



Heritage Cremation Society

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CREMATION AUTHORIZATION FORM

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. PLEASE READ BOTH SIDES CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

Name of the person to be cremated: _____

Date of birth: _____ Date of death: _____ Male: Female: Age: _____

The Authorizing Agent represents that the relationship between the Authorizing Agent and the Deceased is as follows:

- A**
1. _____
Initial The person to be cremated
 2. _____ Spouse Adult Child Parent Sibling Grandparent Grandchild
Initial
 3. _____ Guardian Power of Attorney Other _____
Initial
 4. _____
Initial Any person willing to assume the right of disposition including personal representative of the estate or licensed funeral director with custody of the body, after attesting in writing and good faith that they could not locate any of the persons listed above.
 5. _____
Initial A public official or employee of the state or a political subdivision of the state that has the responsibility to carry out the disposition of the decedent's remains.

The Authorizing Agent warrants and represents to Heritage Cremation Society as follows:

- B**
1. _____
Initial The Authorizing Agent is the person who has the paramount right to arrange the cremation of the deceased and no one has a superior or equal right.
 2. _____
Initial The Authorizing Agent is the person who, together with other person(s) holds the paramount right to arrange the cremation of the deceased. The Authorizing Agent certifies to HCS that such other person(s) either have been advised of the cremation plans and have not objected to them, or such person(s) cannot be located after a reasonable effort to locate them.
 3. _____
Initial The Authorizing Agent has been appointed by the person holding the right of disposition to act on his or her behalf in arranging the cremation of the deceased.
 4. _____
Initial The Authorizing Agent is aware of other person(s) who hold a superior right to arrange the cremation of the deceased. The Authorizing Agent certifies to HCS that such other person(s) cannot be located by the Authorizing Agent after a reasonable effort and that there is no reason to believe such person(s) would oppose the cremation of the deceased.
- C**
1. _____
Initial The Authorizing Agent certifies that the remains of the deceased DO or DO NOT contain any type of implanted or mechanical radioactive devices (example – pacemaker) Such devices must be removed prior to cremation.
- D**
1. _____
Initial As Authorizing Agent, I have read and understand the description of the cremation process as outlined (see back of this form or attachment) and authorize the cremation, processing and pulverization of the remains of the Decedent. I further authorize the HCS to deliver the Decedent's remains to the Crematory for the purpose of cremation.

CERTIFICATION AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Authorizing Agent acknowledges that HCS and the Crematory are relying upon the representatives being made by the Authorizing Agent in this Authorization. The Authorizing Agent certifies that all of the information and statements contained in the Authorization are accurate and no omissions of any material fact have been made. The Authorizing Agent agrees to indemnify and hold harmless HCS and Crematory, their officers, directors, employees, and agent from any claim, cause of action, cost or expense, including but not limited to any legal fees, arising out of or resulting from HCS's and the Crematory's reliance on or performance consistent with the directions, statements, representatives, and agreements contained in the Authorization. The Authorizing Agent may modify or revoke a properly executed Cremation Authorization form any time prior to the Cremation.

E

Signature of Authorizing Agent: _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Authorizing Agent: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

F

Witness: _____ Date: _____

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of the Decedent shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, and the policies, procedures and requirements of HCS and the designated Crematory.

CREMATION WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE AFTER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET.

1. Decedent has been placed in an appropriate cremation container
2. Any scheduled ceremonies or viewings have been completed
3. Civil authorities have issued all required permits and more than 24 hours have elapsed since the deceased passed away.
4. All necessary authorizations have been obtained, in compliance with the policies set forth and no objections to cremation have been raised by any party to HCS
5. Death certificate has been signed by a physician or medical examiner

The cremation of the Decedent's remains may take place before or after ceremonies to memorialize the Decedent. Cremation is performed to prepare the remains for final disposition. It will be carried out by placing the 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 any 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 HCS to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the remains of the Decedent are transported to the Crematory. 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 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 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 and hinges, latches, and nails from the container will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible 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 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.

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the urn selected by the Authorizing Agent, or, if an urn is not provided to the Crematory, in a temporary container provided by the Crematory. The Authorizing Agent acknowledges that it is impossible to recover all of the dust and residue from the cremation and processing. In the case of an adult, it is recommended that the urn or temporary container be a minimum size of 200 cubic inches. In the event the urn or temporary container is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed by the Crematory in a secondary container. This secondary container will be kept with the urn or the temporary container and handled per the direction of the Authorizing Agent; provided, however, that the secondary container may not be designed for shipping. All urns or containers provided to the Cremation Service Provider or Crematory must be appropriate for shipping.

Following the cremation, the Authorizing Agent directs the Crematory and/or HCS to undertake the actions set forth to arrange the final disposition of the cremated remains of the Decedent. If the cremated remains are shipped at any time, the Authorizing Agent directs that the Crematory or HCS utilize registered U.S. mail with a return receipt or a shipping service that uses an internal system for tracing the location of the cremated remains during shipment and requires a signed receipt of the person taking delivery of the cremated remains. HCS and the Crematory will not be held responsible for any loss or damage of the cremated remains of the Decedent shipped via Registered Mail with the United States Postal Service or any other Carrier. The Authorizing Agent understands that in the event the arrangements for the final disposition have not been carried out within the sixty (60) day period following the cremation because of the inaction of a party other than the Crematory or the HCS, then the Crematory or HCS may dispose of the cremated remains in a grave, crypt or niche. The estate of the Decedent shall be liable for the cost of such final disposition in a grave, crypt or niche and shall reimburse the Crematory or HCS immediately upon receipt of an invoice.