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AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION & DISPOSITION

I (We), the undersigned (the "Authorizing Agent(s)"), hereby authorize and request Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary, in accordance with and subject to its rules and regulations, and any applicable state/provincial or local laws or regulations, to cremate the human remains of the decedent listed below and to arrange for the final disposition of the cremated remains, as set forth on this form.

Initials of AA _____

I (We), have identified (or agree to identify) the human remains transferred to Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary as the decedent for cremation.

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I (We) have read the attached document entitled "Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary Policies, Procedures and Requirements" (printed on the reverse hereof), and hereby authorize Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary to perform and/or arrange the cremation of the decedent in accordance with that document.

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IDENTIFICATION

Name of Decedent _____

Date of Birth _____

Date & Time of Death _____

Place of Death _____

Sex _____ Age _____

Date & Time of Identification _____

Place of Identification _____

PRE-NEED CREMATION ARRANGEMENTS

Did the decedent arrange for his or her own cremation, on a pre-need basis?
Yes No

Did the decedent leave a will with written instructions to be cremated?
Yes No

Did the decedent execute a pre-need cremation authorization form?
Yes No

Did the decedent leave oral instructions to be cremated?
Yes No

If yes, with whom _____

Did the decedent arrange for final disposition of cremated remains?
Yes No

If yes, please describe _____
(Attach copies of all appropriate documents)

TIME OF CREMATION

Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary is authorized to perform the cremation upon receipt of the human remains, at its discretion, and according to its own time schedule, as work permits, without obtaining and further authorization or instructions.

Yes No

If no, please explain and then complete the next line _____

The cremation shall take place on _____ (day), _____ (date), at _____ (time).

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PACEMAKERS, PROSTHESES, & RADIOACTIVE IMPLANTS

Was the decedent treated with radioactive therapy?
Yes No

If yes, the following list contains all existing devices (including all mechanical, radioactive implants and prosthetic devices) which are implanted in or attached to the decedent, that should be removed prior to cremation

I have instructed Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary to remove or arrange for the removal of these devices and to properly dispose of them prior to preparing the decedent for cremation.

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The decedent's remains do not contain a pacemaker, radioactive implant or any other device that could be harmful to the crematory or its personnel. They are safe to cremate.

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WITNESSING

Witnessing a cremation can be and emotional experience. Witnessing must take place while a licensed funeral director is present. Witnesses assume all risks involved and fully release Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary from any liability, claims of mental or emotional distress, loss, harm or other claims. Witnessing can only take place with the written permission of the Authorizing Agent and include witnessing the placement of the Decedent in the cremation chamber. There is an additional fee to witness the commencement of the cremation process.

Initials of AA _____
Permitting Witnessing

Initials of AA _____
Declining Witnessing

MERCHANDISE

Type of Casket or Container selected _____

Size and type of Urn or Container Selected _____

FINAL DISPOSITION

After the cremation has taken place, the cremated remains have been processed and the processed cremated remains placed in the designated receptacle, Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary will arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains as follows, and the Authorizing Agent(s) hereby authorizes Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary to release, deliver, transport, or ship the cremated remains as specified. Check the following that apply:

1. ___ Deliver the cremated remains to _____
cemetery, with which arrangements have already been made for the cremated remains to be _____

2. ___ Deliver or ___ Release cremated remains to the following person:

Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone No. _____

Scheduled Date of Deliver or Release _____

3. ___ Deliver the cremated remains to the U.S. Postal Service for shipment by Registered, Return Receipt mail to _____
for permanent disposition. (Attach copy of Post Office Receipt)

4. ___ Deliver the cremated remains to _____ (name
of carrier for shipment in my name as cosigner to _____

(name and address of cosigner) for permanent disposition. (Attach copy of carrier receipt).

(If options 3 or 4 are selected, then I (we) agree to assume all liability that may arise from such shipment, and to indemnify and hold harmless Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary from any and all claims that may arise from any such shipment.)

5. ___ Arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains at the discretion of Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary. The Authorizing Agent(s) understands that if this option is selected, then the final disposition may include the commingling of the cremated remains with other cremated remains, and that thereafter the cremated remains of the decedent shall not be recoverable. (See Rules & Regulations printed on reverse hereof regarding additional fee for this election.)

