

# LITTLE MIAMI

## CREMATORY

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# CREMATION and DISPOSITION AUTHORIZATION

The State of Ohio requires that this Authorization Form be completed and signed prior to the cremation. Please read it carefully and ask us any questions you may have. Cremation is an irreversible and final process. It is important that you understand the cremation process that is described in Section 9 of this Authorization Form prior to signing it. We want you to fully understand the information provided in this Authorization Form, so we will be pleased to answer any questions about the cremation process or the other information in this Form.

**THIS AUTHORIZATION IS NOT A CONTRACT FOR CREMATION SERVICES. A SEPARATE CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE THE SERVICES OF THE FUNERAL HOME AND/OR CREMATORY.**

## 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE DECEDENT

Name of Decedent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Death: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

BECAUSE CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE, IDENTIFICATION OF THE DECEDENT IS REQUIRED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

  
(Initials)

The Authorizing Agent has viewed the remains and positively identified them as the body of the Decedent.

  
(Initials)

The personal representative of the Authorizing Agent has viewed the remains and positively identified them as the body of the Decedent.

  
(Initials)

The Authorizing Agent/Personal Representative of Authorizing Agent request a picture be taken of decedent, and from that picture positively identifies the body to be the decedent named above.

## 2 FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

The Authorizing Agent authorizes the Funeral Home and Crematory set forth below to carry out the directions and instructions of the Authorizing Agent contained in this Authorization:

Name of Funeral Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Crematory: \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Burial Permit or Burial-Transit permit authorizing the cremation of the Decedent has been obtained by:

Name of Funeral Director in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 IDENTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

Name of Authorizing Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Authorizing Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

The Authorizing Agent represents that the relationship between the Authorizing Agent and the Decedent is as follows:

- (a)  Surviving Spouse of Decedent at time of death.
- (b)  The person designated by the Decedent in an Antemortem Preneed Authorization Form to arrange the cremation.
- (c)  The Executor or Administrator of the Decedent's estate who has written instructions by the Decedent authorizing this cremation.
- (d)  An adult child of the Decedent. If the Decedent had more than one surviving adult child, the authorizing Agent represents that all of the Decedent's other adult children have been notified of the Decedent's death and of the plans to cremate the Decedent's remains, and that none of them have expressed an objection to the cremation.
- (e)  A parent of the Decedent or, if the Decedent was under the age of 18, the parent, guardian or custodian of the Decedent. If the other parent of the Decedent is still alive, the authorizing Agent represents that the other parent has been notified of the Decedent's death and of the plans to cremate the Decedent's remains, and has not expressed an objection to the cremation.
- (f)  The person in the next degree of kinship to the Decedent after those listed above in (a) through (e).
- (g)  A public officer or employee of Ohio or a political subdivision of Ohio which is responsible for the final disposition of the Decedent's remains.
- (h)  A representative of a nursing home, rest home, adult care facility or hospital which has been designated in a duly executed Antemortem Cremation Authorization as the institution to make arrangements for the final disposition of the Decedent's remains.
- (i)  In the absence of any individual listed above in (a) through (h), an individual willing to assume the responsibility of serving as the Authorizing Agent.

#### 4 AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

As Authorizing Agent, I represent that I have the right to authorize the cremation of the Decedent's remains and I am initialing one of the following two statements accordingly:

(Initials)

As Authorizing Agent, I have checked a box in Section 3 above. I understand that any living person who meets the qualifications of any box above the one I checked would have a superior right to act as the Authorizing Agent. I certify that I do not have actual knowledge of the existence of any living person who has a superior right to act as the Authorizing Agent.

**OR**

(Initials) As Authorizing Agent, I am aware of a living person or persons who has a superior priority right to act as Authorizing Agent. I have made reasonable efforts to contact such person(s) and have been unable to do so. I have no reason to believe that the person(s) with the superior priority right would object to the cremation of the Decedent.

#### 5 PACEMAKERS, IMPLANTS, AND PROSTHESES

Pacemakers, radioactive, silicon or other implants, mechanical devices or prostheses may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber and subjected to heat. The following list describes all devices (including mechanical, prosthetic, implants or materials) which may have been implanted in or attached to the Decedent:

Description of Devices: \_\_\_\_\_

Please initial one of the following statements:

(Initials) The remains of the Decedent do not contain any of the Devices described above.

