

Walnut Grove Crematory

Policies, Procedures and Requirements

The cremation, processing and disposition of the deceased shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, policies, procedures and requirements of Walnut Grove Crematory, and the designated funeral home.

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.

Requirements for Cremation

The Crematory will require the following conditions be met before cremation can take place:

- (1) 48 hours have transpired since the time of death.
- (2) Civil and Medical authorities have issued all permits.
- (3) All necessary authorizations have been obtained.

Caskets

Many caskets that are compressed primarily of combustible material 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 discretion, reserves the right to remove these non-combustible materials prior to cremation and discard them with similar materials from other cremations and other refuse in a non-recoverable manner.

The Crematory strongly discourages the purchase of metal caskets, as such caskets are inappropriate for cremation and the cremation equipment. If such a casket is purchased and delivered to the Crematory, then the Crematory at its sole discretion, reserves the right to take any or all of the following steps to facilitate the cremation: to remove the casket or casket lid prior to cremation; or to cut additional openings in the casket. Following the cremation the remnants of the metal casket shell will be manually or mechanically reduced in size so that they may be discarded in an economical manner with similar materials from other cremations and other refuse in a non-recoverable manner.

Pacemakers, Prostheses and Radioactive Devices

Pacemakers and prostheses, 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 damages caused to the Crematory or Crematory personnel by such devices or implants.

The Cremation Process

All cremations are performed individually. Cremation is performed by placing the deceased in a casket or other container and placing the casket or container into a cremation chamber or retort, where they are subject 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 and all substances are consumed or driven off, except for bone fragments (Calcium compound) and metal (including dental gold, silver and other non human materials) as the temperature is not sufficient to consume them.

Due to the cremation process, any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as dental gold or jewelry (as well as any body prosthesis or dental bridgework) that are left with the decedent and are not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation will be

destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by the Crematory. As the casket or container will not normally be opened by the Crematory, arrangements must be made with the funeral home to remove any such possession valuables prior to the time the decedent is transported to the Crematory.

Following the cooling period the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average adult, are then swept or raked from the cremation chamber. The Crematory makes a reasonable effort to remove all 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 effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible materials (in so far as possible), such as 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 and will be disposed of by the Crematory with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner. 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 cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or temporary container. The Crematory will make a reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or temporary container, with the exception of dust or other residue that may remain on the processing equipment. In the event the urn or temporary container provided is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed in a separate container. The separate container will be kept with the primary container and handled according to the disposition instructions on the Cremation Authorization.

Final Disposition

Cremation is NOT the final disposition, nor is placing the cremated remains in storage at the funeral home considered final disposition. The cremation process simply reduces the decedent's body to cremated remains. These cremated remains usually weigh several pounds and usually measure in excess of 150 cubic inches. Some provisions must be made for the final deposition of these cremated remains. Therefore, the Crematory strongly suggests that arrangements for final disposition be made at the time that the cremation arrangements are made.

Limitation of Liability

The obligations of the Walnut Grove Crematory shall be limited to the cremation of the decedent's cremated remains as authorized on the Cremation Authorization. No Warranties Expressed or Implied are made and Damages shall be limited to the Amount of the Cremation Fee Paid.