6. ___ Other _____

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AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

I (We) hereby certify that the decedent left the following surviving heirs at law:

Spouse Yes No Name _____

Children Yes No How Many _____ Name(s) _____

Parents Yes No How Many _____ Name(s) _____

Siblings Yes No How Many _____ Name(s) _____

**TACOMA MAUSOLEUM & MORTUARY
POLICIES, PROCEDURES & REQUIREMENTS**

The cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of the deceased shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, and the policies, procedures and requirements of Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary.

This document describes many of the policies and requirements of Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary and is incorporated in our Authorization for Cremation & Disposition Form. We suggest you take the time to read this document carefully before executing the Authorization for Cremation & Disposition Form.

**TACOMA MAUSOLEUM & MORTUARY REQUIREMENTS
FOR CREMATION**

Cremation will take place only after all the following have been met.

- 1) Any scheduled ceremonies or viewings have been completed.
- 2) A minimum of 24 hours have transpired since the death occurred.
- 3) Civil and medical authorities have issued all required permits.
- 4) All necessary authorizations have been obtained, and no objections have been raised.
- 5) The decedent's remains have been identified by the next of kin, the Authorizing Agent or the other legal authority.
- 6) The dimensions of the decedent can be safely accommodated by the crematory equipment. This requirement is at the discretion of the operator.

CASKETS / CONTAINERS

Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary requires either a casket or alternative (cremation) container for cremation. All caskets and alternative containers must meet the following standards: 1) be composed of materials suitable for cremation; 2) be able to be closed to provide 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.

Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible material also contain some exterior parts, e.g., decorative handles or rails, that are not combustible and that may cause damage to the cremation equipment. Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary at its sole discretion, reserves the right to remove these noncombustible materials prior to cremation and to discard them with similar materials from other cremations and other refuse in a non-recoverable manner.

**TACOMA MAUSOLEUM & MORTUARY DOES NOT
ACCEPT METAL, PLASTIC & FIBERGLASS CASKETS**

Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary refuses to accept metal, plastic & fiberglass caskets as such caskets are inappropriate for the cremation equipment.

PACEMAKERS, PROSTHESIS & RADIOACTIVE IMPLANTS

Pacemakers and prosthesis, as well as any other mechanical or radioactive devices or implants in the decedent, may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber. It is imperative that pacemakers and radioactive devices be removed prior to cremation. If Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary is not notified about such devices and implants, and not instructed to remove them, then the person(s) authorizing the cremation will be responsible for any damages caused to Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary or crematory personnel by such devices or implants.

THE CREMATION PROCESS

All cremations are performed individually. Exceptions are only made in the case of close relatives, and then only with the prior written instructions of the Authorizing Agent(s) and approval from the Washington State Department of Licensing, Funeral & Cemetery Division.

Cremation is performed by placing the deceased in a casket or other container and then placing the casket or container into a cremation chamber or retort, where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. 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. Through the use of a suitable fuel, incineration of the container and contents is accomplished and all substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metal (including dental gold and silver and other nonhuman materials) as the temperature is not sufficient to consume them.

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 prosthesis or dental bridgework), that are left with the decedent and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation will be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary. As the casket or container will not normally be opened by the crematory (to remove valuables, to allow for a final viewing or for any other reason), arrangements must be made with Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time of cremation.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average size adult, are then swept or raked from the cremation chamber. Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary makes a reasonable effort to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, but it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process are always left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible materials (insofar as possible), such as bridgework, and materials from the casket or container, such as hinges, latches, nails, etc., will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection and will be disposed of by Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner.

When 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.

URNS/CONTAINERS

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or container. Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary 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 the Authorization for Cremation & Disposition Form.



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AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION & DISPOSITION (CONT.)

AUTHORITY OF AA CONTINUED

If all responses are no, the person(s) in the next degree of kinship to the decedent is (are):

If the legal next of kin or if all persons of the same degree of kinship are not signing below, a written explanation must be completed by the person(s) signing below as Authorizing Agent(s). Separate authorization(s) if necessary, shall be attached to, and considered part of, this form.

(Complete A or B when applicable)

A. There is another living person () who has the right to control the final disposition of the decedent, but that person has provided me (us) with written permission to arrange for the cremation of the decedent, and I (we) agree to hold Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary harmless and to indemnify Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary in the event that such person objects to the cremation.

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B. There is another living person () who has the right to control the final disposition of the decedent. I (we) have made all reasonable efforts to contact this person, but have been unable to do so. However I (we) have no reason to believe that this person would object to the cremation of the decedent and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary in the event such person objects to the cremation.

