

# GUIDE TO FUNERAL PRICING

## Cost

Many different factors determine the final cost of a funeral. Just as with other life rituals such as weddings, the price for a funeral often depends on how elaborate or simple the ceremony is. The funeral director will provide a price list and a description of the many available options during the first family meeting or when you are pre-planning a funeral.

**When pricing a funeral, keep in mind that there are 5 categories of costs.**

### Category 1:

Funeral Home Professional Services \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This section includes services of the funeral directors and staff, preparation, basic arrangements and services, use of facilities and use of funeral home vehicles.

*Transfer of remains to funeral home*

*Preparation of remains*

*Arrangements*

*Supervision of the funeral director and staff*

*Visitation*

*Funeral or memorial service*

*Graveside service*

*Disinterment*

*Use of facilities*

*Visitation*

*Funeral or memorial service in dedicated chapel*

*Prayers at funeral home before church*

*Livery*

*Hearse*

*Alternative vehicle*

*Limousine*

*Flower vehicle*

*Clergy/lead vehicle*

### Category 2:

Casket/Cremation Container/Urn \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Whether you choose ground burial or above ground burial, a casket is necessary. With cremation, your family will select the appropriate cremation container and urn.

*Casket*

*Cremation Container*

*Urn*

### Category 3:

Burial Vault/Urn Vault \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Most cemeteries in our area require a burial vault for ground burial. Some cemeteries in our area also require an urn vault when cremains are buried in ground.



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### Category 4:

Additional Services and Merchandise \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This section includes any services and merchandise in addition to the funeral home services, including but not limited to:

*Register book*

*Prayer cards/memorial folders/acknowledgement cards*

*Memorial packages*

*Tribute services*

*Flag cases*

*Flowers*

*Hairdressing*

### Category 5:

Cash Advances \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Services and merchandise provided as cash advance items will be billed at the same amount paid by the funeral home. These charges are simply third-party expenses, paid by our funeral home as a courtesy to your family. May include but not limited to:

*Newspaper notices*

*Cemetery charges*

*Crematory charges*

*Church fee*

*Honorariums*

*Certified copies of death certificates*

*Motorcycle escort*

*Monuments and markers*

*Assignment and processing charges*

*Public transportation*

*Out-of-town funeral home charges*

*Postage*

*Use this helpful formula to determine the total cost of the funeral:*

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| 1. Funeral Home Professional Services  | \$ _____ | + |
| 2. Casket/Cremation Container/Urn      | \$ _____ | + |
| 3. Burial Vault/Urn Vault              | \$ _____ | + |
| 4. Additional Services and Merchandise | \$ _____ | + |
| 5. Total Cash Advance Charges          | \$ _____ | + |

**TOTAL FUNERAL COST = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**