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GENERAL PRICE LIST

Effective September 1st, 2026 (prices are subject to change without notice)

It is our honor to serve your family. It is our job to help you make funeral choices that will serve you, your family, and the community best.

For six generations — 147 years, since 1879 — the Saether family has been the one doing that work here in the Blanchardville and Hollandale area. These families entrust us with two things: the care of their loved one after death, and the planning of a service that gathers family and friends to celebrate and honor a life well-lived.

We treat every person in our care with the same respect and dignity we would want for our own family. That includes bathing, disinfecting, appropriate shelter, and basic dressing for every loved one entrusted to us. When circumstances make part of this impossible, we will always tell you directly — but our standard is to provide this care fully, every time. We do this in order to maintain the human dignity that we believe every person deserves.

The pricing that follows reflects only what's necessary to continue offering that standard of care to this community, for this generation and the next.

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Burial Service Packages

Traditional Burial Package

Basic Services of Funeral Director & Staff
 Transfer of Remains to Funeral Home
 Embalming
 Other Preparation of Deceased
 Use of Hearse
 Lead, Flower, & Utility Car
 Custom Acknowledgment Cards
 Register Book
 Photo Memorial Folders per 100
 Services & Facilities for Visitation
 Services & Facilities for Funeral Service
 Services & Equipment for Graveside

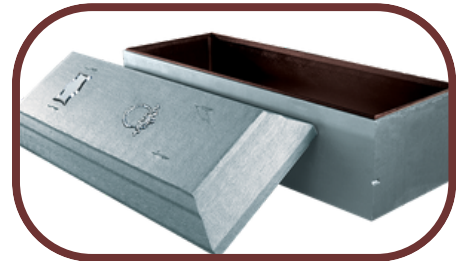
Total Itemized Package (as described above)...\$11,180
 Package Savings.....\$1,885
 Burial Service Package.....\$9,295

When choosing traditional burial, one must also purchase both a:

Casket



Outer Burial Countainer



Green Burial Package

Basic Services of Funeral Director & Staff
 Transfer of Remains to Funeral Home
 Professional Care w/ no Embalming
 Other Preparation of Deceased
 Use of Hearse
 Lead, Flower, & Utility Car
 Custom Acknowledgment Cards
 Register Book
 Photo Memorial Folders per 100
 Services & Facilities for Funeral Service
 Services & Facilities for Visitation (No public viewing)
 Services & Equipment for Graveside

Total Itemized Package (as described above).....\$10,930
 Package Savings.....\$1,885
 Burial Service Package.....\$9,045

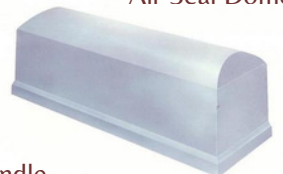
When choosing Green burial, you must consider ONE of two options:

1. **Choosing a Green Burial Cemetery**
2. **Purchasing an Air Seal Dome to bury in ANY cemetery.**

Natural Burial Shroud



Air Seal Dome



Burial Trundle



Simple Pine Casket



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Cremation Service Packages

Traditional Cremation Package

Cremation will take place after a service with body present.

Basic Services of Funeral Director & Staff
 Transfer of Remains to Funeral Home
 Embalming
 Other Preparation of Deceased
 Rental Casket
 Services & Facilities for Visitation
 Services & Facilities for Funeral Service
 Use of Hearse
 Lead, Flower, & Utility Car
 Custom Acknowledgment Cards
 Register Book
 Photo Memorial Folders per 100
 Alternative Container Vehicle to Crematory
 Alternative Container
 Cremation Process
 Retrieval of Cremated Body
 Basic WI Made Oak Urn

Total Itemized Price (as described above)...\$12,945
 Package Savings:.....\$1,480
 Package Price.....\$11,465

Memorial Cremation Package

Cremation will take place before a service. The service will have the urn present.

