

Authorization for Cremation and Disposition

The undersigned {hereinafter referred to as the "Authorized Representative(s)"} hereby certify that they are the legal custodian(s) of the herein named Deceased. {hereinafter referred to as the "Deceased"}, having full legal-authority to authorize the cremation, processing and disposition of the cremated remains of the Deceased and hereby request and authorize, DeBord-Snyder Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"), to take possession of and make arrangements for, the cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of _____ in accordance with and subject to: (a) the terms and conditions set forth in this Authorization, (b) the Company's rules and regulations and (c) any applicable state or local laws, rules or regulations. I have identified the human remains that were delivered to the funeral home as the decedent, or otherwise elected to waive the right to identify the human remains at the funeral home.

Date of Death _____ Place of Death _____ Time of Death _____ AM PM
Was death caused by an infectious disease? Yes _____ No _____

The following list contains all existing devices (including all mechanical, radioactive implants, and prosthetic devices) which are implanted in or attached to the decedent that should be removed prior to cremation:

_____ I have instructed the funeral home to remove and properly dispose of them prior to the cremation:

Disposition of Cremated Remains

- () 1. Return to the Authorized Representative(s)
- () 2. Ship cremated remains via Registered Mail to: _____
- () 3. Special Handling: _____

Cremated remains are reduced to permit their placement in an urn or other suitable container. Unless a suitable container is provided for the cremated remains of the deceased, the Company will place in a container which is designed for short-term use. In the event the urn or temporary container is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, or the Authorized Representative instructs the Company to intentionally comingle the cremated remains of another individual, human or otherwise, the excess will be placed by the funeral home in a secondary container which will be handled according to the final disposition instruction set forth above. The obligation of the company shall be limited to the cremation of the remains of the deceased and the disposition of the cremated remains as directed herein. The authorized representative(s) agree to release and hold the company, its affiliates and their agents, employees and assigns, harmless from any legal and all loss, damages, liability or causes of action (including attorney's fees and expenses of litigation) in connection with the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains as authorized herein or the failure of the Authorized Representative(s) to identify properly the remains of the deceased or take possession of or make permanent arrangements for the disposition of such remains. The authorized Representative has read "The Cremation Process" and understands what is involved in the cremation process.

Signature of Person(s) Authorizing Cremation and Disposition

As Authorizing Agent, I represent that I have the right to authorize the cremation of the Decedent's remains. 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 if another living person(s) has superior or equal right to act as Authorizing Agent that person(s) has provided me written permission to serve as Authorizing Agent or 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.

Signature _____ / _____ / _____
(Authorized Representative) (Print Name) (Relationship)

Address _____

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(Authorized Representative) (Print Name) (Relationship)

Address _____

Crematory Requirements for Cremation

Cremation will take place only after all of the following conditions have been met.

- 1) Any scheduled ceremonies or viewings have been completed
- 2) 24 hours have transpired since the death occurred
- 3) Civil and medical authorities have issued all required permits
- 4) All necessary authorizations have been obtained, and no objections have been raised.

Witnesses

Witnessing a cremation can be an emotional experience. Witnesses are assuming the risks involved and fully release the Funeral Home and Crematory from any liability.

Pacemakers, Prostheses, and Radioactive Devices

Pacemakers and prosthesis, as well as any other mechanical or radioactive devices or implants in the decedent, may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber. It is imperative that pacemakers and radioactive devices be removed prior to cremation. If the funeral home is not notified about such devices and implants, and not instructed to remove them, then the person(s) authorizing the cremation will be responsible for any damage caused to Crematory or crematory personnel by such devices or implants.

Following the cremation process, the crematory uses its best efforts to remove from the cremated remains non-combustible materials such as dental bridgework or implanted medical devices. Typically, this material is disposed of as waste. However, in the case of certain metals that are part of the devices, such as titanium, third party companies will recycle this metal. The authorizing agent gives express permission for this metal to be sent to a recycling company. The authorizing agent understands that the crematory is compensated by the recycling company. All such compensation paid to the funeral home and crematory shall be donated to a charitable organization.

The Cremation Process

All cremations are performed individually. No exceptions. 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. 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 body 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 valuable prior to the time of cremation.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, 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 residue 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 and/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 the 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.