**OR**

(Initials) As Authorizing Agent, I instruct the Funeral Home to remove each Device listed above and to charge for its services in making or arranging for such removal. Unless indicated directly below, the Funeral Home is to dispose of all such Devices.

The Devices listed are to be removed and returned to the Authorizing Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

#### CASKET OR ALTERNATIVE CONTAINER

The remains 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 Crematory and Funeral Home personnel. The Crematory is authorized to inspect the casket or alternative container, including opening if necessary. In the event that the casket or container does not meet the above requirements, the Crematory will notify the Authorizing Agent. 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 the Crematory, in its discretion, to remove and discard the non-combustible materials. I understand that some crematories will not accept metal caskets. I further understand that the casket or alternative container will be consumed as part of the cremation process.

Casket or Alternative Container Selected: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 7 MULTIPLE CREMATIONS

Under Ohio law, the remains of more than one decedent may not be simultaneously cremated in the same cremation chamber unless the decedents to be cremated were related or were, any time during the one-year period preceding their deaths, living in a common law marital relationship or cohabitating. Unless authorized below, the Decedent's remains shall be individually cremated.

(Initials) As Authorizing Agent, I authorize the simultaneous cremation of the remains of the Decedent with the decedent named below. I certify that this multiple cremation meets the legal requirements set forth above.

Name of Other Decedent: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 8 WITNESSES

Witnessing a cremation can be an emotional experience. Witnesses are assuming the risks involved and fully release the Funeral Home and Crematory from any liability. To the extent permitted by the Crematory, the persons listed below are authorized to be present at the cremation room prior to and during the cremation of the Decedent's remains and during the removal of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber. Please initial one of the following:

(List of Witnesses) \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

No Witnesses.

#### 9 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. It 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 they are subjected to intense heat and flame. All cremations are performed individually unless noted otherwise in Section 7 above. 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 all 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.

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 prosthesis or dental bridgework) that are left with the Decedent and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation may be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by the Crematory. The Authorizing Agent understands that arrangement 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 Crematory.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average-size adult, are then swept or raked from the cremation chamber. Although the Crematory will take reasonable efforts to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process will be left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent and incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residues of previous cremations is a possibility, and the Authorizing Agent understands and accepts this fact.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible material (insofar as possible) such as dental bridge-work and hinges, latches, and nails from the container will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection. The Crematory is authorized to dispose of these materials with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner, so that only human bone fragments will remain.

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 material, they will be mechanically pulverized. The process of crushing or grinding may cause incidental commingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains. These granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions, which are virtually unrecognizable as human remains, will then be placed into a designated container.

## 10 AUTHORIZATION TO CREMATE, AND REDUCE VOLUME

(Initials)

As Authorizing Agent, I have read and understand the description of the cremation process contained in Section 9 and authorize the cremation, and the reduction of volume of the remains of the Decedent. I further authorize the Funeral Home to deliver the Decedent's remains to the Crematory for the purpose of the cremation.

## 11 URN OR TEMPORARY CONTAINER

After the cremated remains have been reduced in volume, they will be placed in the urn listed below or, if an urn is not provided to the Crematory, in a temporary container provided by the Crematory. The Authorizing Agent acknowledges that it is impossible to recover all of the dust and residue from the cremation and processing.

In the case of an adult it is recommended that the urn or temporary container be a minimum size of 200 cubic inches. In the event the urn or temporary container 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 temporary container and handled according to the final disposition instruction set forth in Section 12 below; provided, however, that the secondary container may not be designed for shipping. All urns or containers provided to the Funeral Home or Crematory must be appropriate for shipping. The Authorizing Agent directs the Crematory to use:

- Urn selected by Authorizing Agent. Description of urn: \_\_\_\_\_
- Standard temporary container provided by Crematory.

## 12 FINAL DISPOSITION

Following the cremation, the Authorizing Agent directs the Funeral Home to undertake the actions set forth below to arrange the final disposition of the cremated remains of the Decedent. If the cremated remains are shipped at any time, the Authorizing Agent directs that the Funeral Home utilize registered U.S. mail with a return receipt or a shipping service that uses an internal system for tracing the location of the cremated remains during shipment and requires a signed receipt of the person taking delivery of the cremated remains. Please initial the applicable options selected:

(Initials)

The Crematory shall release the cremated remains of the Decedent to the Funeral Home.