Basic Services of Funeral Director & Staff
 Transfer of Remains to Funeral Home
 Professional Care with no Embalming
 48 Hours Refrigeration
 Basic Dressing and Casketing
 Alternative Container Vehicle to Crematory
 Alternative Container
 Cremation Process
 Retrieval of Cremated Body
 Basic WI Made Oak Urn
 Private 1-Hour Family Viewing, Unembalmed
 Lead, Flower, & Utility Car
 Custom Acknowledgment Cards
 Register Book
 Photo Memorial Folders per 100
 Services & Facilities for Memorial Service

Total Itemized Price (as described above)..\$10,950
 Package Savings:.....\$1,096
 Package Price.....\$9,854

Simple Cremation Package

Basic Services of Funeral Director & Staff
 Transfer of Remains to Funeral Home
 Professional Care with NO Embalming
 Basic Dressing & Casketing
 Private 1-Hour Family Viewing, Unembalmed
 Alternative Container Vehicle to Crematory
 Alternative Container
 Cremation Process
 Retrieval of Cremated Body
 48 Hours of Refrigeration
 Basic WI Made Oak Urn

Total Itemized Price (as described above).....\$9,880
 Package Savings.....\$ 985
 Package Price.....\$8,895

Cremation Package Add-ons

Embalming Prior to Cremation.....\$250
 3 hour Memorial Visitation.....\$400
 Lunch at Blanchard Hall.....\$500





Itemized Price List

The goods and services shown below are those we can provide to our customers. You may choose only the items you desire; however, any funeral arrangements you select will include a charge for our basic services and overhead. If legal or other requirements mean you must buy any items you did not specifically ask for, we will explain the reason in writing on the statement we provide describing the funeral goods and services you selected. You may keep this price list. This list is copyrighted, subject to change, and may not be reproduced in whole or part without our express permission.

Professional Services

A. BASIC SERVICES OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND STAFF (non-declinable).....\$6,755

Our basic service charge includes, but is not limited to, staff to respond to initial request for service; 24 hour attention to details; arrangement conference with family or responsible party; preparation and filing of necessary certificates and permits; placement of obituary notices; compliance with State and Federal regulations; shelter of remains; planning of disposition arrangements; and coordination of arrangements with cemetery, crematory, vault companies and others as required. Also included in this charge are overhead expenses relative to our facility such as insurance, maintenance and utility expenses, secretarial and administrative costs, and equipment and inventory expenses.

This fee for our basic services and overhead will be added to the total cost of the funeral arrangements you select. (This fee is already included in our charges for direct cremations, immediate burials and forwarding or receiving remains.)

B. Use of Facilities and Staff for Funeral or Memorial Service.....\$475

Funeral or Memorial Service held in our funeral home, or at another location

C. Use of Facilities and Staff for Visitation/Gathering.....\$400

Visitation/Gathering held in our funeral home, or another location

D. Use of Equipment and Staff for Graveside Service.....\$375

This fee is charged when the only service or ceremony held is at the Cemetery. Fees for a committal service held after a funeral or memorial service are included in the charges for those services.

E. Embalming.....\$895

Except in certain special cases, embalming is not required by law. Embalming may be necessary, however, if you select certain funeral arrangements, such as a funeral with viewing. If you do not want embalming, you usually have the right to choose an arrangement that does not require you to pay for it, such as direct cremation or immediate burial.

F. Other Preparation of the Deceased.....\$295

Includes cosmetology, normal restoration of features, hair styling, dressing, and placement of the deceased in the casket, and any other necessary procedures to make the deceased ready for viewing and/or services.

G. Transfer of Deceased to Funeral Home.....\$895

Including 24 hour on call state licensed funeral director, specialized vehicle and equipment to make the transfer of the deceased from the home, nursing home, or hospital within a 40 mile radius

H. Use & Cleaning of Facilities for Funeral Lunch.....\$500

Funeral Lunch with paper products and disposable tablecloths: \$400

I. Hearse.....\$495

Within a 40 mile radius. Outside of 40mi is \$5 per mile

J. Lead, Flower & Utility Car.....	\$150
K. Cremation Process.....	\$595
L. Professional Care With No Embalming.....	\$645

We are required by the State of Wisconsin Funeral Directors Examining Board, State Administrative Code to do the following: HFS 136.04 Preparation of bodies prior to embalming. (1) Prior to embalming, or prior to public viewing or final disposition of the body if embalming is not performed, the funeral director shall do all of the following: (a) Remove all clothing from the body and wash the entire body thoroughly with a germicidal soap or detergent; (b) Clean the body orifices and treat with a topical disinfectant; and (c) Perform pars. (a) and (b) in compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standard for occupational exposure to blood borne pathogens, 29 CFR 1910.1030. (2) The funeral director shall return clothing removed from a dead human body to the family or other appropriate individual. Any soiled clothing shall be disinfected and sanitized before it is returned.

