The Aquamation process uses less water than a single household uses in one day (source: water.usgs.gov). This includes all of the water used for the process, along with the clean water rinsing of the final remains and vessel.

What Happens to the Water?

The water is returned to the ecosystem via the normal wastewater treatment facility, just as all funeral homes in Canada and the United States, do during the embalming process.

The Aquamation process produces a completely sterile solution of amino acids, sugars, nutrients, salts, and soap in a water solution. These are the byproducts of natural decomposition.

Does the Process Emit Mercury in to the Air?

No. Mercury vaporizes at 674.1°F, and alkaline hydrolysis uses much lower temperatures of 200-300°F. Release of mercury from fillings to the environment is completely prevented.

What Happens to Medical Implants?

Medical implants are not destroyed in this process. The metals are clean, sterile, and look brand new after the process. These metals are recycled through a metal refiner to be made into new materials.

How Long has the Process Been Around?

The modern technology has been in use by universities and the scientific industries for decades! It has been used for the final disposition of human bodies donated to medical science since 1995. The first pet facility was opened in 2007, and the first funeral home to use the technology was in 2011.

What is the Science Behind the Process?

A commonly misunderstood fact is that it is actually the water that performs the breakdown during the Aquamation process, not the alkali.

A hydrolysis reaction is any type of reaction where bonds are cleaved by the insertion of water molecules. With alkaline hydrolysis, a base is added to water to create an alkaline environment. This changes the behaviour of the water molecules, causing them to dissociate into hydrogen and hydroxide ions. The solution is only 5% alkali; 95% is water. Equally important to the process are the physical characteristics of the system (design), the continuous flow of the solution, and the heat. This all relates to collision theory and the rate and completeness of a reaction.

What happens in the process is Our bodies are 65% water to being with, along with fat, protein, minerals, and carbohydrates. During the process, fats are reduced to salts, protein to amino acids and small peptides (which are groups of a few amino acids), and carbs are reduced to sugars. The process breaks all organic materials into their most basic building blocks, so small that no trace of protein or nucleic acids (DNA/RNA) remain. The organics are dissolved into the water, which consists of 96% water and 4% amino acids, sugars, and salts by weight.

Information about the deceased

Full legal name of deceased
(including maiden name if applicable): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Social Insurance Number: _____

Marital Status: _____

Full legal name of spouse
(even if divorced or widowed, including maiden name if applicable):

Occupation During Working Years: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Place of Birth: _____

Mother's Name
(including maiden name): _____

Mother's Place of Birth: _____

Deceased's Last Residence: _____

Is There a Will ? Yes / No

If Yes, Who is the Executor?: _____

Executor's Phone #: _____

Executor's Address: _____

If No, Who Will Handle Funeral Arrangements?:

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

If Applicable for CPP Death Benefit and Survivor's Benefit

Is Deceased Receiving CPP/OAS?: Yes / No

Spouse SIN#: _____

Spouse Date of Birth: _____

Spouse Place of Birth: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Is Spouse Receiving CPP/OAS?: Yes / No

Items to send via e-mail or bring to the funeral home

- 1.A copy of the first page of the will (where executor is listed)
- 2.The Health card

For CPP death benefit / survivor benefit

- 1.Marriage Certificate
- 2.VOID cheque