



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.

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:

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	= \$ _____	

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