M. Additional Services

i) Private Family Viewing.....	\$165
ii) Livestream Funeral Service.....	\$200
iii) Transportation for Coroner Viewing.....	\$200
iv) Inurnment in Family Provided Urn.....	\$75
v) Embalming of Autopsied Person.....	+\$160
vi) Embalming of Bone/Tissue Donation Person.....	+\$800
vii) Removal of Pacemaker.....	\$200
viii) Celebration of Life at other Facility (set-up & take down only).....	\$350
ix) Additional Vehicle (sedan or van).....	\$150
x) Sunday Burial Vault Company Charge.....	\$595
xi) Engraving Date of Death on Monument.....	\$325
xii) Cemetery Tent with No Vault Purchase.....	\$400
xiii) Basic Dressing & Casketing.....	\$175
xiv) Refrigeration per day.....	\$110
xv) Retrieval of Cremated Body.....	\$80

N. Merchandise

i) Caskets (A complete price list will be provided at funeral home).....	\$1,195 to \$5,995
ii) Outer Burial Containers (A complete price list will be provided at funeral home).....	\$2,170 to \$6,800
iii) Alternative Container (Cremation container).....	\$100
iv) Natural Burial Shroud.....	\$750
v) Natural Burial Trundle.....	\$700
vi) Basic WI Oak Urn.....	\$100
vii) Acknowledgment Cards per 100.....	\$40
viii) Custom Acknowledgment Cards per 100.....	\$140
ix) Register Book.....	\$80
x) Memorial Folders per 100.....	\$80
xi) Small Custom Memorial Folders per 100.....	\$175
xii) Large Custom Memorial Folders per 100.....	\$225
xiii) Memorial Candle.....	\$60
xiv) Laminations.....	\$5



Required Minimal Services

DIRECT CREMATION AVAILABLE FROM.....\$8,343 TO \$9,938

The charge for direct cremation includes transfer of remains to the funeral home, basic services of funeral director and staff including identification of remains, minimal disinfection services required by State (Professional Care With No Embalming), and transportation to crematory. This charge does not include any public or private viewing or ceremony, coroner's fee, or the crematory fee.

If you want to arrange a direct cremation, you can use an alternative container. Alternative containers encase the body and can be made of materials like fiberboard or composition materials (with or without an outside covering). The containers we provide are cardboard containers, or cardboard containers with a wood bottom.

CONTAINER PROVIDED BY PURCHASER..... \$8,343

ALTERNATIVE CONTAINER (cardboard).....\$8,443

MINIMUM CREMATION CASKET (paperboard).....\$9,838

OR\$8,343 PLUS CASKET OF YOUR CHOICE

IMMEDIATE BURIAL AVAILABLE FROM.....\$8,343 TO \$9,838

This charge includes transfer of remains to the funeral home, basic services of funeral director and staff, minimal disinfection services required by State (Professional Care With No Embalming), and vehicle to transport to cemetery. This charge does not include any public or private viewing, ceremony, burial vault/grave liner, or cemetery fees.

CASKET PROVIDED BY PURCHASER.....\$8,343

MINIMUM CASKET (paperboard).....\$9,838

OR \$8,343.00 PLUS CASKET OF YOUR CHOICE

FORWARDING OF REMAINS TO ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME..... \$8,825

This charge includes local transfer of remains to the funeral home, embalming, basic services of funeral director and staff and motor equipment to local point of transportation. This charge does not include shipping container, viewing, funeral ceremony, or shipping charges.

RECEIVING REMAINS FROM ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME.....\$7,051

This charge includes local transfer of remains to the funeral home, basic services of funeral director and staff and motor equipment to local point of disposition (cemetery/crematory.) This charge does not include viewing, ceremony or merchandise.

