

# Birch Grove Crematory

Rte 30 North Poultney, VT 05764

## CREMATION AUTHORIZATION & INFORMATIONAL FORM

I (We), the undersigned " the Authorizing Agent" hereby authorize and request Birch Grove Crematory and it's agents, in accordance with and subject to its rules and regulations, and any applicable state or local laws or regulations to cremate the remains of:

**Name of Deceased:** \_\_\_\_\_

*who died* \_\_\_\_\_

*at* \_\_\_\_\_

*at the age of* \_\_\_\_\_

### FINAL DISPOSITION

Final Location for the cremated remains \_\_\_\_\_

After the cremation has taken place, the cremated remains have been processed and the processed cremated remains placed in the designated receptacle, The Crematory will arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains as follows, and the Authorizing Agents hereby authorizes The Crematory to release, deliver, transport, or ship the cremated remains as specified. Check one of the Following:

**Initial One**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Hold cremated remains at crematory to be pick up by the Funeral Home that requested the cremation to be preformed

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Deliver cremated remains to U.S. Postal Service, Priority Express for delivery (\$80.00 fee )

\_\_\_\_\_ by Registered / Receipt Mail to \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Hold cremated remains at the crematory to be picked up by the designated representative.

Name X \_\_\_\_\_

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### AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT

**Initial** \_\_\_\_\_ I (We), the undersigned, attest to the accuracy of all representations made and hereby represent that I/we have the right to authorize the cremation of the decedent according to the laws of the Sate of Vermont. I/(We) am not aware of any living person who has superior or equal priority right. I(We) also represent that if there is another living person who has a superior or equal priority right that I(We) have made reasonable efforts to contact that person and have been unable to do so, and have no reason to believe that person would object to the cremation of the decedent.

**Initial** \_\_\_\_\_ I (We) have identified the remains that were delivered to the funeral home as the decedent, and have authorized the Funeral Home to deliver the decedent to the Crematory.

**Initial** \_\_\_\_\_ I (we) have read, understand and have been given a copy of the attached information and documentation regarding cremation authorization, crematory policies, procedures, crematory requirements, the cremation process, final disposition and the general information provided on this Cremation Authorization and Informational Form.

**Initial** \_\_\_\_\_ I (We) represent that the remains of the decedent **do not** contain a pacemaker or any other material or implant that may be potentially hazardous or cause damage to the cremation chamber or the person performing the cremation. I/We give permission to remove any pacemaker or implanted device from the decedent and recycle or dispose of.

**Initial** \_\_\_\_\_ The Crematory and sending Funeral home is absolved of any liability for storage of the cremated remains on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the cremation.

EXECUTED On: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature x** \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED \_\_\_\_\_

Signature x \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal affects left with the remains to be cremated** \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

Cremation authorization obtained by: FUNERAL DIRECTOR Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 the agent Crematory and the designated funeral home. This document describes many of the policies and requirements of The Crematory 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.**

Our requirements for cremation must all be met before the cremation will take place. (1.) Any scheduled ceremonies or viewing have been completed. (2.) Civil and medical authorities have issued all required permits. (3.) All necessary authorizations have been obtained, and no objections have been raised. **CASKETS & CONTAINERS** the agent's Crematory requires either a casket or an alternative (cremation) container for cremation. All caskets and alternative containers must meet the following standards: 1) be comprised primarily of combustible 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 also contain some exterior parts, e.g. decorative handles or rails, that are not combustible and that may cause damage to the cremation equipment. The Crematory, at 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.

**THE CREMATORY DOES NOT ACCEPT METAL CASKETS.**

### 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), metal (including dental gold and silver) and other non-human material 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 will be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be recycled or disposed of by The Crematory. As the casket or container will not normally be opened by The Crematory (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 The Crematory.

To allowing 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. The Crematory 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 a previous cremation 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 by visible and magnetic selection and will be recycled or disposed of by the Crematory with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner.

**When the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the skeletal remains often contain recognizable bone fragments. After the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will then 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.**

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or container. The Crematory or Funeral Home 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 labeled and will be kept with the primary receptacle and handled according to the disposition instructions on the Cremation Authorization Form.

**The crematory will return the cremated remains to the Funeral Home that requested the cremation unless instructed to do otherwise.**

**If the Funeral Home or Crematory is instructed to ship or deliver cremated remains, the "Authorizing Agent(s)" agree to assume all liability that may arise from such shipment, and to indemnify and hold the Funeral Home and the Crematory harmless from any and all claims that may arise from such shipment.**