



The Cremation Process

The human remains of the decedent are placed in a combustible casket or other container and delivered to the crematory. All cremations are performed individually. The cremation process begins with the placement of the casket/container in the cremation chamber where it is subjected to intense heat and flame reaching temperatures of 1400 to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. After approximately two and one half hours, all substances are consumed or driven off; except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metals, as the temperature is not sufficiently high enough to consume them. 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.

Due to the nature of the cremation process any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as dental gold or jewelry (as well as 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 or will otherwise not be recoverable will be disposed of in any lawful manner including recycling to one or more charitable organizations with no financial gain to the funeral home or crematory. The Authorized Agent understands that arrangements must be made to remove such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the decedent is transported to Aeternitas Life.

Following an appropriate cooling period, the cremated remains are swept or raked from the cremation chamber. The Crematory makes all reasonable efforts, and uses its best efforts, to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, but it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust or other residue from the process are always left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, there will be inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previously cremated remains, and the Authorizing Agent understands and accepts this fact.

After 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 materials, they will then be mechanically processed (pulverized). This 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 will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.

After the cremation remains have been processed, they will be placed into the designated urn or container. The Crematory will make reasonable effort to put all the cremated remains in the urn or container, with exception of dust or other residue that might remain on the processing equipment. Aeternitas Life will deliver/dispose of the urn/container containing the cremated remains as directed by the Authorizing Agent.