



# Tezak's

HOME TO CELEBRATE LIFE®

*Honoring Traditions, Serving the Community and Celebrating Life Since 1908*

## *Resource Planning Guide & General Price List*

 **Traditional Funerals**

 **Cremations**

 **Family Guided Funerals**

*Prices effective March 30, 2026 and subject to change without notice.*



## Honoring Tradition, Serving the Community and Celebrating Life Since 1908!

Over 100 years and four generations of our family  
welcome your family as part of our own.

### ***CHOOSING THE TEZAK FAMILY***

We would like to thank you for allowing us the honor to serve your family at this most difficult time. Since 1908 when John and Jean Tezak first began this business, four generations of our family have served over 10,000 families in Joliet and the surrounding area. John and Jean tirelessly worked to help many families in a time of great need during the Great Depression and two World Wars. They provided dignified services to every family who were in need.

We continue this tradition of service today and want you to feel as though you are part of our family. Every detail will be attended to, and we would like you to experience as much comfort and peace as possible in this difficult time. John and Jean's son, Richard W. Tezak, instilled in us that every detail is important and every family is special. Along with his wife Josephine, he served his community and the families that came into our funeral home with the utmost dignity and respect, and treated them as if they were his own.

The Tezak tradition carries on today with Richard and Josephine's sons, John (Judy) and Richard K. (Ellen) Tezak; along with Richard and Josephine's daughter, Mary Jean (Tom) Hayducak's son, Ryan Hayducak, a licensed Funeral Director; Ryan's wife, Katie Hayducak, licensed Funeral Director; Ruben Pena, licensed Funeral Director and international shipping specialist; Jay Schramm, licensed Funeral Director; Myrna Nevarez, Office Manager and Julie Rositch, Visitation Specialist, as well as our part-time staff of Drivers and Funeral Assistants who are considered part of our family.

We hope that your family feels welcome as new members of our extended family.

We are proud to offer comprehensive family-care, including:

Our *Celebrations of Life* memorialization packages are designed to help your family celebrate the unique story of your loved one by sharing, honoring, celebrating, remembering and eventually healing. Our knowledgeable, well-trained staff understands that every family has needs and preferences, and we are here to collaborate with you to create a personalized, meaningful celebration to remember your loved one. We will proudly support any appropriate requests to honor and celebrate the life your loved one lived.

Our facilities, while contemporary, comfortable, and serene are designed with the entire family in mind. We are a fully accessible facility with ample parking space, a children's activity room, family kitchens as well as several options for gathering, remembering, worshipping, sharing a meal, and celebrating a life lived.

A commitment to include you as part of our family with extended aftercare services when the initial funeral and memorialization are complete. We host the annual Veteran's Day and December Candle lighting Ceremony and memorial services to extend help in your grieving process while your family and friends begin to journey back to their day-to-day lives.

We stand behind over 100 years of commitment to service with our 100% Satisfaction Guarantee. If you are not completely satisfied with any of ***our*** professional services or facilities, you will not be charged for that ***specific*** service.

# The Importance of Funeral Ritual

“When words are inadequate, have a ritual.” ~*Anonymous*

Rituals are symbolic activities that help us, our families and friends express our deepest thoughts and feelings about life’s most important events. Baptism celebrates the birth of a child and that child’s acceptance into the church family. Birthday parties honor the passing of another year in the life of someone we love. Weddings publicly affirm the private love shared by two people.

The funeral ritual, too, is a public, traditional and symbolic means of expressing our beliefs, thoughts and feelings about the death of someone loved. Rich in history and rife with symbolism, the funeral ceremony helps us acknowledge the reality of the death, gives testimony to the life of the deceased, encourages the expression of grief in a way consistent with the culture’s values, provides support to mourners, allows for the embracing of faith and beliefs about life and death, and offers continuity and hope for the living.

Unfortunately, our mourning-avoiding culture has to a large extent forgotten these crucial purposes of the meaningful funeral. We share the concern that individuals, families and ultimately society as a whole will suffer if we do not reinvest ourselves in the funeral ritual. We further believe that the involvement of the body of the person we are mourning in the funeral experience is very important in helping us through our grief. Finally, we recognize it is painful to witness the final committal of the body or cremated remains, however, the act of witnessing our loved one leaving us helps us accept the reality of their death.

