

AUTHORITY TO CREMATE

Crematory ID Tag # _____

NAME OF DECEDENT: _____

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

SEX: M F
(Encircle one)

DECEDENT'S ADDRESS: _____

In this document the word "I" shall refer to all persons authorizing the cremation and disposition of the decedent.)

I authorize Sierra View Crematory (CR #215) or Nor-Cal Crematory (CR #124) (the "Crematory") to cremate the body of the decedent named above the "Decedent") in accordance with the Crematory's rules and regulations and State laws and regulations. Funeral Establishment reserves the right to choose which Crematory that will be used.

NOTE: California law provides "Any person signing any authorization for the interment or cremation of any remains warrants the truthfulness of any act set forth in the authorization, the identity of the person whose remains are sought to be interred or cremated, and his or her authority to order interment or cremation. He or she is personally liable for all damage occasioned by or resulting from the breach of such warranty."]
(We) certify that the decedent did not give directions that his/her remains not be cremated, and that (initial on all applicable lines):

_____ I am making this authorization for myself.

_____ I am the Agent under a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (attach a copy of the Durable Power of Attorney).

_____ I am the surviving spouse of the decedent. I am the surviving California Registered Domestic Partner of the decedent.

_____ I am (We are) the surviving child (children- all or majority).
_____ number of children. There being no surviving spouse/domestic partner.

_____ I am (We are) the surviving parent (parents).
_____ number of parents. There being no surviving spouse/domestic partner or children.

_____ I am (We are) all or a majority of the surviving sister(s) and brother(s).
_____ number of sisters and brothers. There being no surviving spouse/domestic partner, children, or parents.

_____ I am (We are) all or a majority of the surviving niece(s) and nephew(s).
_____ number of nieces and nephews. There being no surviving spouse/domestic partner, children, parents, sisters, and brothers.

_____ I am (We are) all or a majority of the surviving next of kin of closest degree of decedent as defined in California Probate Code 6400 et seq. and California Health and Safety Code 7100.

_____ I certify that I have the legal right to authorize the cremation & control the disposition of the Decedent's remains.

1. **Cremation Container.** The Crematory will not accept the remains of the Decedent for cremation unless they are in a leak resistant, rigid combustible cremation container or casket. I authorize the Crematory to remove and dispose of handles, ornaments or other non-combustible parts of the cremation container or casket.

2. **Mechanical or Radioactive Devices.** Mechanical or radioactive devices, such as pacemakers, may be a hazard if placed in the cremation chamber. The Crematory will therefore not knowingly cremate any remains which contain such a device.

I certify that the remains of the Decedent **DO** _____ **DO NOT** _____ contain a mechanical or radioactive device. (Place initials next to correct statement)

If the decedent's remains do contain such a device, I authorize the Funeral Establishment or Crematory to arrange for the removal of the device prior to the cremation. I further authorize the Funeral Establishment or Crematory or its agent to dispose of any such device as it deems appropriate. I agree to indemnify and hold the Crematory harmless from any and all claims or damages, including damage to the retort(s) or injuries suffered by the Crematory's employees, which arise from my failure to timely notify the Crematory of any mechanical or radioactive implants in the body of the Decedent. **INITIAL:** _____

3. **Mementos, Jewelry, Dental Gold/Silver & Other Foreign Materials.** Items such as personal mementos, jewelry, dental gold and silver, prostheses and other foreign materials placed in the cremation chamber with the Decedent will either be destroyed or rendered unrecognizable. If any such items are recovered from the cremation chamber I authorize the Crematory to dispose of them.

4. **The Cremation Process.** I acknowledge the following: The human body burns with the casket, container, or other material in the cremation chamber. Some bone fragments are not combustible at the incineration temperature and, as a result, remain in the cremation chamber. During the cremation, the contents of the chamber may be moved to facilitate incineration. The chamber is composed of ceramic or other material which disintegrates slightly during each cremation and the product of that disintegration is commingled with the cremated remains. Nearly all of the contents of the cremation chamber, consisting of the cremated remains, disintegrated chamber material, and small amounts of residue from previous cremations, are removed together and crushed, pulverized, or ground to facilitate interment or scattering. Some residue remains in the cracks and uneven places of the chamber. Periodically, the accumulation of this residue is removed and interred in a dedicated cemetery property, or scattered at sea.

5. **Time of Cremation.** The cremation will take place after all required permits are obtained, this completed and signed Authority to Cremate is received by the Crematory, and after any scheduled funeral ceremony at which the decedent's body is to be present has been concluded. The Crematory will perform the cremation according to its schedule (unless a specific date and time is requested in section 9), and at its discretion, without obtaining any further authorizations or instructions, unless the right of the person signing this document to authorize the cremation is contested by someone. In that event the Crematory may delay the cremation while it determines whether and how to proceed. The normal cremation process may take a minimum of 3 working days to a possible 10 days once all papers are signed and received at the Crematory.

6. **Viewing of Remains.** In order to view the remains of the deceased, minimal preparation and charges apply in order to do so.

I WOULD like to make arrangements to view the deceased's remains _____ initials

I DECLINE to make arrangements to view the deceased's remains _____ initials

7. **Weight Limits.** In the event the Decedent is over 300 lbs, additional charges will apply.
I certify that the Decedent is under 300 lbs. YES _____ NO _____ (Note: An additional charge will apply) (Place initials next to correct statement)