

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

Premier Cremation Services

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Authorization for Cremation and Disposition

A. I/We, the undersigned hereby authorizes Premier Cremation Services, aka crematory, to take possession and make the arrangements to cremate, or cause to be cremated, the body of _____, who died in _____, _____, 20_____, at _____ a.m./p.m. on the _____ day of _____, 20_____, subject to and in accordance with the crematory’s rules, regulations, policies, procedures and requirements as they appear on both sides of this document, which I/we have read, understand and accept, and I/we certify that I/we have the legal right to make such authorization, and are not aware of any living person who has a superior priority right to serve as an authorizing agent with respect to this authorization under Illinois law, or in the case of being aware of a living person who has a superior priority right, all reasonable efforts to contact that person have been made without success and that the undersigned have no reason to believe that such person would object to the cremation of the deceased. I/We certify that all scheduled ceremonies or views have been completed and the crematory may proceed with the cremation upon receipt of the human remains.

B. I/We certify that the deceased died of natural causes. If not, the disease declared to be infectious, contagious, dangerous, or communicable by the Illinois Department of Public Health must be listed here: _____.

C. PACEMAKER/DEFIBRILLATOR: YES _____ NO _____ RADIOACTIVE SEEDS (BRACHYTHERAPY): YES _____ NO _____
REMOVED: YES _____ NO _____ DATE IMPLANTED: ____/____/____

D. Any pacemaker, defibrillator, radiation producing device or explosive device has been removed. I/We will be liable for any damages to the cremator or injury to any employee of the crematory, in the event of my failure to notify the funeral director in charge, and by doing so, I/We give permission to the funeral home for surgical removal of same. All personal possessions that I/we want have been returned to me and I/we have been advised that certain items, including, but not limited to, body prostheses, dentures, dental bridgework, dental fillings, jewelry, and other personal articles accompanying the remains, will be destroyed or rendered unrecoverable. I/We agree to hold Premier Cremation Services and its agents or assigns or employees harmless from any liability, claim, or cause of action, including attorney’s fees and expenses of litigation concerning said authorization, cremation, shipment, return of possessions, and disposition of cremated remains, or any situation arising out of any decision indicated by this authorization, which may result in mental or physical distress or anguish or harm or financial loss to myself or other, including the act of identification or failure to identify the body. I/We understand that cremated remains are bone fragments and I/we authorize them to be reduced in size by pulverization, as is done in all cases. The following items of value, if any, shall be delivered to the crematory with the decedent’s remains and shall be disposed of as follows: _____

E. I/We agree to hold Premier Cremation Services harmless and fully indemnify it for any reproduced copy of this form, which consists of one sheet front and back, for action that it takes based upon the facsimile transmission or other electronically reproduced copy of this form. I/We further warrant that I/we will arrange for the original version of this document, which may have been faxed to me, that bears my actual signature, to be delivered to the crematory without delay.

F. The authorizing agents shall be responsible for the final lawful disposition of the cremated remains. Cremated remains may be disposed of by placing them in a grave, crypt or niche, or by scattering them in a scattering area as defined by law, or in any manner whatever on private property of a consenting owner. Final disposition of this cremation will be by: _____

G. Any person executing this form as his or her authorizing agent on a pre-need basis shall **initial and date** one of the following: _____/_____/_____ I **do not** wish to allow any of my survivors the option of cancelling my cremation and selecting alternative arrangements, regardless of whether my survivors deem a change to be appropriate. _____/_____/_____ I **wish** to allow only the survivor whom I have designated below the option of cancelling my cremation and selecting alternative arrangements, if he/she deems a change to be appropriate. _____

H. The undersigned requests, contrary to the advice and recommendation of Premier Cremation Services, that shipment or delivery, which I/we have ordered, to be made in a destructible temporary container, which is designed for short term use, and not recommended for shipment. I/We appoint Premier Cremation Services and the funeral home, as my agent to make shipment of said cremated remains via U.S. Postal Service or scheduled airfreight. I/We are aware that the crematory’s services have been fully completed when the cremated remains are ready to leave this crematory, and that the crematory is only acting as my agent in carrying out instruction for shipment. Cremated remains left over 10 days will be mailed/delivered to either the authorizing agent or the funeral home, fees may apply.

I. _____ Mail cremated remains to _____
_____ Name of person(s) authorized to pick up cremated remains 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
_____ Funeral Director to pick up cremated remains _____

J.	Authorizing Agent	Printed Name	Relationship	Mailing Address
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K. I certify that I witnessed the signature above and the foregoing instrument is just and true and that I have identified the remains, and the remains delivered with this authorization are those of the above-named deceased. All viewing and services to be conducted with the body present prior to cremation have been held and the crematory is free to proceed with the cremation upon receipt of these remains.

