

GREEN MOUNTAIN CREMATORY

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AUTHORIZATION FOR CREMATION AND DISPOSITION

NOTICE: THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT PROVISIONS CONCERNING CREMATION. CREMATION IS THE IRREVERSIBLE PROCESS OF REDUCING HUMAN REMAINS TO BONE FRAGMENTS THROUGH OPEN FLAME, EXTREME HEAT, AND EVAPORATION. BEFORE SIGNING THIS LEGAL DOCUMENT, PLEASE READ POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS ON REVERSE SIDE. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN THIS DOCUMENT.

I (We), the undersigned (the "Authorizing Agent(s)"), hereby authorize and request Green Mountain Crematory, in accordance with and subject to its Policies, Procedures and Requirements, and any applicable state or local laws or regulations, to cremate the human remains and arrange for the final disposition of the cremated remains, as set forth on this form:

Deceased _____ Late of _____ Sex _____ Age _____
Place of Death _____ Date of Death _____

PACEMAKERS, RADIOACTIVE IMPLANTS

Do the decedent's remains contain a pacemaker, silicone implant(s), prosthetic device(s), radioactive implant(s), or any other device which may explode or otherwise cause damage to personnel or crematorium as explained on reverse side? No Yes If yes, please explain _____

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

List any personal possessions which (check one): will remain with the decedent for cremation will be removed prior to cremation:
describe: _____

MERCHANDISE

- 1) Type of container the decedent's remains are to be placed in for transportation, and placement in, the crematorium:
 Alternative Container Casket (type) _____
- 2) Type of container to hold the cremated remains: Urn _____ Temporary Container*

*Green Mountain Crematory does not provide an urn or any type of permanent container for the cremated remains.

If an urn is not provided, a Temporary Container will be used. This temporary container is constructed of cardboard and/or plastic.

FINAL DISPOSITION

After the cremation has taken place, the cremated remains will be processed and placed in the designated urn or temporary container. Green Mountain Crematory will arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains as follows, and the Authorizing Agent(s) hereby authorize Green Mountain Crematory to release, deliver, transport, or ship the cremated remains as specified. Check one.

Release cremated remains to the following named Funeral Home Cemetery Individual Via Courier
 United States Postal Service for shipment by Registered, Return Receipt mail:
Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

As the Authorizing Agent(s), I (we) hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Green Mountain Crematory, its officers, agents and employees, of and from any and all claims, demands or cause 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 or based upon or connected with this authorization, including the failure to properly identify the decedent or the human remains transmitted to Green Mountain 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, any damage due to harmful or explosive implant, 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 Green Mountain Crematory, its officers, agents, or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of willful negligence.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENT(S)

I (We), the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the closest living next of kin of the decedent and that I am related to the decedent as his/her _____ or that I otherwise serve (served) in the capacity of _____ to the decedent, that I have charge of the remains of the decedent and as such possess full legal authority and power to execute the authorization and to arrange for the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the decedent. THE UNDERSIGNED WARRANT THAT ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS CONTAINED ON THIS FORM ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THAT THESE STATEMENTS WERE MADE TO INDUCE GREEN MOUNTAIN CREMATORY TO CREMATE THE HUMAN REMAINS OF THE DECEDENT AND THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED ON THIS FORM AND THE ACCOMPANYING POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS STATED ON REVERSE SIDE.

Licensed Funeral Director (Signature): _____ Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____
Witness (signature): _____ Phone # _____ Date Signed _____

CREMATORY USE ONLY

Auth. Permits: M.E. Burial Date of Cremation _____ Cremation No. _____
Time: Started _____ Completed _____ Container _____ Operator _____

GREEN MOUNTAIN CREMATORY POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

The cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of the deceased shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, and the policies, procedures and requirements of Green Mountain Crematory (hereafter referred to as G.M.C.) and the designated funeral home. This document describes many of the policies and requirements of G.M.C. and is incorporated in our Cremation Authorization Form. We suggest you take the time to read this document carefully before executing the Cremation Authorization Form.

G.M.C. REQUIREMENTS FOR CREMATION

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

- 1) Any scheduled ceremonies or viewings have been completed.
- 2) ___ hours have transpired since the death occurred (if required by state law).
- 3) Civil and medical authorities have issued all required permits.
- 4) All necessary authorizations have been obtained, and no objections have been raised.
- 5) All financial obligations have been met to G.M.C. prior to cremation.

THE CREMATION PROCESS

All cremations are performed individually.

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 they are 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 and thorough 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 some metals 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 jewelry, dental gold or 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, will be disposed of by G.M.C. As the casket or container will not normally be opened by G.M.C. (to remove valuables, to allow for a final viewing or for any other reason), arrangements must be made with the funeral home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the decedent is transported to G.M.C.

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 taken from the cremation chamber, G.M.C. makes a reasonable effort to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, but it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process are always left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of the previous cremations is a possibility.

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, latches, nails, etc.), will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments. Unless otherwise specified, after the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will be mechanically processed (pulverized). This 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 will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.

TIME OF CREMATION

Green Mountain Crematory is authorized to perform the cremation upon receipt of the human remains, at its discretion, and according to its own time schedule as work permits, without obtaining any further authorization or instruction.

CASKETS/CONTAINERS

G.M.C. does not accept metal caskets. All wooden caskets and alternative containers must meet the following standards: 1) be composed of rigid materials suitable for cremation; 2) be able to be closed to provide a complete covering for the human remains, 3) be resistant to leakage or spillage; 4) be sufficient for handling with ease; and 5) be able to provide protection for the health and safety of crematory personnel.

Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible materials may also contain some exterior and interior parts, e.g. decorative handles or rails, that may not be combustible and that may cause damage to the cremation equipment, G.M.C. at its sole discretion, reserves the right to remove these non-combustible material 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 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 the aforementioned be removed prior to cremation. If the funeral home is not notified about such devices and implants, and not instructed to remove them, then the person(s) authorizing the cremation will be responsible for any damages caused to G.M.C. or crematory personnel by such devices or implants.

WITNESSING

G.M.C. does not allow anyone to witness the casket/container being placed in the cremation chamber, unless required to do so because of the religious practices of the family, or if arrangements are made in advance. In any instance a maximum of 5 witnesses would be allowed.

URN/CONTAINERS

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or container. G.M.C. will make a reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or container, with the exception of dust or other residue that may remain on the processing equipment. In the event the urn or container provided is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed in a separate receptacle. The separate receptacle will be kept with the primary receptacle and handled according to the disposition instructions on the Cremation Authorization Form.

FINAL DISPOSITION

Cremation is NOT final disposition, nor is placing the cremated remains in storage at a funeral home final disposition. The cremation process simply reduces the decedent's body to cremated remains. These cremated remains usually weigh several pounds and usually measure in excess of 150 cubic inches. Some provision must be made for the final disposition of the cremated remains. Therefore, G.M.C. strongly suggests that arrangements for final disposition be made at the time that the cremation arrangements are made and that the cremation Authorization Form is completed. G.M.C. will not scatter remains.

I (We) have read or were offered for review the above Policies, procedures and Requirements as stated above and were offered a copy for our retention.

Signature _____