RECEIVING CREMATED BODY, 1 HOUR VISITATION TIME, MEMORIAL SERVICE & OVERSEEING DISPOSITION..... \$5,995

This charge includes receiving and short term housing of cremated body, arrangements with family, cemetery, clergy, placing obituaries, auto for local setting up service & transporting equipment, setting up and overseeing one hour gathering time for family and friends prior to service, memorial service, graveside service, overseeing burial of cremated body, 100 acknowledgment cards, 100 standard memorial folders and a completed register book. This charge does not include cost of obituaries, cemetery charges, or any other cash advance items.

RECEIVING CREMATED BODY & OVERSEEING DISPOSITION.....\$3,795

This charge includes receiving and short term housing of cremated body, arrangements with family, cemetery, clergy, placing obituaries, auto for local setting up graveside service & transporting equipment, setting up and overseeing any requested graveside service or gathering, and overseeing burial of cremated body. This charge does not include cost of obituaries, cemetery charges, or any other cash advance items.

NON-ITEMIZED SERVICES PER HOUR CHARGE.....\$195

This charge per-hour is used for staff services, use of facilities, unusual additional care and restoration of deceased, or other items not included in the above itemized charges.



Family History

147 Years in 2026 - Six Generations

From Ole T. Saether starting in 1879, to Jeff Saether celebrating 147 years of service to the Pecatonica area in 2026.

The history of our family and firm speaks for our dedication to our communities and the quality of service that we offer families at a challenging time. Our family is here to serve your family, and guide you through the choices that you have with burial or cremation when a friend or relative dies. We thank those families that have allowed us the honor of serving them at some of the most difficult times of their lives for the trust that you placed in us. We pledge to continue to strive to earn that trust for years to come.



Ole T. Saether, a native of Norway immigrated to this area in 1879. He started in business making furniture and barbering. Eventually, he also made caskets and started an undertaking business. Gradually, the cabinet making ceased,

and the business became a furniture store and funeral home. In 1910, Ole's son, Hannock Saether joined him in business. In 1935, Hannock's son, Rex Saether joined, and in 1958, Rex's son, R. Thomas Saether became the fourth generation. In the 1970's, Tom and his wife Kay changed the focus of the furniture store from one serving the local area to one offering high quality furniture and interior design services serving a wider area including all of southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. In 1987 Tom's son, Paul Saether became the fifth generation to receive his Embalmers and Funeral Directors license and enter the family business.



Pictured left to right: Ole, Tom, Rex, and Hannock Saether

In 1998, after the retirement of Tom and Kay, Paul and his wife Julie made the difficult decision to close the furniture store in order to concentrate on funeral service. In 2002 Paul and Julie started a new business, the Saether Livery Service, serving funeral homes in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois providing a hearse with driver to assist firms with their funeral services. In 2016 Paul renovated the old Saether Furniture building into Blanchard Hall, a universal event center and home for the funeral service. The Saether's officially moved funeral operations out of the old funeral home (109 Water St) into Blanchard Hall (204 S Main) in 2017.



In 2024 Paul & Julie's son, Jeff Saether, moved home after graduating from Worsham College of Mortuary Science. He got his Funeral Directors License and became the 6th Generation of the Saether family to do so. Not long after in 2026 Jeff's wife, Carmen (Danz) Saether, joined the family funeral service, also having her Funeral Director's license. This team couldn't be happier to have each other as they try to serve the community to the best of their ability.



A note about funeral costs...

At the beginning of this price list, we explain the basis for the fees that follow. On average, around 70 hours of work go into a funeral with visitation and service — closer to 55 hours when no services are held. Measured against that, and against the fees of other professionals, we believe our pricing reflects a fair and honest value for the work involved.

Funeral arrangements ending in burial are generally made up of our service fees and the cost of the casket and vault. When comparing costs between funeral homes, we'd encourage you to compare the final total rather than individual line items — pricing structures vary, and a lower merchandise cost may come with a different service fee, or the reverse.

Our primary goal is to serve every family with the most complete and compassionate care we can provide. The quality of service you receive will be the same regardless of the expense of the merchandise or services you choose, from the most complete package to the most basic.

We also stay connected to the families we serve long after the funeral is over, and the surveys we send after each service consistently show families are satisfied with the care and value they received. Because families in this community have trusted us with their loved ones for six generations, we're able to give back — through service on community boards and support for local organizations. Without your asking us to help you, we would not be able to do that.