Funeral Home	Mailing Address/City/State/Zip
Funeral Director Signature	Funeral Director’s License Number

1. Cremation is performed by placing the body, which must be in a leak resistant, rigid cremation container with a solid bottom and a lid or prepared hardwood casket, within the cremation chamber where it is subjected to intense heat and direct flame. I/We authorize the crematory operator to open the cremation chamber during cremation process and reposition the remains of the deceased in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation. Upon completion of this cycle, all substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds), metals (including dental fillings or gold or silver), and other nonhuman materials. The cremated remains (consisting of bone fragments, other materials, metals, etc.) are then swept from the chamber. The cremated remains will be separated. The materials may be affixed with some bone fragments or other human residue, and these materials will be disposed of by the crematory in an unrecoverable manner. The cremated remains are then mechanically processed (pulverized). Once processed, the cremated remains are then encased in the specified urn. Unless a suitable container is purchased or provided for the cremains, the crematory will place such cremains in a container which is designed for short term use. In the event the capacity of the urn or other container is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains of the deceased, the crematory is authorized to place them in two containers, and the Funeral Director and authorizing agent will be notified.

2. The crematory makes a prudent effort to remove and recover all of the cremated remains from the crematory chamber, processing equipment and other tools or containers. It is impossible to remove or recover all cremated remains, as some bone particles and other human residue will remain on or within the equipment. It is further impossible to guarantee or warrant that some bone particle or other residue could not possibly be commingled with those of previously cremated remains. The authorizing agent gives full permission to the crematory to separate and remove all non-combustible metal materials including but not limited to hinges, latches, nails, screws, staples, metal prosthesis or implants to which any bone particles or other human residue may be affixed and forward to an approved recycling facility, where said items shall be disposed of and/or recycled.

3. The crematory reserves the right to accept or reject a cremation container constructed poorly or of non-combustible materials. Metal caskets and wood caskets containing metal beds will not be accepted. Plastic, rubber or fiberglass will not be accepted. I/We authorize remains received in an unacceptable container to be removed prior to the cremation and placed in an acceptable combustible container (fees may apply) and the crematory reserves the right to make disposition of such noncombustible at its sole discretion. The crematory is authorized to inspect the casket or alternative container, including opening, if necessary. The crematory is authorized to remove casket lid or container lid, and is to cut a hole in same and discard handles or any other such materials including, but not limited to, hinges, latches, nails, and precious metals, and to dispose of casket remnants or such materials in any lawful manner it deems appropriate. Said removal may prevent damage to the cremation chamber and other equipment or crematory employees.

4. Embalming is recommended. By Illinois law, no body may be cremated until 24 hours after death. Premier Cremation Services does not provide long term custodial care for bodies or cremated remains.

5. Unless previously authorized by the deceased, in accordance with applicable state law, no cremation may take place without written authorization of the next of kin or the legal representatives of the deceased. The next of kin is the person or persons described in the following order: 1) person designated in a written instrument that satisfies provisions of the Disposition of Remains Act (755 ILCS 65/1); 2) person serving as executor; 3) surviving spouse; 4) surviving competent parents; 5) surviving competent adult children; 6) surviving competent adult siblings; 7) surviving competent adult aunts/uncles; 8) surviving competent adult first cousins.

6. Each body will be cremated separately. No unidentified body will be accepted for cremation. Cremation fees will be based on the total mass, which is the combined weight of the body and cremation container. A maximum total mass of 800 pounds will be accepted for cremation. Additional fees may apply. Absolutely no pets will be accepted for cremation.

7. Unless I/we give specific requests in this authorization, the cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of the deceased will not be performed in accordance with any particular religious or ethnic customs. All pacemakers and silicone implants must be removed. All personal possessions must be removed prior to delivery to the crematory.

8. All noncombustible materials delivered with the remains will be disposed of at the sole discretion of the crematory and will be manually or mechanically reduced in size so they may be discarded or recycled promptly, in an economical manner with other refuse in a non-recoverable manner.

9. Cremation is not final disposition. The cremation process simply reduces the decedent's body to unrecognizable skeletal remains of several pounds.

10. The obligations of Premier Cremation Services shall be limited to the cremation of the decedent and the dispositions of the decedent's cremated remains as authorized on this Authorization for Cremation. No warranties expressed or implied are made and damages shall be limited to the refund of the cremation fee paid. I/We hereby agree to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Premier Cremation Services, its officers, agents and employees, of and from any claims, demands, causes or causes of action, and suits of every kind, nature and description, in law or equity, including any legal fees, cost and expenses of litigation, arising as the result of, based upon or connected with this authorization, including the failure to properly identify the decedent or the human remains transferred to Premier Cremation Services, the processing, shipping and final disposition of the decedent's cremated remains, the failure to take possession of or make proper arrangements for the final disposition of the cremated remains, any damage due to harmful or explosive implants, claims brought by any other person(s) claiming the right to control the disposition of the decedent or the decedent's cremated remains, or any other action performed by Premier Cremation Services, its officers, agents, or employees pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of willful negligence.

11. This Authorization for Cremation form together with the public health permit and the coroner's permit to cremate, all properly signed, and payment in full MUST accompany the body to the crematory.

12. Special request: _____

