



AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION

I, the undersigned (the "Authorized Person(s)" or "AP"), hereby authorize and request Pine Grove Crematorium ("P.G.C."), in accordance with and subject to its rules and regulations and any applicable state or local laws or regulations, to cremate the human remains of * _____ (the "decedent") and to arrange the final disposition of the cremated remains, as set forth on this form.

I have identified the human remains that were delivered to the funeral home as the decedent, and have authorized the funeral home to deliver the decedent to P.G.C. for cremation. Otherwise, I have elected to waive the right to identify the human remains at the funeral home.

* Where Asterisk is Please Initial as Acknowledgement * Initials of AP _____

IDENTIFICATION

Date of Death * _____ Time of Death * _____ AM/PM
Place of Death, City, Town, Twp. * _____ County * _____ State * _____
Sex * _____ Race * _____ Age * _____ Date of Birth * _____

Please check any that are present: Pacemaker Defibrillator Prostheses Silicone Implants Radioactive Implants (incl. "seeds")
All pacemakers, prostheses, plastic casts, silicone and radioactive implants must be removed prior to delivering the decedent o P.G.C.

I have authorized and instructed the funeral home to remove or arrange for the removal of these devices and to properly dispose of them prior to transporting the decedent to P.G.C. * Initials of AP _____

DISCLOSURES CONCERNING THE CREMATION PROCESS

It is the policy of P.G.C. to provide information concerning the cremation process so that our families are fully informed. These disclosures are provided in the interest of satisfying any questions and addressing any concerns one may have. The cremation, processing and disposition of the decedent's remains will be performed in accordance with Title 32 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Section 1405, as may be amended from time to time, and any applicable regulations or ordinances. Cremation will only take place after all of the following conditions have been satisfied: (a) all scheduled ceremonies and viewing have been completed; (b) at least 48 hours have transpired since the death occurred (no waiting period is required in the case of death resulting from a contagious or infectious disease); (c) civil and medical authorities have issued all required permits; (d) pacemakers, prosthetic devices, silicone implants or other radioactive implants have been removed; and (e) no objections concerning the cremation have been raised. Cremation is performed by placing the decedent in a cremation container and then placing the container into a cremation chamber or retort where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. Through the use of natural gas, incineration of the container and its contents is accomplished and all substances are consumed, 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. P.G.C., at its sole discretion, reserves the right to remove all non-combustible materials before cremation and discard them in a non-recoverable manner. Due to the nature of the cremation process, any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as dental gold or jewelry as well as body prostheses or dental bridgework, that are left with the decedent and are not removed from the container prior to cremation will be destroyed, or if not destroyed, will be disposed of. Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average size adult, are swept or raked from the retort. P.G.C. makes every reasonable effort to remove all of the cremated remains from the retort, but it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process is always left behind. In addition, while every effort is made to avoid commingling, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is possible. After the cremated remains are taken from the retort, all non-combustible materials (insofar as possible) are separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection and are disposed of in a non-recoverable manner. The cremated remains are then mechanically processed (pulverized). This process of crushing or grinding may cause incidental commingling of the remains with residue coming from the processing of previously cremated remains. These granulated particles will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.

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FAMILY-WITNESSED CREMATION

Pine Grove Crematorium offers families the option of having a Family-Witnessed Cremation. This offers families the peace of mind of being present for the cremation process. Family-witnessed cremations require advanced scheduling and are performed under the direction of the funeral director arranging for the cremation. A family-witnessed cremation is an additional charge and an upgraded cremation container is suggested.

* Yes [] No []

In the event that a family-witnessed cremation is declined, P.G.C. is authorized to perform the cremation upon receipt of the human remains, without obtaining any further authorization or instructions.

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DISPOSITION OPTIONS

After the cremation has occurred, the cremated remains have been processed and placed in the designated container, P.G.C. will arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains as follows, and the Authorizing Person(s) hereby authorizes P.G.C. to release, deliver, transport, or ship the cremated remains as specified:

- Hold the Cremated Remains for Pickup. *Remains are available for pickup by the AP or other person designated in writing by the AP, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for five days following the date of cremation, after which time they will be delivered to the funeral home arranging for services.*
- Deliver the cremated remains to the funeral home arranging for services.
- Deliver the cremated remains via United States Postal Service, Registered Mail, Return Receipt Requested, Insured Mail to:

Delivery of cremated remains requires a shipping urn at an additional charge.

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AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING PERSON(S)

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 * _____ or that I otherwise serve (served) in the capacity of * _____ to the decedent, that 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 Maine, 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. I understand that I am personally and individually responsible and liable for all damages occasioned by and resulting from the execution of this authorization.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

As the Authorizing Person, I hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless P.G.C., its officers, agents, employees and representatives, of and from, any and all claims, demands, causes or causes of action, and suits of every kind in law or equity, including 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 transmitted to P.G.C.; the arrangement of cremation, cremation of human remains or release or disposal of cremated remains; the location or disposition of any valuables delivered to P.G.C. with human remains; any damage due to harmful or explodable implants; the processing, shipping and final disposition of the decedent's cremated remains; any claims brought by any other person(s) claiming the right to control the disposition of the decedent or the decedent's cremated remains; refusal to accept a body, make proper arrangements, perform cremation, or release or dispose of remains, if P.G.C. becomes aware of any dispute concerning cremation of remains, any reasonable basis for questioning the representations of the Authorizing Person, any dispute concerning release or disposition of cremated remains, or for any other lawful reasons; excepting only acts of willful negligence.

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING PERSON(S)

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. **READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.** Facsimile signatures shall be legally binding and accepted the same as original signatures.

By executing this Cremation Authorization Form, as Authorizing Person(s), the undersigned warrant that all representations and statements contained on this form are true and correct, that these statements are made to induce P.G.C. to cremate the human remains of the decedent, and that the undersigned have read and understand the provisions contained on this form.

Executed at * _____ this * _____ day of * _____, 20 _____

Name * _____ Signature * _____

Relationship to Decedent * _____, Phone No. *(_____) _____

Address * _____

Signature of Funeral director as Witness for Signature(s) or Authorizing Person(s) * _____

Name and Address of Funeral Home * _____

NOTICE CONCERNING CASKETS

P.G.C. does not accept metal caskets. All wooden caskets and alternative containers must meet the following standards: 1) be composed of ridged materials suitable for cremation; 2) be able to be closed to provide a complete covering for the human remains; 3) be resistant to leakage or spillage; 4) be sufficient for handling with ease; and 5) be able to provide protection for the health and safety of crematory personnel.

NOTICE CONCERNING URNS/CONTAINERS

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or container. P.G.C. will make a reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or container, with the exception of dust or other residue that may remain on the processing equipment. In the event the urn or container provided is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed in a separate receptacle. The separate receptacle will be kept with the primary receptacle and handled according to the disposition instructions on this form.