Four basic needs are fulfilled by the funeral ritual:

## **Emotional**

A funeral allows us to be with our emotions and face the reality of death. It allows family and friends to share memories of a loved one, to laugh and cry together and provide vital support for each other’s grief.

## **Physical**

Disposition of the deceased’s body is controlled by State and Federal laws, staff must be licensed and report to organized governmental regulators.

## **Social**

A funeral is a social event that acknowledges and celebrates the life our loved one lived. It is also an historic event that should be shared, so family and friends can support each other.

## **Spiritual**

A funeral helps us recognize that material things are less important as money cannot buy the most precious gift of all, life. A funeral provides an expression of love and allows us to manifest our spirituality.

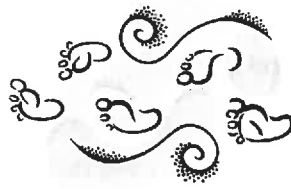
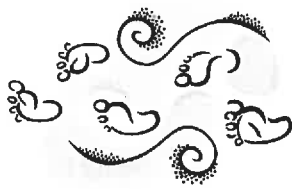
We have intentionally incorporated various ways to fulfill the four needs listed above as well as the stages of the Journey Through Mourning in our Traditional and Cremation Packages. We have taken great care to provide a safe environment and stable base on which you and your family can build your loved one’s ritual. Families are encouraged to select their own venue, their own music, readings or poetry, and whether a religious or non-religious ceremony is more appropriate. The order, content and style of service can be varied to suit your family’s needs. A personal tribute from a friend or family member, or perhaps including appropriate cultural traditions, may make the service more meaningful. Remember, above all, a funeral or memorial ceremony is for those who are living. It is a celebration of the life our loved one lived and a recognition of their death. Please accept our sincerest condolences as you begin your journey through this process and know we are here to help you, and we are committed to creating the most meaningful experience possible for you and your family.

# *Our Journey Through Mourning*

*When we experience a loss, especially the loss of a loved one, we all move through the steps of grief and healing.*

*We also must go through the immediate steps of mourning after a loved one passes away. You and your family have just begun on this journey we all share some time in our lives.*

*We would like to share the eight steps that you may experience over the next few weeks.*



## ***First Step on Your Journey: Private Shock***

We experience a deep feeling of shock after the loss of a loved one. Our realization that we will never see them again hurts deeply, even beyond words. This shock can cause us physical pain, tears, extreme emotions, or we may even become ill.

## ***Second Step on Your Journey: Informing Others***

Immediate family members must inform extended family and friends. Our extended families and friends begin the journey with us. This may take a few hours or a few days, everyone processes and reacts to this information differently.

## ***Third Step on Your Journey: Family and Friends Gather***

Our families and friends come together to provide assistance and encouragement. We want to support our loved ones through their journey and help them make difficult decisions. You are reading this today as one of the family members or friends who are responsible for making the sometimes challenging decisions regarding funeral arrangements. We are here with you today on your journey to assist you.

### ***Receiving Condolences***

Our friends, co-workers, neighbors, and acquaintances will want to offer their condolences and possibly other assistance (food, babysitting, house-sitting, etc.). As they offer to support you, please accept what you need knowing that you can benefit greatly from their support. It is interesting to note that 65% of people who attend visitations did not know the deceased...but they know you. They are joining you on your journey and want to share their memories, loss and concerns.

### ***Public Remembrance and Mourning***

A memorial ceremony or funeral service is a chance for the community to be with you as you process the memories of your loved one. It is your opportunity to celebrate the life of your loved one, to share stories, tell jokes, and talk about the happy moments of their life. It helps you to mourn as it shifts the focus off of you and your loss, but toward celebrating the life your loved one lived.

### ***Final Farewell***

The final farewell presents a moment of closure, a time to reflect on and celebrate your loved one's life and moving into a new life without that person physically with you. When we acknowledge this moment, say good-bye and walk through that door, we move in a healing way from a physical relationship to one of memories and recognition of our loved one's impact on our life. This creates a space for healthy grieving and growth.

### ***Private Grief***

Every person experiences grief in a unique way, yet all of the experiences are real and valid. As you are reminded of your loved one, your grief may be triggered by painful memories, happy memories, a song, a person passing on the street or even a familiar smell. Without fully embracing these experiences, your painful memories may start to dominate and prevent you from returning to a healthy path through life. Ask for help at any time you need it.

### ***Peace***

If you are open to embracing your grief and walking this path, your odds of quickly returning to a healthy path through life increase.

