

Authorizations For Cremation And Dispositions

NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

I/We, the undersigned, certify, warrant and represent that I/we have the full legal right and authority to authorize the cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of: [Name of Deceased] (hereinafter referred to as the "Deceased").

(I) PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF DECEASED IS REQUIRED: [HEIGHT] / [WEIGHT]

I/We hereby request and authorize The County of San Bernardino (hereinafter referred to as the "Funeral Home") to take possession of and make arrangements for the cremation of the remains of the Deceased at Affordable Cremations Of The High Desert (hereinafter referred to as the "Crematory").

I/We authorize the Crematory to return the cremated remains of the Deceased to the possession and custody of the Funeral Home. I/We understand that the services and obligations of the Crematory shall be fulfilled when the cremated remains of the Deceased are returned to the possession and custody of the Funeral Home.

(II) I/We hereby authorize the Funeral Home to arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains of the Deceased AS INITIALED BELOW:

- A. (XX) Deliver to: SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF-CORONER DIVISION Cemetery
B. Scattering at sea off the coast of California by Funeral Home or Funeral Home's agent.
C. Authorized representative(s) to release cremated remains to:
D. *Ship via U.S. Priority Express Mail to: Address:

I/We authorize shipment the remains will be mailed via U.S. Postal Service, Priority Express Mail with return receipt requested. I understand that the Funeral Home is acting solely as my agent in mailing the remains, and I agree that the Funeral Home shall not be liable if the remains are lost or damaged while in the custody of the U.S. Postal Service.

URN(S) SELECTED: PLASTIC

URN(S) TO BE SEALED: YES: DO NOT SEAL:

(III) The cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of the Deceased authorized herein shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, the rules, regulations and policies of the Crematory and Funeral Home, and the following terms and conditions:

- A. The remains of the Deceased will not be accepted for cremation unless received by the Crematory in a combustible, leak resistant, rigid cremation container.
B. The cremation container containing the remains of the Deceased will be placed in the cremation chamber and will be totally and irreversibly destroyed by prolonged exposure to intense heat and direct flame.
C. Certain items, including, but not limited to, body prostheses, and other personal articles accompanying the remains of the Deceased, may be destroyed during the cremation process.
D. I/We hereby authorize the Crematory to separate and remove from the cremation all noncombustible materials, including, but not limited to, hinges, latches, nails, and to dispose of such materials.
E. Following cremation, the cremated remains of the Deceased, consisting primarily of bone fragments, will be mechanically pulverized to unidentifiable consistency prior to placement in an urn or other container.
F. Unless an urn or container suitable for shipment is purchased, the Crematory will place the cremated remains of the Deceased in a container, which is not designed for any type of shipment.
G. In the event the urn or container is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains of the Deceased, any excess cremated remains will be placed in a secondary container and returned to the Funeral Home, together with the primary urn or container.
H. Mechanical or radioactive devices implanted in the remains of the Deceased (such as pacemakers, etc.) may create a hazard when placed in the chamber. The Crematory will not cremate any human remains, which contain any type of implanted mechanical or radioactive device.

Description of Implanted Device Disposition of Device

- I. I/We understand that "The human body burns with casket, container, or other material in the cremation chamber. Some bone fragments are not combustible at the incineration temperature and, as a result, remain in the cremation chamber. During the cremation, the contents of the chamber may be moved to facilitate incineration. The chamber is composed of ceramic or other material, which disintegrates slightly during each cremation, and the product of that disintegration is commingled with the cremated remains. Nearly all the contents of the cremation chamber, consisting of the cremated remains, disintegrated chamber material and small amounts of residue from previous cremations are removed together and crushed, pulverized or ground to facilitate inurnment or scattering. Some residue remains in the cracks and uneven places of the chamber. Periodically, the accumulation of this residue is removed and interred in a dedicated cemetery property or scattered at sea."
- J. Unless I/We give specific written instructions in the Authorization, the cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of the Deceased will not be performed in accordance with any particular religious or ethnic customs.
- K. In the event the cremated remains of the **Deceased remain unclaimed for a period of 30 days**, the Funeral Home shall give written notice to me/we by certified mail at the address (es) indicated below. I/We agree that in the event the cremated remains of the Deceased remain unclaimed, **for a period of 120 days after the date such written notification is mailed**, the Funeral Home is authorized and directed to dispose of the **unclaimed cremated remains of the Deceased in any lawful manner it may deem appropriate.**
- L. I/We agree to indemnify, release and hold the Crematory, Funeral Home, their affiliates, agents, employees and assigns, harmless from any and all loss, damages, liability or causes of action (including attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation) in connection with the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the Deceased, as authorized herein, or my/our failure to correctly identify the remains of the Deceased, disclose the presence of any implanted mechanical or radioactive devices, or take possession of, or make permanent arrangements for, the disposition of such remains.
- M. Except as set forth in this Authorization, no warranties, express or implied, are made by the Funeral Home, Crematory or any of their respective affiliates, agents or employees.

[NOTE: California law provides "Any person signing any authorization for the interment or cremation of any remains warrants the truthfulness of any fact set forth in the authorization, the identity of the person whose remains are sought to be interred or cremated, and his or her authority to order interment or cremation. He or she is personally liable for all damage occasioned by or resulting from the breach of such warranty."]

(IV) ** SIGNATURES OF PERSON(S) AUTHORIZING CREMATION AND DISPOSITION.

** Refer to California Health & Safety Code Section 7100 for the list of person(s) with the legal right to control disposition of human remains.

I/We represent and warrant to you that I/we am/are the person(s) having the LEGAL right to control the disposition of remains of the decedent. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

X A. * Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Relationship: _____

* Address _____ Tel: _____

X B. * Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Relationship: _____

* Address _____ Tel: _____

X C. * Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Relationship: _____

* Address _____ Tel: _____

X D. * Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Relationship: _____

* Address _____ Tel: _____

X E. * Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Relationship: _____

* Address _____ Tel: _____

X F. * Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Relationship: _____

* Address _____ Tel: _____

** If this document is not signed before a staff member of Affordable Cremations and Burial, all signatures need to be notarized.

** Witness:

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Arrangement Counselor Signature: _____

Signature of funeral director, employee, or agent for funeral establishment

For more information on Funeral, Cemetery, And Cremation Matters, Contact:
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