

CCI Chesapeake Crematory, Inc.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION

Name of Decedent: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Funeral Home: _____ Date of Death: _____ Time of Death: _____

IDENTIFICATION AFTER DEATH

Maryland law (Chapter 5-502, Health-General Article, Maryland Annotated Code) states that a deceased human body may not be cremated until it has been identified by the next-of-kin, another person authorized to arrange disposition, the Delegate thereof, or the Medical Examiner. I hereby identify the remains as the above-named decedent.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Name (print): _____ Relationship to decedent: _____
Address: _____

CREMATION AUTHORIZATION

I/we, the undersigned, certify that I/we have the status initialed by the undersigned below regarding the above-named decedent (**initial one**):

_____ I/we are either the above-named decedent acting prior to death, the legally authorized agent of the above-named decedent, or the closest living next-of-kin thereof. As such, I/we are in complete charge of the remains of the above-named decedent and as such possess full legal authority to execute this authorization form and to arrange for the disposition of the above-named decedent.

OR:

_____ I/we have made a good-faith effort to no avail to obtain authorization for disposition of the above-named decedent from any and all known next-of-kin or agents of the above-named decedent, and I/we therefore accept responsibility for the disposition of the above-named decedent and as such possess full legal authority to execute this authorization form and to arrange for the disposition of the above-named decedent.

I/we, the undersigned, certify that by authorizing cremation, I/we are not knowingly contravening a legally valid advance directive by the above-named decedent.

I/we, the undersigned, hereby authorize and request CCI, in accordance with and subject to its rules and regulations and any applicable state or local laws or regulations, to cremate the human remains of the above-named decedent at its discretion and according to its own work schedule. I/we have read the codicil to this form (see next page) titled "Chesapeake Crematory Inc. Policies, Procedures & Requirements" and hereby authorize CCI to perform the cremation of the above-named decedent in accordance with that document.

As the Authorizing Agent(s), I/we hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless CCI, the referring funeral establishment(s) or mortician(s), and their officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, and suits of every kind, in law or equity, including any legal fees, costs and expenses of litigation arising as a result of, based upon or connected with this authorization, including failure to properly identify the above-named decedent, unpleasant sights or odors experienced by the person identifying the above-named decedent, the processing, shipping and disposition of the above-named decedent's cremated remains, the failure to take possession of or make proper arrangements for the handling or disposal of the cremated remains, any damage due to harmful or explodable implants, claims brought by any other person(s) claiming the right to control the disposition of the above-named decedent or the decedent's cremated remains, or any other action performed by CCI, the referring funeral establishment(s) or mortician(s), or their officers, agents, or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of gross negligence.

I/we verify that we have notified the funeral home(s) and mortician(s) of the existence of, and allowed them permission to remove, any pacemakers and radioactive implants prior to delivering the above-named decedent to CCI. My initials below indicate the circumstances regarding this matter:

_____ I/we know of no pacemaker or radioactive implant in the body of the above of the above-named decedent.

OR:

_____ The body of the above-named decedent contains the following implant(s): _____

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FOR CCI INTERNAL USE ONLY:

Delivery date: _____ Deliverer: _____ Tag(s) checked: _____ Transit permit received _____
DC/VA stamp received _____ Crem. date: _____ Mach.: _____ Cremation #: _____ Op: _____ Start: _____ Stop: _____
Pick-up date: _____ Pick-up person: _____ Tag/label/cremation cert. checked: _____

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I/we hereby request that the events preceded by my/our initials below occur at the crematory before the cremation:

_____ funeral ceremony at CCI (with the body present)

_____ in-person identification of the decedent at CCI by me/us, the next-of-kin, or his/her Delegate

_____ witnessing of the casket/container being placed in the cremation chamber (in accordance with guidelines and policies below).

I/we hereby request that CCI and/or the referring funeral establishment do the following with the cremated remains of the above-named decedent:

I/we authorize CCI and/or the referring funeral home to dispose of the cremated remains of the above-named deceased if not claimed within 90 days from the date of death, and also hold the funeral establishment harmless from any liability while holding the cremated remains during that period.

THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS IRREVERSIBLE AND FINAL. READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

By executing this Cremation Authorization, as Authorizing Agent(s), the undersigned warrant that all representation and statements contained on this form are true and correct, that these statements were made to induce CCI to cremate the human remains of the above-named decedent, and that the undersigned have read and understood the provisions contained on this form and the CCI Policies, Procedures and Requirements codicil to this form

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name (print): _____ Relationship to decedent: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Name (print): _____ Relationship to decedent: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

I, the undersigned funeral director, have reviewed all the identification tags and paperwork accompanying the above-named decedent before delivery to CCI:

Funeral Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

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POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND REQUIREMENTS

The cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of a decedent shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, and the policies, procedures and requirements of Chesapeake Crematory, Inc., hereinafter referred to as CCI, and the designated funeral establishment.

