

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING CREMATION PERMIT

Part I

Completed by Funeral Director or person self-authorizing cremation.

Part II

Completed and signed by the Funeral Director. The item regarding notification is completed only for self-authorized cremations.

Part III – *(Not applicable for Self-Authorized Cremations)*

Completed and signed by the custodian of the body. The custodian of the body must be the spouse, if married, or if there is no spouse, then the next of kin or other designated person. (See below for additional information regarding custody of decedent's remains).

Part IV – *(Completed for Self-Authorized cremations only)*

If the person completing the self-authorized cremation is married, the person's spouse must be listed in this part as the designated custodian. If there is surviving spouse, then the next of kin or other designated person must be listed. (See below for additional information regarding custody of decedent's remains). A second designated custodian may be listed but is not required.

Part V

Completed and signed by the issuing Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Part VI

Completed and signed by the person in charge of the crematory.

Please Note: To self-authorize a cremation, complete Parts I and IV only. Parts II, III, V, and VI will be completed at the time of death.

Connecticut General Statute Section 45a-318

Connecticut General Statute §45a-318 is amended to allow a person eighteen years of age or older to execute in advance of his or her death, a cremation authorization. If a self-authorized cremation is executed, it must be completed on this form and attested in writing by two witnesses that the person self-authorizing his or her own cremation is of sound mind and capacity at the time the authorization is executed. The person's spouse, or if there is no spouse, then the next of kin or other designated person named in Part IV of this form, must be notified within forty-eight hours of the death of such person. The Funeral Director must make reasonable efforts to notify this person. If the person to be notified is unavailable at the time of such person's death, other persons may be notified in accordance with Probate Law. Parts II, III, V, and VI will be completed by the appropriate parties upon the death of the person who is self-authorizing the cremation.

Sec. 45a-318 stipulates that the custody and control of the remains of deceased residents of this state shall belong to the surviving spouse of the deceased. If the surviving spouse had abandoned, and at the time of death was living apart from the deceased, or if there is no spouse surviving, then such custody and control shall belong to the next of kin, unless the decedent, in a duly acknowledged writing, designated another person to have custody and control of the remains of the decedent.