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Therefore, I (we), 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/province of , to execute the authorization form and to arrange for the cremation and disposition of the decedent. In addition, I am aware of no objection to this cremation by any spouse, child, parent or sibling specified.

CERTIFICATION AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Authorizing Agent(s) acknowledges that Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary are relying upon the representations being made by the Authorizing Agent(s). The Authorizing Agent(s) certify that all of the information and statements contained in the Authorization for Cremation & Disposition document are accurate and no omissions of any material fact have been made.

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The Authorizing Agent(s) understand and agree that the obligations of Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary shall be limited to the cremation of the Decedent and the release and/or disposition of the Decedent's cremated remains as specified and authorized on this form. No warranties express or implied are made and damages shall be limited to the cremation fee paid.

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The Authorizing Agent(s) agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary, its officers, directors, employees and agents from any and all claims, cause of action, suits of any nature, in law or in equity, cost or expense of litigation, arising as a result of, based upon or connected with the instructions in this form, including the failure to properly identify the Decedent, the failure to take possession of the cremated remains, any damage due to harmful or explodable implants or devices in or on the Decedent's remains, claims by any other person(s) claiming the right to control disposition of the Decedent's cremated remains, excepting only acts of willful negligence by Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary.

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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENT(S)

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

Executed at

this day of , 20

Print Name

Signature

Relationship to Decedent

Phone No.

Print Name

Signature

Relationship to Decedent

Phone No.

Print Name

Signature

Relationship to Decedent

Phone No.

Print Name

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Signature

Relationship to Decedent

Phone No.

Signature of Funeral Director or Witness for Signature(s) of Authorizing Agent(s)

Print Name of Witness

REPRESENTATIONS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR

By executing this authorization form as a funeral director and agent/employee of Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary, I warrant to the best of my knowledge the following:

1) That Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary was responsible for making the arrangements with the Authorizing Agent(s) for the cremation of the decedent and that I have reviewed this authorization form with the Authorizing Agent(s).

2) That no member of Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary has any knowledge or information that would lead us to believe that any of the answers provided on this form, by the Authorizing Agent(s), are incorrect.

3) That the human remains received by Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary are represented as the human remains specified on this form are in fact the human remains that were identified to our funeral home personnel as the decedent.

4) That Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary obtained all the necessary permits authorizing the cremation of the decedent, and that those permits are attached.

5) That the representations contained above concerning the decedent's cause of death and regarding any infectious or contagious disease are true.

6) That the representations contained above concerning a pacemaker and any other material or implant that may be potentially hazardous are true.

Signature of Funeral Director

Print Name of Funeral Director

SPECIAL REQUESTS, NOTES OR COMMENTS TO CREMATORY

TACOMA MAUSOLEUM & MORTUARY POLICIES, PROCEDURES & REQUIREMENTS

URNS/ CONTAINERS CONTINUED

Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary requires that all urns or containers provided be appropriate for shipping or permanent storage, and that in the case of an adult, it is recommended that the urn or container be a minimum size of 200 cubic inches. If such an urn or container is not provided for the cremated remains, then Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary will place the cremated remains in a container designed for shipping or temporary storage.

FINAL DISPOSITION

Cremation is **NOT** final disposition, nor is placing the cremated remains in storage at a funeral home final disposition. The cremation process simply reduces the decedent's body to cremated remains. These cremated remains usually weigh several pounds and usually measure in excess of 150 cubic inches. Some provisions must be made for the final disposition of these cremated remains. Therefore, Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary strongly suggests that arrangements for final disposition be made at the time that the cremation arrangements are made and that the Authorization For Cremation & Disposition Form is completed.

If the final disposition of the cremated remains has not been completed within 30 days of the cremation (or if the cremated remains have not been retrieved by the party listed on page one of the Authorization For Cremation & Disposition, Section Final Disposition, item #2), then Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary shall be authorized to arrange for the final disposition of the cremated remains in any manner permitted by law. Such final disposition may include the commingling of the cremated remains with other cremated remains, and thereafter the cremated remains of the decedent will not be recoverable. **In this event, the Authorizing Agent shall be charged and agrees to pay to Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary an additional fee of \$400.00 for the expense of an appropriate final disposition, at Tacoma Mausoleum & Mortuary's convenience, as well as any legal fees and/or costs associated with securing payment.**

If the option selected for final disposition includes scattering, then the cremated remains will not be recoverable. If scattering is performed in a common area, then the cremated remains may be commingled with particles of other cremated remains that have been previously scattered.