

# Gillies Funeral Home

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## AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION

**IDENTITY:** The undersigned hereby requests and authorizes \_\_\_\_\_ Crematory, on behalf of Gillies Funeral Home, in accordance with and subject to the rules and regulations of the crematory, to cremate the remains of:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Middle Last*

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_ ESTIMATED WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

- Place cremated remains in temporary container
- Place cremated remains in \_\_\_\_\_.

RELEASE TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cremation Containers:** Cremation containers with handles, or other devices, that inhibit the placement of the container into the cremation chamber will have the handles and/or other devices removed and discarded. By signature below, the undersigned permits crematory personnel to make such modification to the container prior to cremation.

**PROSTHETIC OR ARTIFICIAL DEVICES:** In the event the above named deceased has a **heart pacemaker**, **has \_\_\_\_\_ or has not \_\_\_\_\_** or **radioactive seed implant** (Date of implant: \_\_\_\_\_), or any other prosthetic or artificial device implanted or attached which may damage the crematory equipment or injure crematory personnel, the undersigned agrees to inform the funeral home of the presence of such device and further authorizes Gillies Funeral Home to remove such device(s) before cremation is commenced. Should the undersigned neglect to give proper notice of the presence of such device(s), the undersigned agrees to accept liability and responsibility for any damage or injury resulting from the presence of such device(s).

\_\_\_\_\_**(Initial here)** I have read the disclosure information on the reverse of this form and understand the cremation process. Or, \_\_\_\_\_**(Initial here)** I have declined to read the disclosure information.

\_\_\_\_\_**(Initial here)** Due to the nature of the cremation process, any personal possessions or materials such as dental gold and silver, or jewelry, (as well as body prosthesis or dental bridgework) that are left with the Decedent and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation may be destroyed and become non-recoverable. If not destroyed, the crematory is authorized to dispose of such material at its sole discretion. The Authorizing Agent understands the arrangements must be made with the Funeral Home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the Decedent is transported to the Crematory.

Recoverable remains in excess of the capacity of the urn or temporary container ordered by me are to be placed in a separate container for disposition as directed by me or upon written request of family may be disposed of by the above Crematory in such manner as it deems advisable.

**SIGNATURES:** The undersigned certifies and represents that he or she has the full legal right to make such authorization as a result of closest family lineage, or by Last Will and Testament of the above named deceased. I further agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless the above Crematory and its employees harmless from any liability on account of said authorization, cremation, and delivery.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Relationship Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

X \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CREMATION DISCLOSURE FORM**

As required by Washington State Law, human remains must either be embalmed or refrigerated upon receipt by a funeral director or crematory. The Funeral Home's general price list reflects the appropriate charge. Cremation is a process through which human remains are reduced to elemental bone fragments (approximately 6 to 9 pounds of fragments remain after cremation) through a process of subjecting the body to intense heat and flame at a temperature in excess of 1600 to 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. Any casket or cremation container in which the human remains are encased is consumed in the cremation process.

Certain portions of the casket may not be combustible, such as handles, latches, nails, screws, etc. These materials are removed from the cremation chamber or the cremated remains by visual selection, magnetic selection or a combination of both.

Upon completion of the cremation process, all recoverable cremated remains will be swept from the cremation chamber, together with any noncombustible materials which accompanied the body. Remains thus recovered will be cleaned of foreign materials, such as casket parts, prosthesis and similar materials. Prosthesis and other foreign elements recovered from cremated remains will be disposed of in such a manner as the crematory may deem advisable, unless otherwise directed.

Unless otherwise requested, the cremated remains will then be processed to fragments of less than 5 millimeters in diameter. (WAC 98-340-060) Processing is accomplished by a mechanical grinding and crushing procedure.

Following processing, all recoverable cremated remains will be placed in a temporary container or in the urn ordered by you. Should the volume of cremated remains be such as to exceed the capacity of the container to be used, any additional cremated remains will be placed in a separate container. The above Crematory assumes no responsibility for the storage of cremated remains held over 10 days unless arrangements have been made by the family for storage. Cremated remains for which no disposition instructions have been received, or for which financial arrangements have not been completed are subject to the provisions of Washington Administrative Code 98-40-080, which authorizes the disposition of unclaimed cremated remains in a common burial site.

If you decide to scatter cremated remains, we recommend that it be done by a friend rather than a family member. This is because cremated remains are not ashes. They are bone fragments, and the scattering of them may be an unpleasant emotional task for someone of close relationship.

Retention of cremated remains is permitted in Washington State. However, should you move to another state with the cremated remains in your possession, you will be Subject to the laws of that state, which may prohibit such possession. Serious consideration should be given against retaining the cremated remains, since their disposition will become your heir's problem at your demise.

Our recommended method of disposition is placement of the cremated remains in an endowed care cemetery/ columbarium. The cost is nominal and the placement is permanent. It also affords the surviving family an opportunity to visit the site as the years go by, to remember and reflect.

If we can answer any other questions, please don't hesitate to ask.