**CREMATION AND DISPOSITION**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR BODY PARTS**

This Authorization Form must be completed and signed prior to the cremation. Please read it carefully and ask us any questions you may have. Cremation is an irreversible and final process. It is important that you understand the cremation process that is described in Section 5 of this Authorization Form prior to signing it. We want you to fully understand the information provided in this Authorization Form, so we will be pleased to answer any questions about the cremation process or the other information in this Form.

 THIS AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A CONTRACT FOR CREMATION SERVICES. A SEPARATE CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE SERVICES OF THE FUNERAL HOME AND/OR CREMATORY.

1. IDENTIFICATION OF BODY PARTS

The Remains to be cremated constitute body parts from the individual identified below:

Name of Individual whose Body Parts are to be Cremated:

Body Part(s) to be Cremated:

2. FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

The Authorizing Agent authorizes the Funeral Home and Crematory set forth below to carry out the directions and instructions of the Authorizing Agent contained in this Authorization:

 Name of Funeral Home:

 Address:

 Crematory:

 Address:

3. AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

 Name of Authorizing Agent:

 Address of Authorizing Agent:

 Telephone No.:

The Authorizing Agent represents that he or she has the exclusive right to lawfully authorize the cremation of the Body Parts. The Authorizing Agent further represents that the relationship between the Authorizing Agent and the Individual whose Body Parts are to be cremated is as follows:

1. [ ]  The Individual whose Body Parts are to be cremated.
2. [ ]  The representative appointed in writing by the Individual to authorize the cremation of the Body Parts.
3. [ ]  The guardian of the Individual whose Body Parts are to be cremated.

4. PACEMAKERS, IMPLANTS, AND PROSTHESES

Pacemakers, radioactive, silicon or other implants, mechanical devices or prosthesis may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber and subjected to heat. The following list describes all devices (including mechanical, prosthetic, implants or materials) which may have been implanted in or attached to the Body Parts to be cremated:

 Description of Devices:

 Please initial one of the following statements:

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_: The Body Parts to be cremated do not contain any of the Devices described above.

**OR**

 : As Authorizing Agent, I instruct the Funeral Home to remove each Device listed above and to charge for its services in making or arranging for such a removal. Unless indicated directly below, the Funeral Home is to dispose of all such Devices.

 [ ]  The Devices listed below are to be removed and returned to the Authorizing Agent:

5. THE CREMATION PROCESS

Cremation is performed to prepare the remains for final disposition. It is carried out by placing the Individual’s Body Parts in an alternative container which is then placed in a cremation chamber or retort where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. All cremations are performed individually. During the cremation process, it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the Body Parts in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation. Through the use of suitable fuel, the incineration of the container and its contents is accomplished and all substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metal 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 jewelry (as well as any body prosthesis) that are left with the Body Parts and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation may be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by the Crematory. The Authorizing Agent understands that arrangements must be made with the Funeral Home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the remains are transported to the Crematory.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains are swept or raked from the cremation chamber. Although the Crematory will take reasonable efforts to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process will be left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent and incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residues of previous cremations is a possibility, and the Authorizing Agent understands and accepts that fact.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible material (insofar as possible) such as hinges, latches, and nails from the container will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection. The Crematory is authorized to dispose of these materials with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner, so that only bone fragments will remain.

When the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the skeletal remains often will contain recognizable bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified, after the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will be mechanically pulverized. The 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, which are virtually unrecognizable as human remains, will be placed into a designated container.

6. AUTHORIZATION TO CREMATE, PROCESS AND PULVERIZE

 : As Authorizing Agent, I have read and understand the description of the (Initials) cremation process contained in Section 5 above and authorize the cremation, processing and pulverization of the Body Parts. I further authorize the Funeral Home to deliver the Body Parts to the Crematory for the purpose of the cremation.

7. URN OR TEMPORARY CONTAINER

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the urn listed below or, if an urn is not provided to the Crematory, in a temporary container provided by the Crematory. The Authorizing Agent acknowledges that it is impossible to recover all of the dust and residue from the cremation and processing.

In the event the urn or temporary container is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed by the Crematory in a secondary container. This secondary container will be kept with the urn or the temporary container and handled according to the final disposition instruction set forth in Section 8 below; provided, however, that the secondary container may not be designed for shipping. All urns or containers provided to the Funeral Home or Crematory must be appropriate for shipping. The Authorizing Agent directs the Crematory to use:

 [ ]  Urn selected by Authorizing Agent. Description of urn:

 [ ]  Standard temporary shipping container provided by Crematory.

8. FINAL DISPOSITION

Following the cremation, the Authorizing Agent directs the Crematory and/or Funeral Home to undertake the actions set forth below to arrange the final disposition of the cremated remains. If the cremated remains are shipped at any time, the Authorizing Agent directs that the Crematory or Funeral Home utilize registered U.S. mail with a return receipt or a shipping service that uses an internal system for tracing the location of the cremated remains during shipment and requires signed receipt of the person taking delivery of the cremated remains.

 Please initial the applicable options selected:

 : The Crematory shall deliver the cremated remains to the Funeral Home.

 (Initials)

 : The Funeral Home or, in the event the cremated remains are not returned to the (Initials) Funeral Home, the Crematory shall deliver the cremated remains for disposition as follows:

 [ ]  Deliver to       cemetery which with arrangements have already been made.

 [ ]  Deliver or release to:

 Name:       Relationship:

 Address:

 [ ]  Other:

9. PERSONAL PROPERTY

All personal property and effects delivered to the Crematory with the body parts to be cremated, including jewelry, clothes, hair pieces, dental bridgework, eyeglasses, and shoes will be destroyed in the cremation process or otherwise discarded by the Crematory, in its sole discretion, unless specific instructions for delivery to Authorizing Agent are given below:

 Items to be delivered to the Authorizing Agent:

10. CERTIFICATION AND INDEMNIFICATION

The Authorizing Agent acknowledges that the Funeral Home and Crematory are relying on the representations being made by the Authorizing Agent in this Authorization. The Authorizing Agent certifies that all of the information and statements contained in the Authorization are accurate and no omissions of any material fact have been made. The Authorizing Agent agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Funeral Home and Crematory, their officers, directors, employees, and agents from any claim, cause of action, cost or expense, including but not limited to any legal fees, arising out of or resulting from the Funeral Home’s and the Crematory’s reliance on or performance consistent with the directions, statements, representatives, and agreements contained in this Authorization.

Executed at      , this day of      ,20      .

Signature of Authorizing Agent:

Witness: