

McCOMAS FUNERAL HOME, P.A.
(the "Funeral Home")

CREMATION & DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION

This Authorization Form must be completed and signed prior to the cremation. Please read it carefully and ask us any questions you may have. Cremation is an irreversible and final process. It is important that you understand the cremation process fully. We want you to understand the information provided in this Authorization Form including the explanation on the reverse side, so we will be pleased to answer any questions about the cremation process or other information in this form.

1. THE DECEDENT

Name of Decedent: _____ DOD: _____ TOD: _____

Place of Death: _____ Sex: M F Age: _____ DOB: _____

2. AUTHORIZING AGENT(S) / INFORMANT

Name(s) of Authorizing Agent(s): _____

Relationship to Decedent: _____

Informant's Name: _____

Informant's Address: _____

3. AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT(S) (SEE "A" ON REVERSE SIDE)

CROSS THROUGH ONE

As Authorizing Agent(s), I (we) represent that I (we) have the legal right to authorize the cremation of the Decedent's remains and certify to the best of my (our) knowledge, that no other person has a superior right to act as the Authorizing Agent(s).

OR

There is another person listed below who has a superior right to act as the Authorizing Agent. That person has delegated his/her authority to me and provided me with written authorization to act as Authorizing Agent.

Name of Person with Superior Authority: _____

Relationship to Decedent: _____

Authorization Attached (Delegation of Final Disposition of Body)

4. PACEMAKERS, RADIOACTIVE IMPLANTS AND OTHER IMPLANTS AND DEVICES

(See "B" on REVERSE SIDE)

CIRCLE DO OR DO NOT

The Decedent's remains do/do not contain a pacemaker or radioactive implant placed within three months prior to death. As Authorizing Agent(s), I (we) give the Funeral Home the authority to remove any implants, prostheses, and/or devices from the Decedent's remains and to dispose of them at the discretion of the Funeral Home.

5. WITNESSES (SEE "C" ON REVERSE SIDE)
(Additional Fee Will Apply - See General Price List)

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No Witnesses to the cremation.

OR

List of Witnesses to the cremation: _____

6. CREMATION PROCESS (SEE "D" ON REVERSE SIDE)

By signature below as Authorizing Agent(s), I (we) certify to the Funeral Home that I (we) have read and understand the description of the cremation process contained in #6 on the reverse side and authorize the cremation, processing, and pulverization of the remains of the Decedent.

Initial _____

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7. AUTHORIZATION

I (we) certify that I (we) am (are) the legal Authorizing Agent(s) of the above named Decedent. I (we) authorize and request the cremation, processing, and disposition of the Decedent and container, subject to federal, state, and local laws and regulations. I (we) understand that cremation is irreversible and final and I (we) assume full responsibility for this authorization. To the best of my (our) knowledge, the Decedent did not enter into a preneed contract or evidence by a written document or give oral instruction of any contrary wishes or directions regarding the Decedent's final disposition.

I (we) agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless McComas Funeral Home, P.A., its affiliates, officers, agents and employees, of and from any and all claims, demands, causes or causes of action, and suits of every kind, nature and description in law or equity including any legal fees, costs and expenses of litigation, arising as a result of, based upon or connected with this authorization, including the failure to properly identify the Decedent, the processing, shipping and final disposition of the Decedent's remains, the failure to take possession of or make proper arrangements for the final disposition of the remains, any damage due to harmful or combustible implants, claims brought by any other person(s) claiming the right to control the disposition of the Decedent or remains, or any other action performed by the Funeral Home, its affiliates, officers, agents, or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of willful negligence.

8. DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR THE DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS

After the cremation has taken place and the cremated remains placed in the designated receptacle, the Funeral Home will arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains as follows, and the Authorized Agent(s) hereby authorize the Funeral Home to release, deliver, transport, or ship the cremated remains as specified.

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Release said cremated remains to: _____

OR

Send said cremated remains by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested to:

Name: _____ Address _____

If the cremated remains are not picked up by the party designated above within six (6) days after the cremation, the cremated remains will be sent by Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to the Informant.

A charge will be added to your statement for wrapping, postage, and delivery to the Post Office.

THE FUNERAL HOME TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS ON THE DECEDENT'S BODY OR IN THE CONTAINER OR CASKET, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MONEY, LEGAL PAPERS, and JEWELRY.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned Authorized Agent(s) hereby certify that the undersigned have read and understand all of the provisions hereinabove set forth and affirm all statements made herein.

Please Sign & Print

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Witness(es):

Authorizing Agent(s):

Date:

(_____)

(_____)

(_____)

(_____)

(_____)

(_____)

(_____)

(_____)

McComas Funeral Home, P.A.

Phone: 410-676-4600

Signature of Funeral Director: _____

A. AUTHORIZING AGENT

Definitions. "Authorizing Agent" means the individual who has the legal authority to arrange for and make decisions regarding the final disposition of a dead human body, including by cremation.

Designee: Where a person has designated in a U.S. Department of Defense Record of Emergency Data (DD Form 93) or any successor form an individual to make arrangements for his funeral and disposition of his remains, and such person dies while serving in any branch of the U. S. Armed Forces as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 1481, such Designee shall be responsible for making such arrangements. Such Designee's rights to disposition are superior to the rights of any other person to act as Authorizing Agent.

B. IMPLANTS AND DEVICES

Pacemakers, radioactive, silicon or other implants, mechanical devices or other prostheses may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber and subjected to heat. As Authorizing Agent, in #4 on the reverse side I have authorized the Funeral Home to remove and dispose of any and all such implants and devices.

C. WITNESS TO THE CREMATION

Witnessing a cremation can be an emotional experience. Witnesses are assuming the risks involved and fully release the Funeral Home from any liability. The person(s) listed on the reverse side is/are authorized to be present for a maximum of 30 minutes in the cremation room to witness the body entering the cremation chamber. A representative of the Funeral Home shall be present at all times that a witness is on the premises of the crematory. If you desire to authorize any person to witness the cremation, you must initial #5 on the reverse side and list their names.

D. CREMATION PROCESS

Prerequisites for Cremation. No dead human body shall be cremated without visual identification of the Decedent by the Next-of-Kin or the Authorizing Agent. The Funeral Home has explained to me that visual identification is required. Visual identification can also be through photographs of the Decedent. The Next-of-Kin or Authorizing Agent must give written permission for the Funeral Home to take photographs.

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 alternative container or casket, which is then placed into a cremation chamber or retort where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. All cremations are performed individually. 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. However, if the Decedent is an infant, because of the size of an infant and soft calcium in the bones, bone fragments and ashes might not remain after cremation.

Due to the cremation process, any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as dental gold or jewelry (as well as any body prostheses or dental bridgework) that are left with the remains and not removed from the container or casket prior to cremation might be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by the Funeral Home. The Authorizing Agent understands that arrangements must be made with the Funeral Home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the remains of the Decedent are cremated.

Many caskets that are made of combustible materials also contain some exterior parts, e.g., decorative handles or rails, that are not combustible and that might cause damage to the cremation equipment. The Funeral Home, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to remove these noncombustible materials prior to cremation and to discard them with similar materials from other cremations and other refuse in a non-recoverable manner.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average size adult, are then swept or raked from the cremation chamber. Although the Funeral Home 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 residues 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 prostheses and hinges, latches, and nails from the container will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection. The Funeral Home is authorized to dispose of these materials with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner, so that only human bone fragments will be recovered.

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.

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