You control the pace and the steps that you take through the journey of mourning on your way to peace.



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## **GENERAL PRICE LIST**

These prices are effective September 5, 2025 but are subject to change without notice.

The goods and services shown below are those we provide to our customers. You may choose only those 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 services you selected.

This firm makes available home funeral options as well as green burial options and is one of a select group of funeral providers certified by the Green Burial Council, a nonprofit organization that encourages the use of burial as a means of facilitating the restoration, acquisition, and stewardship of natural areas throughout the United States. For such arrangements, formaldehyde-based embalming is prohibited as is the use of metal or concrete grave-liners, burial-vaults, or other permanent burial containers. Caskets, coffins or alternative containers used to enclose and transport the deceased are made of biodegradable materials and are available in a range of prices. We also have staff trained as Home Funeral Guides to provide assistance with home and family-directed funerals. A wide variety of options including home wakes, public visitations, church funerals and graveside services may be arranged within the limited time-frame which home and green funeral/burials allow.

As with all of our service and merchandise offerings, detailed price information for each component is itemized on our General Price List and Casket Price List.

### **BASIC SERVICES OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR & STAFF AND BASIC OVERHEAD & FACILITIES.....\$3,950.00**

Our fee for the basic services of funeral director and staff includes, but is not limited to, funeral directors and staff to respond to initial request for service, preside over arrangement conference and record vital statistics with family and responsible parties, arrange funeral services and coordinate with those providing other portions of the funeral (e.g., cemetery, vault companies, florists, caterers and others as required), provide aftercare services following funeral services, prepare and file necessary authorizations and permits, file death certificate and secure certified copies of the same, and prepare and place obituary notices. Also included in this charge are overhead expenses relative to our facilities and other business expenses such as building and utility expenses, insurance, parking lot and grounds, maintenance, professional licensing, legal and accounting fees, taxes, equipment, furnishings, inventory costs, record keeping, and secretarial and administrative expenses. This fee for our basic services and overhead will be added to the total cost of the funeral arrangements you select.

### **MINIMAL USE BASIC SERVICES OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR & STAFF AND BASIC OVERHEAD & FACILITIES.....\$2,650.00**

This fee for basic services and overhead includes proportionate charges of the items listed above and is used when the funeral home facilities are not used, or used only for preparation and storage of the deceased. 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, direct to Anatomical Gift, and forwarding or receiving remains.)

### **MODIFIED USE BASIC SERVICES OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR & STAFF AND BASIC OVERHEAD & FACILITIES.....\$2,250.00**

This fee for basic services and overhead includes proportionate charges of the items listed above and is used when the funeral home facilities are used for preparation of memorial visitation / service only. This fee for our basic services and overhead will be added to the total cost of the funeral arrangements you select.

### ***INFANTS & CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER, POLICE, FIRE & MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY***

*In these unforeseen circumstances, we offer a reduced basic service fee of \$500.00*

### **EMBALMING.....\$675.00**

Embalming for Organ/Bone donors or autopsied remains.....\$775.00

*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 public 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.*

**GENERAL PRICE LIST** (Continued)

**ADDITIONAL PREPARATION OF THE BODY**

Dressing/Casketing/Cosmetics/Hairstyling.....	\$375.00
Washing, disinfecting and posing features.....	\$200.00
Use of dry ice.....	\$60.00/day
Special cosmetology/restoration when necessary.....	\$150.00/hr
Home funeral preparation assistance.....	\$375.00
<i>This charge includes funeral director/staff assistance moving the deceased within your home; washing, dressing, cosmetics, hairdressing, posing features; placing dry ice and preparing visitation area.</i>	

**ADDITIONAL STAFF SERVICES AND FACILITIES**

Shelter of remains after 3 days.....	\$150.00/day
Facilities & Staff for Visitation/Viewing.....	\$795.00
Funeral Director, Staff & Equipment for Visitation/Viewing at another facility.....	\$495.00
Facilities & Staff for Funeral Service.....	\$600.00
Funeral Director, Staff & Equipment for Funeral Service at another facility.....	\$400.00
Facilities & Staff for Memorial Visitation .....	\$695.00
Funeral Director, Staff & Equipment for Memorial Service at another facility.....	\$350.00
Facilities & Staff for Memorial Service.....	\$550.00
Funeral Director, Staff & Equipment Memorial Visitation at another facility.....	\$400.00
Staff & Equipment for Committal service.....	\$300.00
Cremation Fee.....	\$495.00
Final Rites Chapel: Family Only Farewell (½ hr).....	No Charge
Final Rites Chapel: Family Only Farewell (2 hrs).....	\$150.00
Home Visitation/Wake with trained staff member present.....	\$50.00/hr
Trained staff member on-call.....	\$100.00/day
Out of country paperwork .....	\$400.00
Apostille paperwork .....	\$150.00
Credit Card Transaction Fee.....	3%

**AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Transfer of remains to funeral home (25 mile radius).....	\$525.00
Additional mile charge.....	\$2.20/Per Mile
Additional staff for home removal.....	\$100.00
Hearse.....	\$400.00
Limousine (up to four hours).....	\$450.00
(Additional hourly charge).....	\$35.00/hr
Lead Car (traffic safety/flowers/Clergy).....	\$300.00
Local delivery of cremated remains to cemetery (no ceremony or family).....	\$225.00
Local delivery of casketed remains to cemetery (no ceremony or family).....	\$355.00

**MERCHANDISE**

BURIAL CASKETS (Range of Prices) A complete price list will be provided separately.....	\$600.00 to \$28,999.00
OUTER BURIAL CONTAINER (Range of Prices) A complete price list will be provided separately.....	\$750.00 to \$3,700.00
Exterior Religious Symbol (Included with casket purchase).....	\$45.00
Interior Religious Symbol (Included with casket purchase).....	\$25.00
Video Tribute (Includes three copies of the tribute).....	\$225.00
Additional Copy of Video Tribute.....	\$10.00
13 x 19 Portrait.....	\$75.00
Video Recording or Secure Webcast of service.....	\$300.00
Register Book Sets.....	\$250.00
120 Prayer Cards (8 laminated) or 100 Tribute Cards.....	\$60.00
Additional Marquee.....	\$50.00
Register Book .....	\$150.00
Thank you Cards.....	\$40.00

# **GENERAL PRICE LIST**

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## **FORWARDING OF REMAINS TO ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME.....\$3,900.00**

This charge includes minimal use basic services of funeral director and staff, basic overhead and facilities, removal of remains, embalming and other preparation of the body, one certified death certificate, shipping container, and local transportation. This charge does not include a casket, outer burial container, visitation/wake, ceremony, or shipping charges.

## **RECEIVING REMAINS FROM ANOTHER FUNERAL HOME.....\$2,600.00**

This charge includes minimal use basic services of funeral director and staff, basic overhead and facilities, care of remains and transportation to funeral home, crematory, or cemetery. This charge does not include a casket, outer burial container, shipping container, visitation/wake, ceremony, or shipping charges.

## **IMMEDIATE BURIAL .....\$3,050.00**

This charge includes minimal use basic services of funeral director and staff, basic overhead and facilities, removal and care of remains, one certified death certificate, and transportation to cemetery. This charge does not include a casket, outer burial container, embalming, any visitation/wake, or ceremony. See our Casket Price List for a listing of casket prices.

## **CREMATION OPTIONS**

## **IMMEDIATE CREMATION.....\$3,200.00**

This charge includes minimal use basic services of funeral director and staff, basic overhead and facilities, removal of remains, sheltering the deceased for any required waiting period, five certified death certificates, an urn from our immediate cremation urn section, cremation permit, and crematory fee . This charge does not include embalming, a cremation container, outer burial container, visitation/wake, or ceremony. Cremation requires a suitable container. If you want a direct cremation, you can use alternative container. Alternative containers encase the body and can be made of materials like fiberboard or composite materials .

***Cremation alternative fiberboard box .....\$65.00***

***Optional cremation containers starting at .....\$89.00***

***Immediate cremation urn .....\$159.00***

## **DIRECT TO ANATOMICAL GIFT ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS.....\$1,750.00**

This charge includes minimal use basic services of funeral director and staff, basic overhead and facilities, removal and sheltering of remains, one certified death certificate, cremation permit, transportation to funeral home and/or the AGA in Chicago, and coordinating application and enrollment with AGA. This charge does not include embalming, an urn, outer burial container, visitation/wake or ceremony. Cremated remains will be sent directly from AGA's contracted crematory in a temporary cremated remains container. Please note, delivery of the cremated remains from the AGA could take six months up to two years to receive.

