

Date Cremation Received: _____

Cremation Number: _____

Date of Cremation: _____

Name of person performing cremation: _____

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
PRE-NEED CREMATION AUTHORIZATION FORM
CR-3, #11-02**

(Crematory Name)

(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

(Telephone Number)

In making a pre-need authorization for the cremation of your remains, you are the authorizing agent. Please read carefully the items below. In the statement titled Final Disposition you must indicate your desire pertaining to the disposition of your cremated remains. After you have read and completed each item, your signature is required on the item titled Signature of Authorizing Agent.

IDENTIFICATION

(Please Print All Information On This Form)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____

Does the Decedent Authorizing Agent have any infectious or contagious disease? YES ___ NO ___

If yes, please explain: _____

Mechanical or radioactive devices or implants in the Authorizing Agent may create a hazardous condition when placed in a cremation chamber.

Does the Decedent Authorizing Agent's body contain a pacemaker, prosthesis, radioactive implant, or any other device that could be explosive? **YES** ____ **NO** ____

If any such device(s) exist, the next class of authorizing agent is responsible for disclosing their existence at the time of death.

Has the Decedent Authorizing Agent been treated with therapeutic radionuclides such as Strontium 89 or any other treatment that would result in residual radioactive material remaining as part of the Decedent Authorizing Agent's remains? **YES** ____ **NO** ____

If yes, what was the treatment: _____

Date treatment was last administered: _____

The Decedent Authorizing Agent shall carefully read and understand the following statements before signing this authorization. The decedent authorizing agent shall complete the segment directing the final disposition of his/her cremated remains. _____ (Crematory Name) will not conduct any cremation nor accept a body for cremation unless it has a cremation authorization form signed by the Decedent Authorizing Agent clearly stating the final disposition.

1. **All cremations are performed individually.** It is unlawful to cremate the remains of more than one individual within the same cremation chamber at the same time.

2. **The consumer may choose cremation without choosing embalming services.** However, if the crematory does not have a refrigerated holding facility it cannot accept human remains for anything other than immediate cremation.

3. **The consumer is not required to purchase a casket for the purpose of cremation.**
_____(Crematory Name) requires that the body of the Decedent Authorizing Agent be delivered for cremation in a suitable container which may be either a casket or an alternative (cremation) container for cremation. If an alternative container is provided, it must meet the following standards: 1) be composed of readily combustible 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; and 4) be rigid enough to support the weight of the deceased.
_____(Crematory Name) is authorized to inspect the casket or alternative container, including opening if necessary, and, in the event there is leakage or damage, _____ (Crematory Name) may refuse to accept the Decedent Authorizing Agent's remains for the purpose of cremation or refrigeration.

Type of casket or alternative container selected: _____

4. 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 Decedent Authorizing Agent and not removed from the casket or alternative container prior to cremation will be destroyed or will otherwise not be recoverable. As the casket or alternative container will usually not be opened by _____, (Crematory Name) to remove valuables, to allow for final viewing or for any other reason unless there is leakage or damage, the Authorizing Agent understands that arrangements must be made to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time his/her remains are transported to _____ (Crematory Name).
5. Cremated remains shall not be contaminated (insofar as possible) with foreign material. All non-combustible materials (insofar as possible), such as dental bridgework, and materials from the casket or alternative container, such as hinges, latches, nails, etc., will be separated and removed by visible or magnetic selection and will be disposed of by _____, (Crematory Name) with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner, so that only human bone fragments and organic ash, including both human remains and container remains, remain. As the cremated remains often contain recognizable bone fragments, unless otherwise specified, after the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will be mechanically processed (pulverized), which includes crushing or grinding into granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions, virtually unrecognizable as human remains, prior to placement into the designated container. While every effort will be made to avoid commingling of cremains, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility, and the Decedent Authorizing Agent understands and accepts this fact.
6. The original copy of this form shall be retained by the firm or person with which the arrangements are being made. A copy shall be provided to the Decedent Authorizing Agent. A person arranging his/her own cremation shall have the right to transfer or cancel this authorization at any time prior to death by notifying in person, or by certified mail, the firm or person with which the pre-need authorization form is filed.
7. In the event that no different or inconsistent instructions are provided to _____ (Crematory Name) at the time of death, _____ (Crematory Name) shall release or dispose of the cremated remains as indicated on this pre-need authorization.
8. In the event there is a conflict between the Decedent Authorizing Agent's pre-need authorization and the demands of the next class of authorizing agent, _____, shall not accept for cremation the Decedent Authorizing Agent's remains without an order deciding the issues entered by the District Court of the county of the Decedent Authorizing Agent's residence or the county where the funeral home or _____ is located. The order may be issued by the court after a petition for resolution has been initiated by any natural person in the next class of authorizing agent or _____ (Crematory Name). Unless extraordinary circumstances exist, the court shall give due deference to the desire of the Decedent Authorizing Agent as expressed in the pre-need cremation authorization (CR-3).

FINAL DISPOSITION

Disposition shall be by: (please mark and complete the chosen disposition)

- _____ 1) Interment: _____
- _____ 2) Scattering in scattering area or garden: _____
- _____ 3) Scattering on private property with the permission of the owner: _____

- _____ 4) Delivery either in person or by registered mail to: _____

- _____ 5) Picked up at the crematory office by: _____

SIGNATURE OF THE AUTHORIZING AGENT

By executing this cremation authorization form, as Authorizing Agent, the undersigned warrant that all representations and statements contained on this form are true and correct, that these statements were made to induce _____ (Crematory Name) to cremate the human remains of the Authorizing Agent, and that the undersigned has read and understands the provisions contained on this form.

Executed at _____, this ____ day of _____, _____.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____ Telephone #: _____

SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL AS WITNESS FOR THE SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____ Telephone #: _____