

This Cremation Authorization is pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes, Chapter 440, Subchapter VI, 440.70 - 440.87

This Form must be signed by one of the following: Legal Next-of-Kin, or Guardian (POA is not valid)

CREMATION AUTHORIZATION

Name of Decedent	Date of Death	(Legal) Time of Death
Date of Birth	Race	Sex

Declarations: - Please read through the following paragraph declarations and initial only if you understand and agree.

Authorizing Agent

Initial Above

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the closest living next of kin of the decedent and that I am related to the decedent as his/her _____. I have charge of the remains of the decedent and as such possess full legal authority and power, according to the laws of the State of Wisconsin, to execute the authorization form and to arrange for the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the decedent. I am aware of no objection to this cremation by any spouse, child, parent, or sibling.

Identification of deceased

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I have viewed, in person and I confirm that the identity of the deceased remains are those as stated above.
- or -
I have spoken (in person or by telephone) with the Medical Examiner or Coroner of the county of jurisdiction and confirmed that he/she has personally viewed and identified the deceased remains as those stated above.
- or -
By any other means, I confirm that the identity of the deceased remains are those as stated above.

Implanted Devices

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The deceased has implanted devices that may be harmful to the cremation chamber and must be removed prior to cremation including:

- Pacemaker
- Internal Defibrillator
- Narcotic Pain Medicine Pump

I authorize the funeral director to surgically remove any of these devices and dispose of them according to law. I am aware that this procedure may result in an additional fee.

Note: Implanted items including, but not limited to: artificial joints (hips, knees...), dental implants, (gold dental work), other devices, such as (stents), orthopedic repairs (plates, screws...), and implanted cosmetic devices will not be removed prior to cremation, thusly being destroyed by the process and will be disposed of following cremation according to law.

Valuables/ Possessions

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Having identified the deceased, I have allowed to remain on the body the jewelry or valuables that I wish to have cremated with the body. I know that the cremation process will destroy the jewelry or valuables that are cremated and that any remnants of cremated jewelry/valuables shall be included as a part of the cremated remains. I have personally instructed the funeral director in charge to remove and return all jewelry/valuables only as listed here: _____

Our Legal Requirements

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I understand that in Wisconsin when cremation is selected as the method of disposition, the cremation can only occur when the body is accompanied by the Cremation Authorization, the County Release to Cremate, and the Wisconsin Report for Final Disposition, and signatures of the next-of-kin, funeral director, and the Medical Examiner or Coroner. The crematory must wait 48 hours minimum between death and cremation, and in many counties, the wait may be several days longer. Prior to placement in the crematory, the deceased body must be fully enclosed within a rigid container that is sufficient to hold the weight of the body.

Limitation of Liability

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As the Authorizing Agent, I hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless The Crematory, its 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 or the human remains transported to the Crematory, the processing, shipping, and final disposition of the decedent's cremated remains, the failure to take possession of or make proper arrangements for the final disposition of the cremated remains, any damage due to harmful or explodable implants, claims brought by any other person(s) claiming the right to control the disposition of the decedent or the decedent's cremated remains, or any other action performed by The Crematory, its officers, agents, or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of willful negligence.

Cremation Explanation

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The cremation process is accomplished by placing the deceased in an alternative container or casket suitable for combustion and introducing these into the crematory chamber (retort). The temperature in the cremation chamber (retort) is raised to the point of combustion and its contents are subject to intense heat and flame. Through the use of suitable fuel, incineration of both the container and the decedent is accomplished with up to 2100°F temperatures. All substances are consumed or driven off, except for bone fragments (calcium compounds) and some metals. Due to the nature of the cremation process any personal possessions or valuable materials left with the decedent and not removed by the family or funeral director prior to the cremation process will be destroyed and if not destroyed through the cremation process, will be disposed of by the crematory or principal funeral home. Following a cooling period, the cremated remains are then swept from the cremation chamber and mechanically pulverized to a "sand" consistency. The crematory agent(s) makes a reasonable effort to remove all of the cremated bones fragments from the chamber. It is impossible to recover all of the cremated remains, as some dust and other residue from the cremation process are always left behind. Every effort is made by us to avoid commingling, however, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of a previously cremated decedent is a possibility. After the cremated remains are removed, they are then placed into a temporary container or a permanent urn. The cremated ashes are then delivered to the designated place or person(s) in accordance to the legal next of kin's arrangements.

Cremation Authorization

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This is a legal Document. It contains important Provisions Concerning Cremation. Cremation is irreversible and final. Read this document carefully before signing.

By executing this Cremation Authorization Form, as Authorizing Agent, the undersigned warrants that all representations and statements contained on this form are true and correct, that these statements were made to induce the Crematory to cremate the human remains of the decedent, and that the undersigned have read and understand the provisions contained on this form.

Signed at _____, this _____ day of _____, 20_____



Name _____ Signature _____

Relationship to Deceased _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Witness for Signature of Authorizing Agent _____

Final Disposition

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After the Cremation has taken place, the cremated remains will be processed and then placed in the designated receptacle. The cremated remains will be disposed of according to the written directions of the Authorizing Agent as herein directed. The Authorizing Agent hereby authorizes Cremation Associates LTD. to deliver, release or mail the cremated remains as specified:

- (1) Release the cremated remains only to the following designated person: Authorizing Agent by default
- (2) Deliver the cremated remains to _____ Cemetery for interment or placement in a niche.
- (3) Deliver the cremated remains to the U.S. Postal Service for shipment by Registered Mail to: _____

_____ *Shipment by Registered Mail will incur additional fees.*

Relationship of Responsible Parties

Name of Responsible Funeral Home: _____ Phone Number: _____
Name of Funeral Director or Person Acting as such: _____

Name of Cremation Associates LTD Staff member that has confirmed all requirements have been met and who has personally overseen and performed the Cremation: (Office Use Only)
