

# Atlanta Crematory

1040 A Main Street  
Stone Mountain, GA 30086  
770-469-5577

Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Receipt \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Director \_\_\_\_\_

## AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION

Atlanta Crematory. ("Atlanta Crematory") requires that this Authorization For Cremation and Disposition Form ("Form") be completed and signed prior to the cremation. **ALL PARTIES UNDERSTAND THAT CREMATION IS AN IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL PROCESS.** It is important that you understand the cremation process that is described in Appendix A of this Authorization Form prior to signing it. We want you to fully understand the information provided in this Authorization Form, we will be pleased to answer any questions about the cremation process or other questions that you may have.

### 1. DECEASED INFORMATION

#### A. IDENTIFICATION

Name of Decedent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Time of Death \_\_\_\_\_ County of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of Party or Parties providing the information to be relied upon and the approval for the actions required by this form:

| Name of Authorizing Agent | Address | Telephone | Relationship |
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Any and all parties shown above are hereinafter referred to as Authorizing Agent. If more than one person is acting as the Authorizing Agent they shall all be shown above. From this point forward the phrase Authorizing Agent shall apply to all shown above. No approval can be given unless it is approved by all Authorizing Agents. As Authorizing Agent, I/we have filled in the chart above.

(Initials) I/We understand that any living person who meets the qualifications of any level above or equal to the one I/we filled in would have a **superior or equal** right to act as the Authorizing Agent.

(Initials) I/We do not have actual knowledge of the existence of any living person who has a **superior or equal** right to set as the Authorizing Agent.

(Initials) I/We, individually and collectively, agree to hold Atlanta Crematory and any other party involved in this cremation harmless should we mislead them with any of our statements in this Form.

#### B. AUTHORIZATION AND IDENTIFICATION

(Initials) As Authorizing Agent, I/We represent that I/We have the right to authorize the cremation of the Decedent's remains and warrant:

(Initials) As Authorizing Agent, I/We waived the right to identify decedent remains.

(Initials) The Authorizing Agent has viewed the remains and positively identified them as that of the Decedent.

(Initials) As Authorizing Agent, I/we have read and understand the description of the cremation process contained in Appendix A and authorize the cremation, processing and pulverization of the remains of the Decedent. I/we further authorize Atlanta Crematory to proceed with the cremation.

#### C. ARTIFICAL DEVICES

Mechanical devices, artifical implants, pacemakers, and certain nuclear medicine residues may create a hazardous condition when placed in a cremation chamber and subjected to hight heat. Pacemakers, radioactive, silicon or other implants, mechanical devices or prostheses may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber which can cause damage to the cremation chamber, the building housing the chamber and any operators of the cremation chamber. As Authorizing Agent, I have listed below all devices (including mechanical, prosthetic, implants, or materials), which may have been implanted in or attached to the Decedent. I have also identified if the Deceased was treated with any Radioactive Materials.

C1. Description of Devices listed above with the Deceased:

C2. (Initials) The Deceased was treated with Radioactive Materials

C3. (Initials) The remains of the Decedent do not contain any of the Devices nor has the Deceased been treated with Radioactive Material; **OR**

C4. (Initials) As Authorizing Agent, I/we instruct Atlanta Crematory to remove each Device listed above and to charge for its services in making or arranging for such removal. Unless indicated directly below, Atlanta Crematory is to dispose of all such Devices. In any manner it sees fit and at any time.

Manner of disposal of devices: \_\_\_\_\_

#### D. PERSONAL PROPERTY

All personal property and effects delivered with the remains of the Decedent to Atlanta Crematory, including jewelry, clothes, hair pieces, dental bridgework, eyeglasses, and shoes, will be destroyed in the cremation process or otherwise discarded by Atlanta Crematory, in its sole discretion, unless specific instructions for delivery are given below. If no specific instructions are given, I/we release Atlanta Crematory from liability for these items.

Items to be delivered to Authorizing Agent or Designee: \_\_\_\_\_

The Designee for receiving the above material on behalf of the Authorizing Agent is chosen by the Authorizing Agent. The Designee will be required to provide state or federal approved identification to Atlanta Crematory when they come to receive the above material.

