

Cremation and Disposition Authorization

NAME OF DECEDENT: _____

AUTHORIZATION

I, the undersigned (“Authorizing agent”) hereby authorize and request Hillcrest Funerals and Cremation, its agents and employees, to cremate and process the human remains of the Decedent.

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND HAVE READ OR CHOSE NOT TO READ THE “HILLCREST CREMATION PROCESS”.

According to the RCW 68.50.160: Right to control disposition of remains—Liability of funeral establishment or cemetery authority—Liability for cost. I hereby state that I am the closest living next of kin of the Decedent or are otherwise empowered and authorized to execute this authorization according to all state and local laws.

I have either identified or waived my rights of identification of the human remains that I/we released to Hillcrest Funerals and Cremation, as the Decedent. All personal property, clothing and or valuables have been removed from the remains or I hereby order them cremated with the remains. I understand that any personal property, clothing, or valuables on or with the body will be destroyed in the cremation process, and therefore will not be recoverable.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT DOES / DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY TYPE OF MECHANICAL OR RADIOACTIVE DEVICE. _____

DISPOSITION OF THE CREMATED REMAINS

Cremated remains are to be sent to _____

Address: _____

IMPORTANT: ALL NEAREST NEXT OF KIN MUST SIGN

Place Driver’s License Here

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If Additional Signatures are required.

⇒ **Signature:** _____

Print Name: _____

Relationship: _____

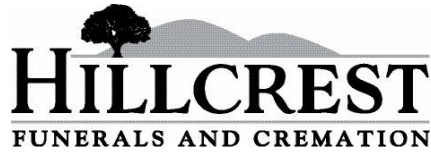
Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Relationship: _____

⇒ **WITNESS:** _____

Date: _____



Right to Control Disposition Form

RCW 68.50.160

Right to control disposition of remains—Liability of funeral establishment or cemetery authority—Liability for cost.

1) A person has the right to control the disposition of his or her own remains without the predeath or postdeath consent of another person. A valid written document expressing the decedent's wishes regarding the place or method of disposition of his or her remains, signed by the decedent in the presence of a witness, is sufficient legal authorization for the procedures to be accomplished.

(2) Prearrangements that are prepaid or filed with a licensed funeral establishment or cemetery authority, under RCW 18.39.280 through 18.39.345 and chapter 68.46 RCW are not subject to cancellation or substantial revision by survivors. Absent actual knowledge of contrary legal authorization under this section, a licensed funeral establishment or cemetery authority shall not be held criminally nor civilly liable for acting upon such prearrangements.

(3) If the decedent has not made a prearrangement as set forth in subsection (2) of this section or the costs of executing the decedent's wishes regarding the disposition of the decedent's remains exceeds a reasonable amount or directions have not been given by the decedent, the right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person vests in, and the duty of disposition and the liability for the reasonable cost of preparation, care, and disposition of such remains devolves upon the following in the order named:

(a) The person designated by the decedent as authorized to direct disposition as listed on the decedent's United States department of defense record of emergency data, DD form 93, or its successor form, if the decedent died while serving in military service as described in 10 U.S.C. Sec. 1481(a) (1)-(8) in any branch of the United States armed forces, United States reserve forces, or national guard;

(b) The designated agent of the decedent as directed through a written document signed and dated by the decedent in the presence of a witness. The direction of the designated agent is sufficient to direct the type, place, and method of disposition;

(c) The surviving spouse or state registered domestic partner;

(d) The majority of the surviving adult children of the decedent;

(e) The surviving parents of the decedent;

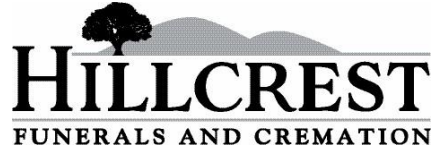
(f) The majority of the surviving siblings of the decedent;

(g) A court-appointed guardian for the person at the time of the person's death.

(4) If any person to whom the right of control has vested pursuant to subsection (3) of this section has been arrested or charged with first or second degree murder or first degree manslaughter in connection with the decedent's death, the right of control is relinquished and passed on in accordance with subsection (3) of this section.

(5) If a cemetery authority as defined in RCW 68.04.190 or a funeral establishment licensed under chapter 18.39 RCW has made a good faith effort to locate the person cited in subsection (3)(a) through (g) of this section or the legal representative of the decedent's estate, the cemetery authority or funeral establishment shall have the right to rely on an authority to bury or cremate the human remains, executed by the most responsible party available, and the cemetery authority or funeral establishment may not be held criminally or civilly liable for burying or cremating the human remains. In the event any government agency or charitable organization provides the funds for the disposition of any human remains, the cemetery authority or funeral establishment may not be held criminally or civilly liable for cremating the human remains.

(6) The liability for the reasonable cost of preparation, care, and disposition devolves jointly and severally upon all kin of the decedent in the same degree of kindred, in the order listed in subsection (3) of this section, and upon the estate of the decedent.



Hillcrest Cremation Process

The human remains of the decedent are placed in a combustible casket or other container and delivered to the crematory. All cremations are performed individually. The cremation process begins with the placement of the casket/container in the cremation chamber where it is subjected to intense heat and flame reaching temperatures of 1500 to 2000 degrees Fahrenheit. After approximately two to three hours, all substances are consumed or driven off; except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metals, as the temperature is not sufficiently high enough to consume them. During the cremation process it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the deceased in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation.

Due to the nature of the cremation process any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as jewelry (as well as body prostheses or dental and bridgework) that are left with the decedent and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation will be destroyed, recycled or will otherwise not be recoverable. The Authorized Agent understands that arrangements must be made with the Funeral Home to remove such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the decedent is transported to the Crematory.

Following an appropriate cooling period, the cremated remains are swept or raked from the cremation chamber. The Crematory makes all reasonable efforts, and uses its best efforts, to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, but it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust or other residue from the process are always left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, there will be inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previously cremated remains, and the Authorizing Agent understands and accepts this fact.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the skeletal remains often contain recognizable bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified, after the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will then be mechanically processed (pulverized). This 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 will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed into the designated urn or container. The Crematory will make reasonable effort to put all the cremated remains in the urn or container, with exception of dust or other residue that remains on the processing equipment. The Funeral Home will deliver/dispose of the urn/container containing the cremated remains as directed by the Authorized Agent. I have read and understand this disclosure concerning the Cremation Process.