

CREMATION AUTHORIZATION FORM



Name of Funeral Home: Cavazos Funeral Home, Inc. and Crematory

Address: 2000 Cypress Landing Dr.

City/State/Zip code: Houston, TX 77090

Phone Number: 281-895-8811 Fax 281-895-8707

Name of Decedent: _____ Place of Death: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____ Time of Death: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Pacemaker Yes _____ No _____

BEFORE CREMATION TAKES PLACE

- All necessary authorizations have been obtained, and no objections have been raised.
Civil and medical authorizations must have issued all required permits.
A Cremation Permit (Burial Transit Permit marked 'cremation') from the Bureau of Vital Statistics MUST accompany this form.
The 48 hour mandatory state waiting period must have expired, or have been waived in writing by the legal authority having jurisdiction.
Any scheduled viewings or ceremonies with the body present must have been completed.
The funeral home (or director) shall be aware if the decedent has any mechanical or radioactive devices or implants (such as pacemakers), as they may have to be removed prior to cremation.
All personal possessions or valuable materials, such as jewelry, dental gold, etc... if so desired, should be removed by Authorizing Agent(s) or Funeral Establishment prior to delivery to the Crematory.
The crematory shall be Notified Prior to Arrival, of anyone wishing to witness the container being placed in the cremation chamber.

CREMATION CONTAINER

Remains must be placed in a container for cremation. Such containers must meet the following standards: 1) be composed of Combustible Materials; 2) provide complete covering of the body; 3) be Resistant to Spillage or Leakage; 4) be Rigid for Handling with ease; 5) be able to Provide Protection for the Health and Safety of the crematory personnel.

THE CREMATION: PROCESSING OF THE REMAINS

- All cremations are performed individually unless authorized in writing by the authorizing agent of each deceased person.
Cremation begins by placement of the cremation container in the cremation chamber where it is subject to intense heat and flame.
Through the use of suitable fuel, incineration of the container and contents is accomplished and all substances are consumed and driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metal.
Certain items, including, but not limited to, body prostheses, dentures, dental bridgework, dental fillings, jewelry, artificial eyes and other personal articles and property accompanying the remains of the Decedent, will be destroyed during the cremation process.
Following a cooling period, the cremated remains are swept or raked from the cremation chamber.
After the cremated remains are removed from the chamber, all noncombustible materials (not previously removed) insofar as possible, will be Separated and Removed from the bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection and will be disposed of by the crematory in a non-recoverable manner.
Because the skeletal remains often contain recognizable bone fragments, they are mechanically processed (pulverized) or reduced in size to uniform particles.
If an urn or other container is not provided to the crematory, or is insufficient in size to accommodate all the remains, the crematory will place the remains, or any excess, in a temporary receptacle (container) made of plastic or cardboard.

AFTER CREMATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED

- Cremation is NOT a final disposition, nor is placing the cremated remains in storage at a funeral establishment.
If the cremated remains are not claimed by the 121st day following the date of cremation, then Cavazos Funeral Home, Inc. Crematory shall arrange for the final disposition or dispose of the cremated remains in any manner permitted by law.
Cavazos Funeral Home, Inc. Crematory strongly suggests that you consult your funeral professional for the many options available for final disposition.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY. The obligations of Cavazos Funeral Home, Inc. Crematory shall be limited to the cremation of the decedent and the disposition of the decedent's cremated remains as authorized on the Cremation Authorization Form. No Warranties Expressed or Implied are Made, and Damages Shall be Limited to the amount of the cremation fee.

Funeral Director's initials _____ Authorizing Agent(s) initials _____

Name of Decedent: _____

I/We, the undersigned (the "Authorizing Agent(s)") hereby authorize the cremation, processing, and disposition of the decedent listed above by Cavazos Funeral Home, Inc. Crematory ("the Crematory") in accordance with and subject to its rules and regulations, and any applicable state or local laws or regulations. I/We hereby request and authorize the Funeral Establishment listed above to take position of, make arrangements for, and deliver the decedent to the Crematory, for cremation.

As the Authorizing Agent(s), I/We hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Crematory and Funeral Establishment, their officers, agents, and employees, of and from any and all claims, demands, causes or causes of action, and suits of every kind, nature and description, 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 Decedent or the human remains transmitted to Cavazos Funeral Home, Inc. Crematory, the processing, shipping and final disposition of the Decedent's cremated remains, the failure to take possession of or make proper arrangements for the final disposition of the cremated remains, and damage due to harmful or explodable implants, claims brought by any other person(s) claiming the right to control the disposition of the Decedent or the Decedent's cremated remains, or any other action performed by the Crematory, the designated Funeral Establishment, its officers, agents, or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of willful negligence.

