

# Southern California Crematory

## AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION

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 the remains of \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Deceased

Address of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_  
(Herein after referred to as the "Deceased").

I/We hereby request and authorize \_\_\_\_\_ (Herein referred to as the "Funeral Home")  
Name of Funeral Home

to take possession of and make arrangements for the cremation of the remains of the deceased at  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CREMATORY (Herein referred to as the "Crematory").  
Name of 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 of the Funeral Home. I/We hereby authorize the Funeral Home to arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains of the Deceased as follows:

Is special handling required? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Describe \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description of urn or container selected: \_\_\_\_\_ Suitable for Shipping: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Deliver to \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Address of Crematory

Release to Family \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Designated Family Member to Receive Cremated Remains

Scattering at sea by Funeral Home or Funeral Home's Agent

Ship via \_\_\_\_\_

To: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

The remains of the Deceased will not be accepted for cremation unless received by the Crematory in a combustible, leak resistant, rigid cremation container. The Crematory is authorized to remove and dispose of handles, ornaments and any other non-combustible items attached to the cremation container prior to cremation. In the event the remains of the Deceased are received by the Crematory in a casket or other container constructed of metal, fiberglass, or other noncombustible materials, I/We authorize the remains of the Deceased to be removed prior to cremation and placed in a combustible cremation container. I/We further authorize the Funeral Home or Crematory to make disposition of any such non-combustible casket in any lawful manner it deems appropriate.

Mechanical or radioactive devices implanted in the remains of the deceased (such as pacemakers, etc.) may create a hazard when placed in the cremation chamber. The Crematory will not cremate any human remains which contain any type of implanted mechanical or radioactive device. In the event the remains of the Deceased contain such a device, I/we hereby authorize the Funeral Home, it's agents and employees, to remove and such mechanical devices from the remains of Deceased prior to cremation, and dispose of such items at its discretion. I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED \_\_\_ DO \_\_\_ DO NOT CONTAIN ANY TYPE OF EMPLANTED MECHANICAL OR RADIOACTIVE DEVICE. If no instruction is given, such items may be disposed at the discretion of the Funeral Home.

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.

The human body burns with the 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.

Following cremation, the cremated remains of the Deceased, consisting primarily of bone fragments, will be mechanically processed to an unidentifiable consistency prior to placement in an urn or other container.

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 attorney's fees and expenses of litigation) in connection with the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains for 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.

Except as set forth in the Authorization, no warranties, expressed or implied, are made by the Funeral Home, Crematory or any of their respective affiliates, agents or employees.

Cemetery and Funeral Bureau  
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite S-208  
Sacramento, CA 95834

### SIGNATURE OF PERSON(S) AUTHORIZING CREMATION AND DISPOSITION

I/We warrant that all representatives and statements made herein are true and correct.

Signature _____	Print Name _____	Relationship to Deceased _____			
Address _____					
Street _____	City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____	Telephone Number _____	
Signature _____	Print Name _____	Relationship to Deceased _____			
Address _____					
Street _____	City _____	State _____	Zip Code _____	Telephone Number _____	
Witness _____					Date _____

In the absence of a living spouse and in the absence of instructions by the decedent, a funeral director or cemetery authority may rely on instructions given by the child or children who represent:

- A. \_\_\_ The above are the sole surviving child or children
- B. \_\_\_ That they constitute a majority of the surviving children
- C. \_\_\_ That they have used reasonable efforts to notify all other surviving children of their instructions and are not aware of any opposition to those instructions on the part of half or more of all surviving children.

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.

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 a secondary container and returned to the Funeral Home, together with the primary urn or container.

#### CREMATION STANDARDS ACT, Health and Safety Code 7100-Terminology:

##### **CASKET/ALTERNATE CONTAINER:**

A crematory, licensed by the Cemetery Board, cannot accept a body for cremation unless that body is human remains in a cremation container. A cremation container is defined to mean a combustible, closed container, resistant to leakage of bodily fluids. Chlorinated plastic pouches can be used for disease control when necessary. The cremation container shall be labeled with the identity of the decedent.

##### **REFRIGIRATION:**

A crematory may not hold an unembalmed body for more than 24 hours without refrigeration. If the crematory has refrigeration then the body must be placed in the refrigeration unit within two hours of acceptance.

I/We understand and acknowledge, that even with the exercise of reasonable care and the use of the Crematory's best efforts, it is not possible to recover all particles of the cremated remains of the Deceased, and that some particles may inadvertently become commingled with particles of other cremated remains remaining in the cremation chamber and/or other devices utilized to process the cremated remains. I/We hereby authorize the Crematory to dispose of any such residual particles in any lawful manner it deems appropriate.

Unless I/we give specific written instruction in this Authorization, the cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of the Deceased will not be performed in accordance with any particularly religious or ethnic customs.

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/us 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 of 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 be Appropriate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_