# **GENERAL PRICE LIST**

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## **INFANTS & CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER, POLICE, FIRE & MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**

In these unforeseen circumstances, we offer a reduced basic service fee of \$500.00 and waive any additional fees that are directly connected to our services and facility such as; embalming and/or cremation fees , as well as the of facilities for visitation and service. The family will be responsible for purchasing any merchandise necessary for the services they choose. They will also be responsible for the cash advanced items such as the cemetery, obituary notice, church, flowers, certified copies, or any other fees that are incurred.

## **POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL / CLERGY MEMBERS/ VETERANS:**

For these special community members, in honor of their service to our community and country, we offer a 5% discount off any merchandise purchased at our funeral home with a minimum of \$100.00 discount. This discount will not be applied to merchandise purchased outside the funeral home, or any cemetery, obituary notice, church, flowers, certified copies or any other cash advance fees that are incurred.

## **EMPLOYEES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY:**

In these special cases, we waive our basic services of funeral director and staff, basic overhead and facilities, and embalming and/or cremation fees as well as all other professional services fees directly connected to our facility. The family will be responsible for purchasing any merchandise necessary for the services they choose. They will also be responsible for the cash advanced items such as the cemetery, obituary notice, church, flowers, certified copies, or any other fees that are incurred.

## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:**

In situations where families find themselves as Spiritual but not religious, or who do not have a minister or church affiliation, need a special personalized grave side service, or there is a need for a service without a specific clergy member or religious affiliation.

### **General Price List Disclaimer:**

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# Celebration of Life Burial Packages



## **Two Day Complete Funeral Service**

A personalized life celebration with both a set visitation time and planned ceremonial events.

### Package includes:

- ◆ Professional Services of Funeral Director & Staff
- ◆ Transfer of deceased into our care
- ◆ Embalming and preparation of the deceased
- ◆ Dressing, casketing, cosmetics
- ◆ Use of facilities and staff for viewing & visitation
- ◆ Use of facilities and staff for funeral ceremony
- ◆ Committal service
- ◆ Hearse
- ◆ Lead/clergy car
- ◆ Standard register book package
- ◆ Video tribute (includes three DVD copies)

**Package Price \$8,345.00**



## **Same Day Funeral Service**

Family and friends to come together in a planned tribute & visitation time for a loved one.

### Package includes:

- ◆ Professional Services of Funeral Director & Staff
- ◆ Transfer of deceased into our care
- ◆ Embalming and preparation of the deceased
- ◆ Dressing, casketing, cosmetics
- ◆ Use of facilities and staff for viewing & visitation
- ◆ Use of facilities and staff for funeral ceremony
- ◆ Committal service
- ◆ Hearse
- ◆ Lead/clergy car
- ◆ Basic register book package
- ◆ Video tribute (includes three DVD copies)

**Package Price \$7,745.00**



\*These package prices are exclusive of any applicable sales taxes on merchandise items.

\*In accordance with FTC Funeral Rule regulations, all savings/discounts are exclusive of the Basic Service Fee.



# Celebration of Life Cremation Packages



## **Two Day Traditional Service With Cremation**

Personalized life celebration with set visitation time and planned ceremonial events.

Package includes:

- ◆ Professional Services of Funeral Director & Staff
- ◆ Transfer of deceased into our care
- ◆ Embalming and preparation of the deceased
- ◆ Dressing, casketing, cosmetics
- ◆ Use of facilities and staff for viewing & visitation
- ◆ Use of facilities and staff for funeral ceremony
- ◆ Cremation Fee
- ◆ Hearse
- ◆ Lead/Clergy Car
- ◆ Basic register book package
- ◆ Video tribute (includes three DVD copies)
- ◆ Committal Service

**Package Price**

**\$8,840.00**



## **One Day Memorial Service With Cremation**

Set time for family and friends to visit, share memories and show support.

Package includes:

- ◆ Professional Services of Funeral Director & Staff
- ◆ Transfer of deceased into our care
- ◆ Family only farewell
- ◆ Use of facilities and staff for memorial visitation and/or memorial ceremony
- ◆ Cremation Fee
- ◆ Basic register book package
- ◆ Video tribute (includes three DVD copies)

**Package Price**

**\$6,140.00**

**With Funeral Service the next day**

- ◆ Use of facilities and staff for funeral ceremony
  - ◆ Lead/clergy car
  - ◆ Committal Service

**Package Price**

**\$7,290.00**



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