Following the cremation and processing of the cremated remains, the Crematory will arrange for the return of the cremated remains to the contracted Funeral Establishment. If the Authorizing Agent(s) chooses to Ship Cremation Remains or Release to a Designated Person, the Authorizing Agent(s) hereby authorizes the Crematory or Funeral Establishment to release, deliver, transport, or ship the cremated remains as specified. The Authorizing Agent(s) is Responsible for the Disposition of the Cremated Remains and No Remains Will Be Accepted Without Instructions for Disposition. In accordance with, 2003 HB 587, Chapter 716, Sub Chapter B, Sec 716.052, Article 11, b-1&2 Cremated remains not claimed by the 121st day following cremation will be disposed of. Check one of the following if applicable:

- 1. SHIP TO: _____
 (Name of Individual to receive Cremation Remains) Mailing Address City St/Zip
 (#1 is delivery of cremated remains via USPS, Registered Return Receipt Mail. Authorizing Agent agrees to assume all liability that may arise from such shipment, and to indemnify and hold the Crematory and Funeral Home harmless from any and all claims related to shipment.)
- 2. RELEASE TO DESIGNATED PERSON: _____ Relationship _____

The cremation, processing, and disposition of the Decedent authorized herein shall be performed in accordance with the governing laws, rules, regulations, and policies of the Crematory and Funeral Establishment, and the following terms and conditions.

ALL PACEMAKERS AND RADIOACTIVE IMPLANTS MUST BE REMOVED PRIOR TO DELIVERING DECEDENT TO CAVAZOS FUNERAL HOME, INC. CREMATORY. Mechanical or radioactive devices implanted in the remains of the Decedent (such as Pacemakers, etc.) may create a hazard when placed in the cremation chamber. The Crematory will not accept for cremation, any remains which contain such devices. In the event the remains of the Decedent contain such device(s), I/we hereby authorize the Funeral Establishment, its agents and employees, to remove said device(s) and dispose of same at their discretion.

WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE RETURN OF PERSONAL ITEMS LEFT ON A DECEDENT. ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY (JEWELRY, CLOTHING, ETC.) THAT IS NOT TO BE CREMATED MUST BE REMOVED PRIOR TO DELIVERING THE DECEDENT TO CAVAZOS FUNERAL HOME, INC. CREMATORY.

<input type="checkbox"/> I/We choose to visually inspect the remains and remove personal items prior to cremation (charges apply)	Authorizing Agent(s) initials _____, _____
<input type="checkbox"/> I/We choose NOT to visually inspect the remains and remove personal items prior to cremation.	Authorizing Agent(s) initials _____, _____
Personal property left on a body will be destroyed during the cremation process.	

I/We, the undersigned hereby certify that I/We are the closest living relative, next of kin of the Decedent, or that I/We otherwise serve in the capacity of a legal representative to the decedent, that I have charge of the remains of the Decedent and as such possess full legal authority and power according to the laws of the state, to execute the authorization for and to arrange for the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the Decedent. Unless otherwise stated, I/We am not aware of any person(s) with a superior or equal priority right. If such a person(s) exists, I/We have made all reasonable efforts but failed to contact that person(s) and believe such person(s) would not object to the cremation. Furthermore, I/We am aware of no objection to this cremation by any spouse, child, parent, or sibling.

Additional Spaces (IF NEEDED) for Authorizing Agent(s) Signatures (undersigned agrees to all terms and conditions contained in the Cremation Authorization Form).

Signature	Printed Name	Relationship	Date
Address _____	Street City State/Zip	Tel No () _____	

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Address _____	Street City State/Zip	Tel No () _____	Date

REPRESENTATIONS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR by executing this authorization form as a licensed funeral director and/or agent/employee of the designated Funeral Establishment indicated on the Cremation Authorization Form, I warrant to the best of my knowledge the following:

- 1) Our Funeral Establishment was responsible for making arrangements with the Authorizing Agent(s) for the cremation of the decedent and that I have reviewed this form with them.
- 2) That no member of our Funeral Establishment has any knowledge or information that would lead us to believe that any of the answers provided on this form, by the Authorizing Agent(s), are incorrect.
- 3) That the human remains delivered to Cavazos Funeral Home, Inc. Crematory and represented as the human remains specified on this form, are in fact the human remains that were identified to our Funeral Home as the decedent.
- 4) That our Funeral Establishment obtained all necessary permits authorizing the cremation of the decedent, and that those permits are attached, or have been delivered to the crematory.
- 5) That the remains of the decedent do not contain any type of implanted mechanical or radioactive device, and is therefore safe to be cremated.
- 6) That all personal property that is not to be cremated has been removed.