

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CREMATION PERMIT

Definitions - For the purposes of cremating the cremation permit the following definitions shall apply:

“Conservator” means conservator of the person as authorized pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 45a-656 to take reasonable care of the conserved person’s personal effects.

“Agent” means a person authorized under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes section 1-43 to carry out matters related to the personal relationships and affairs of the person to be cremated.

Part I

Completed by the funeral director, or in the case of a pre-authorized cremation, the person to be cremated or such person’s conservator or agent.

Part II

Completed and signed by the Funeral Director. The item regarding notification is completed only for pre-authorized cremations.

Part III

Completed and signed by the custodian of the body. The custodian of the body may be a person designated prior to death, or if no person has been designated, a person in accord with § 45a-318. (See below)

Part IV – (Completed for Pre-Authorized cremations only)

Any person, 18 years of age or older, and of sound mind, may authorize in a written document, the cremation of such person’s remains. A cremation may also be pre-authorized by a conservator of the person, or agent as defined above. The person, conservator or agent may also designate an individual to have custody and control of the body, and to act as agent to carry out the cremation.

Part V

In the case of a pre-authorized cremation, the person to be cremated, or such person’s conservator or agent, may indicate the intended disposition of the cremated remains. If not already completed for a pre-authorized cremation, this section shall be completed by the custodian of the body.

Part VI

Completed and signed by the issuing Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Part VII

Completed and signed by the person in charge of the crematory.

Please Note: To pre-authorize a cremation, Parts I and IV must be completed. Part V may also be completed. Parts II, III, V, (if not already completed), VI, and VII will be completed at the time of death.

Connecticut General Statute Section 45a-318

Connecticut General Statute §45a-318 allows a person, conservator of the person appointed for such person, or an agent authorized to carry out matters related to the personal relationships or affairs of a person, to execute in advance of death, an authorization for the cremation of such person’s remains. If a pre-authorized cremation is executed, it must be attested in writing by two witnesses that the person pre-authorizing the cremation is of sound mind and capacity at the time the authorization is executed. Section 45a-318 also allows a person, conservator of the person, or agent to designate a custodian of such person’s remains, and to direct the disposition of the cremated remains. The funeral director must make reasonable efforts to contact the designated custodian within 48 hours after death. If there is no designated custodian, or if the designated custodian is unavailable to take charge of the remains of the decedent, other persons, in the priority listed, shall have custody and control of the decedent’s remains:

- (1) The deceased person's spouse, unless such spouse abandoned the deceased person prior to the deceased person's death or has been adjudged incapable by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- (2) The deceased person’s surviving adult children;
- (3) The deceased person’s surviving parents;
- (4) The deceased person’s surviving siblings;
- (5) Any adult person in the next degree of kinship in the order named by law to inherit the deceased person’s estate, provided such adult person shall be of the third degree of kinship or higher;
- (6) Such adult person as the Probate Court shall determine.