(Initials)

The Funeral Home shall release the cremated remains of the Decedent for disposition as follows:

- Deliver to \_\_\_\_\_ cemetery which with arrangements have already been made.
- Deliver or release to:  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(Initials)

The Authorizing Agent understands that if no arrangements for the final disposition, release or shipment of the cremated remains are made in this Authorization, the Funeral Home shall hold the cremated remains for thirty (30) days after cremation. If during that thirty (30) day period the cremated remains are not retrieved by the person designated above to receive them or by the Authorizing Agent, or if arrangements for their final disposition are not made, then the Funeral Home may return the cremated remains to the Authorizing Agent at the address listed in Section 3. In the alternative, if no arrangements for the final disposition of the cremated remains have been made within sixty (60) days after the cremation and if the Authorizing Agent has not taken delivery of or caused the delivery of the cremated remains, or in the event the arrangements for the final disposition have not been carried out within that sixty (60) day period because of the inaction of a party other than the Funeral Home, then the Funeral Home may dispose of the cremated remains in a grave, crypt or niche. The Authorizing Agent shall be liable for the cost of such final disposition in a grave, crypt or niche and shall reimburse the Funeral Home immediately upon receipt of an invoice.

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**PERSONAL PROPERTY**

All personal property and effects delivered with the remains of the Decedent to the Crematory, including jewelry, clothes, hair pieces, dental bridgework, eyeglasses, and shoes will be destroyed in the cremation process or otherwise discarded by the Crematory, in its sole discretion, unless specific instructions for delivery to Authorizing Agent are given below:

Items to be delivered to the Authorizing Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

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**VISITATION AND FUNERAL CEREMONIES**

Prior to the cremation of the Decedent's remains, the Authorizing Agent or the Decedent's family has arranged for a visitation and/or funeral ceremony as set forth below:

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Time(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Ceremonies: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TIME OF CREMATION**

As indicated in the completed Non-provisional Death Certificate, the cremation of the Decedent's remains cannot take place until 24 hours have elapsed from the time of death. If the remains are not embalmed and if the cremation is not to occur within eight hours of the delivery of the remains to the Crematory, the Crematory will place the remains in a refrigerated facility.

Decedent's remains:  are to be embalmed.  are not to be embalmed.

Please initial one of the following:

(Initials)

The 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)

The Crematory is to use its best efforts to schedule the cremation in accordance with the schedule set forth below:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**16 CERTIFICATION AND INDEMNIFICATION**

The Authorizing Agent acknowledges that the Funeral Home and Crematory are relying upon the representations being made by the Authorizing Agent in this Authorization. The Authorizing Agent certifies that all of the information and statements contained in the Authorization are accurate and no omissions of any material fact have been made. The Authorizing Agent agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Funeral Home and Crematory, their officers, directors, employees, and agents from any claim, cause of action, cost or expense, including but not limited to any legal fees, arising out of or resulting from the Funeral Home's and the Crematory's reliance on or performance consistent with the directions, statements, representatives, and agreements contained in this Authorization.

Executed at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Witness\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If a Funeral Director witnesses the execution of this Authorization by the Authorizing Agent, the Funeral Director verifies the accuracy of the identity of the Decedent and the representation that a Burial Permit or Burial-Transit Permit authorizing the cremation of the Decedent's remains has been obtained.

**CERTIFICATE BY FUNERAL HOME UPON TRANSFER OF DECEDENT'S REMAINS TO CREMATORY**

The Funeral Home certifies that the remains being transferred to the custody of the Crematory are those of the Decedent identified in Section 1 hereof and that the Funeral Home, based upon the representations of the Authorizing Agent in Section 5 hereof, has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the removal of any Device listed in Section 5 from the Decedent's remains or to render such Device non-hazardous. The Funeral Home also certifies that any items listed in Section 13 hereof have been removed from the remains of the Decedent for the purpose of delivery to the Authorizing Agent.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

FUNERAL HOME

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Funeral Home Representative