This document describes many of the policies and requirements of CCI and is incorporated as a codicil to our Authorization for Cremation form. We suggest that you read this document carefully before executing the Authorization for Cremation.

CCI Requirements for Cremation

Cremation will take place only after all of the following conditions have been met:

1. Any scheduled ceremonies or viewings have been completed,
2. 12 hours have transpired since the death occurred,
3. civil and medical authorities have issued all required permits, and
4. all necessary authorizations and identification have been obtained.

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CCI POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND REQUIREMENTS - (CONT'D)

Caskets/Containers

CCI does not accept metal caskets. All wooden caskets and alternative containers must:

1. be composed of materials suitable for cremation,
2. be able to be closed so as to provide a complete covering for the human remains,
3. be resistant to leakage or spillage, and
4. be able to provide protection for the health and safety for crematory personnel.

Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible material also contain some exterior parts, e.g. handles or rails, that are not combustible and that may cause damage to cremation equipment. CCI, as its sole discretion, reserves the right to remove these non-combustible materials prior to cremation and to discard them with similar materials from other cremations and other refuse in a non-recoverable manner.

Pacemakers, Prostheses and Radioactive Devices

Pacemakers and/or prostheses, as well as any other mechanical or radioactive devices or implants in the decedent, may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber. It is imperative that pacemakers and radioactive devices be removed prior to cremation. If the funeral establishment is not notified about such devices or implants, and is not instructed to remove them, then the person(s) authorizing the cremation will be responsible for any damage caused to CCI facilities, equipment, or personnel by such devices or implants. It is the sole responsibility of the funeral establishment to remove and dispose of such devices, and CCI will not be responsible for such removal or disposal.

The Cremation Process

All cremations are performed individually. Exceptions are made only in cases involving close relatives, and then only with the prior written instructions of the Authorizing Agent(s).

Cremation is performed by placing the deceased in a casket or other container and then placing the casket or container into a cremation chamber or retort where it is subjected to intense heat and flame. During the cremation process, it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the deceased in order to facilitate a complete cremation. Through the use of a suitable fuel, incineration of the container and 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 the cremation will be destroyed or, if not destroyed, disposed of by CCI. As the casket or container will not normally be opened by CCI, arrangements must be made with the funeral establishment to remove any such possessions or valuables before the decedent is transported to CCI.

Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average-size adult, are then swept from the cremation chamber. CCI makes every reasonable effort to remove all the cremated remains, but minute amounts of cusp and residue are likely to remain.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible materials (insofar as possible), such as bridgework, and materials from the casket or container, such as hinges and latches, will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection and will be disposed of by CCI with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner. After the bone fragments have been separated from other material, unless otherwise specified, they will be mechanically processed.

In all of CCI's procedures, every reasonable effort will be made to avoid commingling of any cremated remains with any residual remains from previous cremations. However, minute and incidental commingling may occur.

Witnessing

CCI does not normally allow for the witnessing of the casket/container being placed in the cremation chamber. However, witnessing will be allowed under special exceptions within the guidelines of the following:

1. CCI must have at least 24 hours notice from the funeral establishment,
2. CCI reserves the right to schedule the witnessing so as to not interrupt the normal course of business, and
3. Witnesses are permitted only in the area of the cremation chamber, and only during the placement of the casket/container, and
4. All witnesses must complete and sign CCI's Hold-Harmless Agreement Regarding Attendance at Cremation.

Urns/Containers

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or container. CCI will make every reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or container, with the exception of dust and other residue that may be inadvertently remain on the processing equipment. In the event that the urn or container provided is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be kept with them in a separate labeled receptacle.

Handling of Cremated Remains

CCI is not responsible for cremated remains unclaimed 90 days after the date of cremation. Any requests regarding the involvement of CCI in the scattering or disposal of the cremated remains must be made in writing and signed by the funeral establishment representative and the Authorizing Agent. If this is the request, CCI will not be held accountable for the manner or nature of the performance of such activities. CCI reserves the right to scatter or dispose of the cremated remains in such fashion as is acceptable with governing authorities. If the option selected includes scattering or disposal, then the cremated remains will not be recoverable. If scattering or disposal is performed in a common area, then the cremated remains may be commingled with the particles of other cremated remains that have been previously scattered.

Limitation of Liability

The obligation of CCI shall be limited to cremation of the decedent and handling of the decedent's cremated remains as authorized in writing. No warranties, express or implied, are made, and damages shall be limited to the amount of the cremation fee paid.