#### E. EYEWITNESSES

The Authorizing Agent, being advised of their right to witness the placement of the deceased into the cremation chamber, shall accept or decline this offer in writing. Witnessing a cremation can be an emotional experience. Witnesses are assuming the risks involved and fully release Atlanta Crematory from any liability. To the extent permitted by Atlanta Crematory, the persons listed below are authorized to be present prior to and during the cremation of the Decedent's remains and for a time indicated below which may include the period during the removal of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber. Witnessing of any aspect of the cremation and processing procedure shall be in compliance with all applicable laws and any safety regulations. Witnesses should read Appendix A, which outlines the Cremation Process, so they will be aware of the procedure. If a witness cannot read English, the Authorizing Agent should make arrangements for someone to translate or read this to the Witness before the Cremation Process begins. If you desire witnesses, you must initial below, list the witness names, and all witnesses must sign an additional Cremation Witness Acknowledgment. This witnessing can be for the start of the cremation or for the entire cremation and processing of the cremated remains.

(Initials) No witnesses; **OR**

(Initials) Witnessing is to be only at the onset of the cremation.

(Initials) Witnessing is to be for the entire time of the cremation.

(Initials) Witnessing is to be for the entire time of the cremation and the processing of the cremated remains.

(List of Witnesses and all Witnesses must sign individual Cremation Witness Acknowledgement and no Witness may remain longer than approved above by the Authorizing Agent)

#### **F. TIME OF CREMATION**

The cremation of the Decedent's remains cannot take place until all legal requirements as established by the State of Georgia have been fulfilled. The Authorizing Agent may arrange for the cremation to take place at a specified time or at the convenience of Atlanta Crematory upon the completion of the above legal requirements. The specific time would be used in the case of a Witnessing as specified in Section 1E. Our crematory is located at: **1040 A Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30086**.

Please initial one of the following:

(Initials) Atlanta Crematory may perform the cremation of the Decedent's remains at a time and date as its work schedule permits and without any further notification to the Authorizing Agent; **OR**

(Initials) Atlanta Crematory is to use its best efforts to schedule the cremation on Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **2. CREMATION CONTAINER AND URN**

##### **A. CASKET OR CREMATION CONTAINER**

Atlanta Crematory requires the remains of the Deceased be in a suitable container for cremation. The remains of Deceased are to be cremated in a combustible casket or alternative container that is capable of being completely closed, is resistant to leakage or spillage, is sufficiently rigid to be handled easily, and provides protection for the health and safety of Atlanta Crematory personnel and anyone else involved in transferring the body to Atlanta Crematory. Atlanta Crematory is authorized to inspect the casket or alternative container, including opening it if necessary. In the event that the casket or container does not meet the above requirements, Atlanta Crematory will notify the Authorizing Agent directly. Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible material also contain some exterior parts (decorative handles or rails) that are not combustible and that may cause damage to the cremation equipment. As Authorizing Agent, I authorize Atlanta Crematory, in its discretion, to remove and discard the non-combustible materials. I understand that all crematories will not accept metal or fiberglass caskets. I further understand that the casket or alternative container will be consumed as part of the cremation process.

Type of Container Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

##### **B. URN**

An urn to hold the cremated remains may be purchased or provided by the Authorizing Agent but an urn is not required. If an urn is not purchased or provided, the cremated remains will be delivered in a rigid box with a liner.

#### **3. RETURN OF CREMATED REMAINS OF DECEASED**

The Authorizing Agent acknowledges that it is impossible to recover all of the dust and residue that was the body of the DECEASED from the cremation chamber and processing machines. The crematory operator will do the best job they can to remove from the crematory all of the cremated remains of the DECEASED. This also means that it is possible for some minor amounts of incidental commingling of cremated remains from previous cremations may occur. However, all of the cremated remains recovered from the cremation chamber and processing equipment shall be prepared for disposition in the manner directed per the written instructions of the Authorizing Agent.

In the case of a normal size adult, it is recommended that the urn or lined box be a minimum size of 200 cubic inches. In the event the urn or lined box 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 lined box and handled according to the final disposition instruction set forth in Section 4; provided, however, that the secondary container may not be designed for shipping. All urns or lined boxes provided to Atlanta Crematory will be appropriate for shipping.

#### **4. FINAL DISPOSITION**

Atlanta Crematory wants to confirm that the return of the cremated remains of Deceased are to be returned either to the Authorized Agent or their Personal Representative or to a facility for their care.

Cremated remains may not be shipped outside of the United States without additional cost and delays.

The final disposition of the cremated remains by inurnment, personal retention, scattering, burying or other method is the choice of the Authorized Agent.

(Initials) Return to Funeral Director.

(Initials) Atlanta Crematory will deliver or mail (register-return receipt) the cremated remains to the name and address listed below for:

inurnment,  interment, or  scattering  Other

The Authorizing Agent shall be liable for the cost of such final disposition in a grave, crypt or niche and such costs shall be prepaid. Atlanta Crematory has no liability for the shipping of cremated remains if the costs for disposition at site are not prepaid.

The name and address for delivery are:

Location Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **5. CERTIFICATION AND INDEMNIFICATIONS**

I/We have the right and hereby authorize the cremation of the Deceased and the disposition of the cremated remains pursuant to the regulations of the Crematory and the instructions on this form. I/We agree to release and indemnify Atlanta Crematory, their officers, directors, agents and employees, from any claim, liability, cost or expense resulting from Atlanta Crematory reliance on or performance consistent with the directions, declarations, representations, authorizations and agreements herein. I/We release Atlanta Crematory from liability for the cremated remains upon delivery to a reputable common carrier. I/We agree that the Atlanta Crematory liability for future negligent acts (of itself or its agents or employees) is limited to a refund of the cremation fees paid to the Atlanta Crematory by me/us. I/We warrant that all representations and statements contained in this form are true and correct. These statements are being relied upon by Atlanta Crematory. I/We agree to hold harmless from any attacks if they relied upon these statements which turn out to cause harm to anyone. I/We have read and understood all pages of this document.

This authorization for cremation and disposition was executed at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorizing Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ print \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ print \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX A** **THE CREMATION PROCESS**

The cremation of the Decedent's remains may take place before or after ceremonies to memorialize the Decedent. Cremation is performed to prepare the remains of the Decedent for final disposition. The cremation is carried out by placing the Decedent's remains in the casket or alternative container, which is then placed into a cremation chamber or retort where the remains of the deceased are subject to intense heat and flame which could get as hot as 1400°F to as much as 2100°F. During the cremation process, it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the remains of the Decedent 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 most substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metal (including dental gold and silver and other non-human materials) as the temperature is not sufficient to consume them. Some nails from caskets might remain as well.

Due to the nature of the cremation process, any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as dental gold or jewelry (as well as any body prostheses or dental bridgework) that are left with the remains and removed from the casket or container prior to cremation will probably be destroyed. If anything is not destroyed it will be disposed of by the Atlanta Crematory when separated from the bone fragments. 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 of the Decedent are transported to the Atlanta Crematory. These personal artifacts cannot be recovered after the cremation.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh about 3% of the weight of the deceased individual, shall be removed from the cremation chamber by manual means. This work can be done by brushing as well as industry-specific mechanical means, such as vacuuming, in order to retrieve the cremated remains from all areas of the cremation chamber. Although the Atlanta Crematory staff will take reasonable efforts to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, some dust and other residue from the process will be left behind. That is normal. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling of the cremated remains it is impossible to avoid some inadvertent and incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residues of previous cremations. The Authorizing Agent understands and accept this 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. Other non-bone fragment foreign material that was part of the deceased prior to cremation and recovered with the cremated remains, such as internal prosthesis, shall be removed prior to processing so that only human bone fragments will remain. Non-bone fragment foreign materials may be commingled with other like material and shall be disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws. Atlanta Crematory is authorized to dispose of these materials with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner.

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 materials, they will be mechanically processed by being pulverized. The process of crushing or grinding may cause incidental commingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains. This is normal in very nominal amounts. These granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions, which are virtually unrecognizable human remains, will then be placed into a designated container or an urn.